

Protease inhibitor - A compound that breaks down proteins, inhibiting the replication of viruses such as HIV.

Prothrombin time (PT) - A measure of blood clotting.

Serologic testing - Blood test.

Transvenous biopsy - A procedure during which a tube is inserted into a vein in the neck, then a needle is put into the catheter to remove tissue samples.

Ultrasound - A test that uses a wand, which is placed on a body part such as the abdomen and moved back and forth to examine the shape, size and appearance of the liver.

Variceal bleeding - Bleeding from blood vessels in the esophagus. This may occur in patients with cirrhosis.