

Arranging Cardiac Biopsies for Heart Transplant In-patients

Background

Post-heart transplant biopsies are routinely done Thursdays in Radiology between 0830 and 1000 hrs.

Results of Cardiac Biopsies:

Routine biopsies are read by the pathologist the following day and results are communicated to the Heart Transplant Clinic (local 68374). They will inform the Heart Transplant physician on-call with results and they will plan medical management.

For urgent cases, rapid processing of biopsies (meaning they are read by a pathologist on the same day) can be arranged. See below for extra instructions.

How to Book a routine Cardiac Biopsy

- Transplant physician must indicate the exact date of planned biopsy on the Physician Order form.
- Unit coordinator to call the radiology booking clerk at 65076 or 62076 and inform them of pending biopsy and required date.
- Radiology booking clerk will then call the unit and notify them of date and procedure time.

Documentation/Process (once the procedure date is known)

1. **Consent** form for procedure on chart. Dr. will complete this in radiology.
2. **Radiology Requisition (Form # RA089):** The following must be included:

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| <u>Procedure required:</u> | Heart Biopsy |
| <u>Clinical information:</u> | Date of heart transplant |
3. **Pathology requisition (Form # LA124):** The following must be included:

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| <u>Clinical Diagnosis:</u> | Heart Transplant |
| <u>Clinical History:</u> | Date of last biopsy if known. If it is the 1 st biopsy indicate "first biopsy" |

Please include history ie ischemic or dilated cardiomyopathy and some history if complications post transplant

4. **Four Labels with patient information from chart scan program**

Send items 2, 3 and 4 above to radiology (tube to station 08) the day before the biopsy.

Rapid processing

Rapid Processing means that the biopsy is processed immediately and results are available in 4 to 6 hours.

If rapid processing is required please follow the above steps, but also specify "Urgent Biopsy – Rapid Processing" on requisition and page the Histology Technician immediately:

Janice Zeigenhagel – Histology Tech – pager 54461, local 62227 or 62363

or if no answer

Lise Matzke, pager 54462, local 68615