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TEMPORAL ARTERY BIOPSY

RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS

Problems are rare with a temporal artery biopsy. However, every procedure has risks. For this type of biopsy, they include:

- Bleeding that does not stop.
- *Hematoma*. This is a lump caused by bleeding under the skin.
- Pain that continues, even after taking pain medicine.
- Infection.
- Nerve damage in the temples. This could cause numbness. Or muscles in the face could become weak.
- Scarring. On the scalp, hair may not grow around the scab

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Keep wound clean and dry
- Follow-up with surgeon in 10-14 days
- Follow-up with primary care physician for the pathology results
- Call your surgeon if there is redness, drainage or a non-healing wound