**CT-Guided Abscess Drainage or CT Biopsy**

***Preparation and/or precautions*:**

* Your physician will arrange for your admission to the hospital for monitoring prior to this exam, and will advise you on preparation. (Check with your doctor.)
* The hospital will call you the evening before your hospital admission to give you detailed instructions on preparation and when to arrive at the hospital.

***Bring to the hospital when you come for this procedure*:**

* Complete list of medications you are currently taking – name, dosage, and schedule for each medication.
* Written physician’s order for the procedure.

***On the day of the procedure:***

* Come in through the main entrance of Mon General Hospital and to the Radiology Services registration desk, down the hallway to the right.

**During the procedure:**

* You will change into a hospital gown, then have blood drawn at least one hour prior to the procedure. Lab results must be within normal limits before the procedure can be performed.
* You will receive a local anesthetic prior to the procedure.
* This procedure is relatively painless, but if you feel any pain, tell the radiologist.
* Plan to be at the hospital for approximately two hours before the procedure, and for two to four hours afterward – or longer, depending on the physician’s orders and your needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the Mon General CT Department at (304) 598-1280.