

## Bronchoscopy

### What is a bronchoscopy?

A bronchoscopy is a test that uses a small lighted tube with a camera on the end of it to look into the airway and lungs. This test is done by a doctor who is trained in treating the lungs.

### Why is a bronchoscopy done?

There are several reasons a bronchoscopy needs to be done. Some of the most common reasons are to:

- collect lung fluids to test for an infection
- look for a source of bleeding within the airway
- remove something that is blocking the lungs
- find a tumor.

### What happens during a bronchoscopy?

A bronchoscopy is a short test. Patients are given medicine to help them relax and keep them from hurting. The bronchoscope (small lighted tube) is put slowly and gently through the nose or mouth and into the airway and lungs. The doctor will be able to see inside the airway and lungs. The mini-camera at the end of the tube will take pictures of the airways to a video screen in the room.

