



# About Bronchoscopy

In this procedure, a Bronchoscope – a flexible, long and thin telescope with an attached light – is used to view the airways and the lung passages.

## **Before your procedure:**

- Do not eat or drink for 6 hours before the procedure. If you are a smoker, do not smoke for 24 hours before the procedure.
- Follow all of your doctor's instructions.
- Empty your bladder before the procedure.
- You may be given an I.V. for pain and sedation medications.
- Your nose and throat may be sprayed with medication to make them numb.

## **During your procedure:**

- The procedure can take 30-60 minutes.
- You will be lying on a bed or a special chair for the procedure.
- The room maybe darkened for a better view through the scope.
- The doctor will insert the scope into your nose or mouth; you will be asked to swallow or take a deep breath.
- You will not be able to talk during the test.
- Mucous found in your lung passages will be suctioned.
- The doctor may remove tiny samples for biopsy.
- The lung passages may be photographed as part of your medical chart.

## **After your procedure:**

- Nurses will monitor you for one hour after the procedure.
- You will not be able to eat or drink until the effects of the medication have fully worn off.
- The doctor will discuss the results with you either on your next office visit or by telephone.