

# Bronchoscopy

This Belongs To: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bronchoscopy** is a procedure done with a thin tube with a camera on the end. It allows the doctor to see inside your lungs, windpipe and voice box.

This can be done **2 ways**:

1. Under general anesthetic: This would be done in the operating room.
2. Under local anesthetic with sedation: This would be done in the GI Unit or in the operating room.

## **Before the Procedure:**

- You must not eat or drink after midnight the night before your test.
- You may be asked to take some of your medications with a sip of water the morning of your test.
- You will report to the hospital as instructed.
- On arrival you will be asked questions by a nurse about your medical history.
- You will change into hospital pajamas and lay on a stretcher.
- A small IV will be started in your hand.

## **During the Procedure:**

- You will be connected to a blood pressure machine, heart monitor, oxygen monitor and oxygen.
- The doctor will freeze your throat if exam is being done under local anesthetic.
- You may receive sedation in the IV if being done under local anesthetic.
- If a general anesthetic you will go right to sleep.
- The doctor will perform the bronchoscopy.

## **After the Procedure (General and Local):**

- You will not be able to eat or drink for 2 hours.
- You have oxygen on until the nurse takes it off.
- The nurse will watch your blood pressure and oxygen level.
- When ready to go home you must have a ride and a responsible adult to stay with you for 24 hours.
- If a biopsy is performed, you may expect minor bleeding.
- Upon discharge you and your ride will be given a discharge instruction sheet with your Do's and Don'ts.
- If you develop signs of chest infection after your bronchoscopy, contact your family doctor right away.

