



## About a Kidney Biopsy

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Abstract: When the kidneys are affected by some diseases, they do not work properly and can cause illness. The blood work, urine tests, and other tests such as ultrasound and renal scan can give the doctor a lot of information, but sometimes this is not enough to make the diagnosis, and a kidney biopsy is needed. From the biopsy the doctors can learn what is causing the symptoms and if treatment is required. If treatment is required, the biopsy also allows the doctor to give some idea about how serious the problem is and what can be expected in the future.

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## **[In French] Renseignements sur la biopsie rénale à l'intention des enfants, des jeunes et des familles**

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**Abstract:** [French] On vous a dit que votre enfant a besoin d'une biopsie rénale. De nombreux parents ont des questions concernant cette procédure. Le présent document vous décrit ce qui se produit pendant et après la procédure. Le médecin et les infirmières vous expliqueront aussi la procédure et pourront répondre à toutes vos questions. / When the kidneys are affected by some diseases, they do not work properly and can cause illness. The blood work, urine tests, and other tests such as ultrasound and renal scan can give the doctor a lot of information, but sometimes this is not enough to make the diagnosis, and a kidney biopsy is needed.

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