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What is a Bronchoscopy?

How will the day go for me?

Date of procedure: _____

Arrival Time: The hospital staff will contact you the day before your procedure and give you an exact time of arrival. If you have not been contacted by 3:00 PM please call the hospital at (580) 251-8449 or our office at (580) 255-9797.

Expected length of procedure: There will be 30 minutes of prep time. The surgery will take approximately 20 minutes and you will be in recovery for 30 additional minutes.

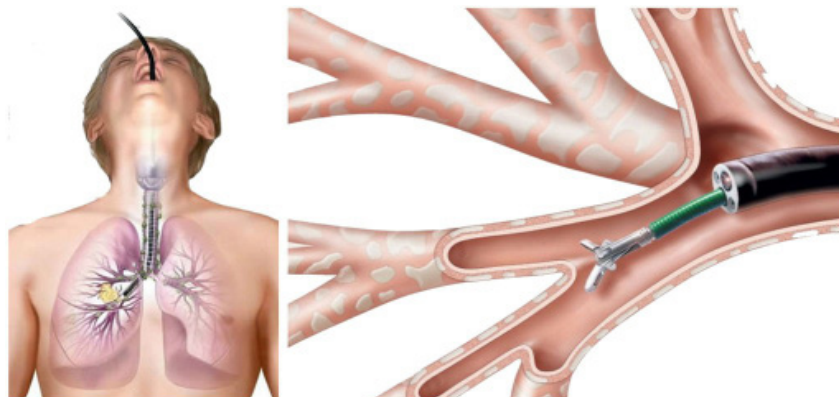
What happens after I arrive?

- You will check in at Admissions and Outpatient Services (see map included in packet).
- Pre-op laboratories/imaging will be completed if not previously performed.
- A nurse will confirm your history, start your IV and fluids will be given.
- Dr. Miller will visit with you prior to your procedure and answer any questions you might have.
- An endoscopy nurse will arrive to take you to the endoscopy suite
- You will be asked to lay on your left side
- Propofol anesthesia will be administered by the anesthesia team and the procedure will begin

Bronchoscopy

How will my bronchoscopy be performed?

- The bronchoscope has a light and a very small camera at its tip that displays pictures on the monitor. During your bronchoscopy, the bronchoscope is placed through your nose or mouth and passed slowly down the back of your throat, through the vocal cords and into the airways.
- The surgeon may use saline salutation to perform a “washing” of the lungs. The fluid is collected and sent to pathology for evaluation. A tissue biopsy of the lungs may also be performed.
- The scope is removed, and you will be transferred to recovery.



Flexible Bronchoscopy and Biopsy