

Reports and Results

This section provides information on the following topics:

After a Biopsy: Making the Diagnosis [1]

After a biopsy (the removal of a small amount of tissue), the tissue sample (called a specimen) must be processed and examined under a microscope before a definite diagnosis can be made.

Blood Test Results [2]

A complete blood count (CBC) is a common blood test that is used to help diagnose some blood cancers, such as leukemia and lymphoma, tell if a cancer has spread to the bone marrow, and help determine how your body is tolerating cancer treatments. If you are being treated with chemotherapy, your doctor will likely monitor your blood cell counts regularly using CBCs.

Reading a Pathology Report [3]

A pathology report is a medical document written by a pathologist, a doctor who specializes in interpreting laboratory tests and evaluating cells, tissues, and organs to diagnose disease. The report specifies a diagnosis based on the pathologist's examination of a sample of tissue taken from the patient's tumor.

Links:

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/diagnosing-cancer/reports-and-results/after-biopsy-making-diagnosis>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/diagnosing-cancer/reports-and-results/blood-test-results>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/diagnosing-cancer/reports-and-results/reading-pathology-report>