

Nerve biopsies

Please direct your inquiries to our doctors before the surgical intervention.

What should be considered:

The likelihood of obtaining a specific diagnosis may be increased by analyzing combined nerve – and muscle biopsies since they enable a comparison between the motor- and sensory system.

How the biopsy should be removed:

The sural nerve is recommended for a biopsy. It can be removed at a length of 4 -5 cm proximally of the lateral malleolus, between the middle and the lower third of the fibula.

How the biopsy should be sent to us:

The nerve biopsy should be placed with care e.g. on a strip of cardboard and send to us immediately, e.g. via messenger, in a plastic tube next to a moist (not wet) swab soaked in 0,9% NaCl/saline solution and not containing any further fluids. Any further fixation and reprocessing steps will be carried out in the laboratory of the Department of Neuropathology.