

# Hip Aspiration/Injection

## Before the Procedure

- Tell the technologist if you are breastfeeding, pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- You will wear a hospital gown.
- The procedure takes about 30 minutes.

## During the Procedure

- The radiologist will numb your hip with a medicine similar to Novocain®.
- He or she will insert a needle into your hip joint to collect some fluid.
- The fluid will go to the lab for testing.

## After the Procedure

- Your hip may feel sore. You may take pain relievers such as acetaminophen (Tylenol®) to relieve your discomfort. Follow the package directions.
- Call your health care provider if you are in a lot of pain.
- Limit your activities for the rest of the day.

**If you have any questions about your preparation or the exam, please call your hospital's Radiology Department.**

### Your Health Care Provider

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_