

Lymph node biopsy report 'Tuberculosis'

Your patient is an actor but you are NOT. Do what you could do as a third year student. Try to gather knowledge in advance.

Your patient is waiting to discuss about his lymph node biopsy report.

You don't know anything about this patient. You are going to meet him for the first time.

The biopsy has been done because of the suspicion of malignancy.

Report says that it shows evidence of tuberculosis.

Facts about TB lymphadenopathy -

Treating with anti TB drugs for 6 months can cure TB lymphadenopathy. We generally use a combination of three drugs.

You can get TB lymphadenopathy with out any contact history of TB.

Drugs do have complications but generally safe to use. We need to be vigilant about complications.

Main problem with these drugs includes liver toxicity and eye involvement. But they are manageable.

When we start treatment we will give a leaflet with all the information about side effects all those drugs.

Cancer is excluded 100% certainty after a lymph node biopsy.

Patient will be commenced on anti TB drugs. Patient will have to come back to the clinic and collect drugs regularly.