

# Definition: Biopsy

A biopsy is a procedure that removes a sample, or small amount, of tissue or cells from the body. This sample is sent to a lab and checked for disease.

In cancer care, a biopsy is often used to confirm that a tumor is cancerous. A healthcare provider may do a biopsy in different ways, such as: With a needle or during surgery.

Want to know more about a biopsy? Talk with your care team. They are here to help.