A Nerve biopsy is a minor surgical procedure done under local anesthesia. A small piece of nerve is removed through a small cut (incision) in your skin. The small nerve sample is taken from the back of your leg just below the knee crease or just above your ankle. The nerve sample is then examined for a diagnosis. A small piece of nearby muscle may also be removed and examined.

- Please bring a list of your medications.
- You may receive a mild sedative before your biopsy. This means you will not be able to drive home. Please make arrangements to have someone come with you or pick you up after your biopsy. If this is not arranged, your procedure may be cancelled.
- A nurse will ask you some basic questions about your health. They will also describe how the biopsy is done.
- A mild sedative is often given before the biopsy to help you relax.

You will be taken to the operating room (OR) when the OR staff is ready. This is where your biopsy will be done.

- A local anesthetic is used to numb the biopsy site.
- A small cut (incision) is then made in

