

CERVICAL LYMPH NODE BIOPSY

- Enlarged neck lymph node biopsy is its removal for persistent enlargement and to exclude generalized involvement.

Options

- **Open neck removal:** removal of the enlarged node is performed by having a small neck wound.
- **Fine Needle Biopsy:** Sometimes it does not provide enough tissue for diagnosis. It leaves the enlarged node behind.
- **Nonsurgical Option:** Watchful waiting is not recommended as long as suspicious diagnosis is there.

Benefits of the operation

Associated symptoms are relieved. Surgery is a quick way to get rid of enlarged gland. It also provides a tissue diagnosis for suspicious conditions.

Risks of not having an operation

Suspicious conditions cannot be excluded. Side effects of other modalities of management have to be tolerated.

Possible risks of the operation

Bleeding, swelling and pain.

Expectations of the operation

Going home is usually in the same day. Staying longer may be needed when there are complications.

Call the Surgeon

If there is severe pain, voice changes, neck swelling and increased drainage from the incision.

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