

Arranging a percutaneous renal biopsy

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A. Arranging a routine renal biopsy

Most biopsies, including some urgent ones, are performed at the Day Medical Infusion Centre (DMIC), located at 3E in the Kensington street building (KSB). If the biopsy needs to be done urgently and a bed is not available at the DMIC, please follow the steps detailed in **B. Arranging an urgent renal biopsy** below.

1. **Fax a completed request** form to the DMIC (fax no 9113 1923)
2. **Contact the DMIC** (phone no 9113 2333) to confirm an appointment
3. If a **CT guided biopsy** is planned, an appointment should be arranged with the Radiology department (with a request form duly organized). Radiology will be able to provide a bed for post biopsy observation at their unit. A DMIC bed is not needed.
4. **Inform the patient** about the confirmed date and advise them to present to DMIC on that date at 8 am. The patient should stop antiplatelet or anticoagulant medications (including fish oil or high strength garlic supplements if taking these) for at least one week prior to the planned date. A light breakfast on the day is acceptable. However, for biopsies done in Radiology, please check requirements for fasting with the Radiology team.
5. **FBC, APPT, INR, EUC to be done ideally within 2 weeks** of the planned procedure date.
6. A copy of the '**Renal Biopsy - Patient information**' sheet to is to be provided to patient at the clinic. DMIC will send this to patients by mail when booked with them.
7. For patients who are planned for overnight admission (as determined before hand by the treating team), a **RFA form** should be completed and faxed to the Admissions office.

B. Arranging an urgent renal biopsy

1. **Contact the renal advanced trainee/Renal Fellow** who oversees renal biopsies during the relevant term, advising of the urgent nature of the biopsy.
2. The renal registrar/Fellow may be able to negotiate to release a DMIC bed or arrange admission in the ward for the biopsy to happen. A completed **RFA form** should be sent to the admissions office (phone 02 9113 2160). For same day admissions, Bed manager should be contacted.
3. **Reversal of anticoagulation** should be considered if indicated