



Bone marrow aspiration

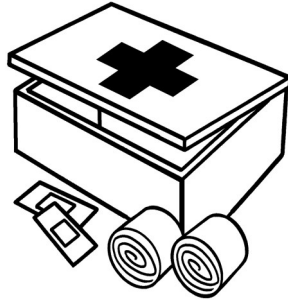
A needle is used to remove a small sample of bone marrow.



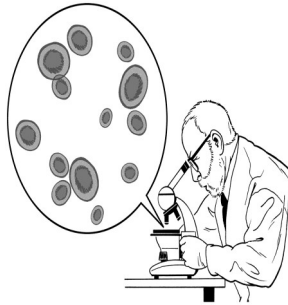
It does not hurt but you may feel a little sore and bruised for a few days afterwards.



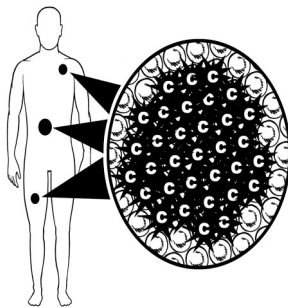
You can take some pain relief tablets.



You may need to keep the area clean, dry and covered



The sample will be sent to the lab for examination



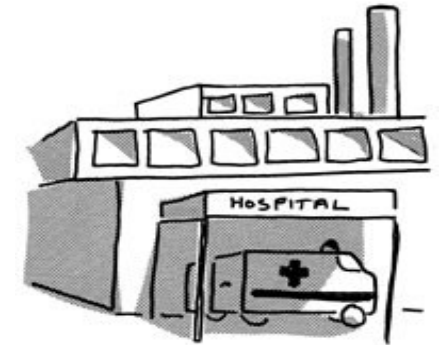
The bone marrow will be checked for cancer cells



The results will be sent to your Doctor

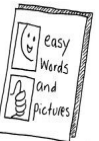
# Bone Marrow Biopsy

## Patient Information Leaflet



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## Before the Test

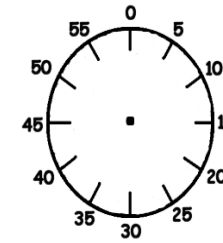
## During the Test



You have been feeling tired and unwell recently



You have been referred to a specialist called a Haematologist



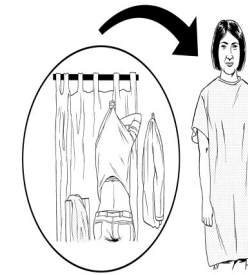
The procedure will only take about 20 minutes



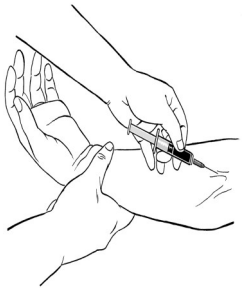
You went to see your Doctor



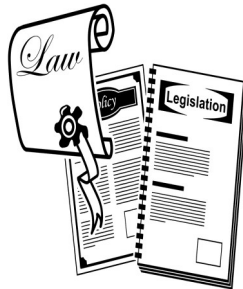
He will talk to you about treatment but first he needs to carry out another test called a bone marrow biopsy



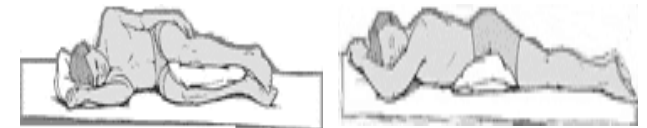
You will need to change into a hospital gown



Your Doctor advised you to have some blood tests



You may be asked to sign a consent form.



You may be asked to lie on your side or your tummy.

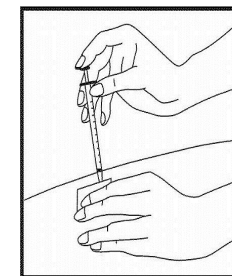
You need to lie very still.



The blood results shows a problem with blood production



Don't be afraid to ask questions about anything you are unsure of



You will be given a local anaesthetic which numbs the area