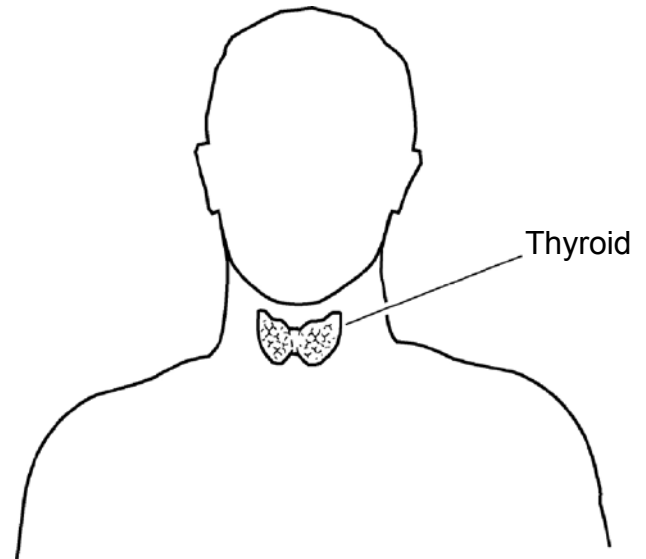


# Thyroid Biopsy

The thyroid is a gland in the neck that makes and stores hormones. These hormones adjust your heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature and the rate that food is changed into energy. During a **thyroid biopsy**, small samples of cells are removed from the thyroid and sent to the lab for testing. Your doctor will review the results of your biopsy with you at your next visit and talk to you about treatment if needed.



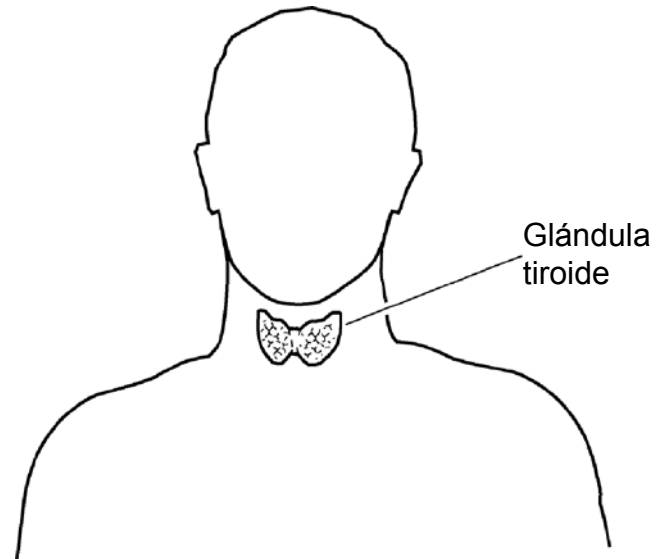
**Arrive on time for your test.** You may be told to arrive 30 minutes before your appointment time. Plan to be here 2 to 3 hours.

## During the Test

- You will lie on a table and may wear a hospital gown.
- The skin is cleaned.
- Numbing medicine is put into the skin. This may sting.
- An ultrasound, a machine using sound waves, is done to find lumps in the thyroid called nodules.
- When the skin is numb, a small needle is put into the thyroid nodules. Some cells and tissue are pulled out in a syringe to be checked in the lab. You will need to hold still and not swallow while the needle is being inserted and the cells are collected.
- This may be repeated several times.

# Biopsia de la tiroides

La tiroides es una glándula en el cuello que produce y almacena hormonas. Estas hormonas ajustan su ritmo cardíaco, presión sanguínea, temperatura corporal y la velocidad con la que los alimentos se transforman en energía. Durante una biopsia de tiroides, se extraen pequeñas muestras de las células de la tiroides y se envían al laboratorio para su análisis. En su próxima visita, el médico revisará los resultados de la biopsia con usted y le hablará sobre el tratamiento si se requiere.



**Llegue puntualmente a su examen.** Es posible que se le pida que llegue 30 minutos antes de la hora de su cita. Planifique estar aquí alrededor de 2 a 3 horas.

## Durante el examen

- Estará recostado sobre una mesa y usará una bata de hospital.
- Se limpia la piel.
- Se le inyectará en la piel una medicina para adormecer el área. Puede que esto arda un poco.
- Se realiza un ultrasonido, con una máquina que utiliza ondas sonoras, para detectar unos bultos llamados nódulos en la tiroides.
- Cuando la piel ya esté adormecida, se insertará una aguja pequeña en los nódulos tiroideos. Se utiliza una jeringa para extraer algunas células y tejido para examinarlos en el laboratorio. Mientras se le introduce la aguja y se extraen las células deberá quedarse quieto y no tragar.
- Este procedimiento puede repetirse varias veces.

## **After the Test**

You may have bruising, discomfort and swelling at the biopsy site. If needed:

- Use over the counter pain medicine that does not contain aspirin such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin).
- Apply an ice pack to the site to reduce swelling and bruising. Do not apply ice directly to the skin. Apply ice for 20 minutes and then take the ice off for at least 30 minutes.

Test results are sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share the results with you.

**Talk to the staff if you have any questions or concerns.**

## **Después del examen**

Es posible que tenga moretones, molestias e hinchazón en el área de la biopsia. Si es necesario:

- Tome analgésicos de venta sin receta que no contengan aspirina como acetaminofeno (Tylenol) o ibuprofeno (Advil, Motrin).
- Coloque una bolsa de hielo en el lugar de donde se tomó la biopsia para reducir la hinchazón y los moretones. No aplique hielo directamente sobre la piel. Aplique hielo durante 20 minutos y deje descansar el área durante un mínimo de 30 minutos antes de aplicarle el hielo nuevamente.

Los resultados del examen se le envían a su médico. Éste los analizará con usted.

**Hable con el personal si tiene alguna pregunta o duda.**

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