

## PREPARATION FOR LIVER BIOPSY

*We can no longer be familiar with all the insurance authorization requirements. Therefore, you will need to contact your insurance company to see if authorization is necessary. If it is required, we will assist you.*

1. Medications not to be taken before liver biopsy include: Coumadin (4 days), aspirin (one week), or arthritis pills (one week). You may take Tylenol (acetaminophen) in place of your usual arthritis or pain medications and you should take your blood pressure medicine.
2. Do not eat or drink when you get up in the morning.
3. Have someone drive you to St. Peter Hospital as you will not be allowed to drive home.
4. Report to the admitting desk in the lobby at: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Tell them you are being admitted for the day to Short Stay Unit.
6. They may or may not have you go by the Lab at the hospital.
7. The procedure requires that you stay in bed, therefore, you might want to bring a book.
8. You will be discharged at about 3:00 p.m.
9. After the procedure, the physician will give you written instructions as to activities, when to remove the bandage, etc.
10. A representative of the Radiology Department at Providence St. Peter Hospital will contact you to schedule your procedure, if being performed by a radiologist. Contact our office if you have not heard from them within 10 days.

If you have any questions before the procedure, please feel free to call our office at (360) 413-8250.