

# MRI Breast Biopsy

## Appointment Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## About

MRI guided breast biopsy is a procedure performed to remove a small sample of breast tissue for laboratory testing. An MRI guided breast biopsy is considered the best way to evaluate a suspicious area in the breasts to determine if it is breast cancer. The obtained breast tissue sample can determine whether a patient has breast cancer or other problems in the breasts.

MRI guided breast biopsy provides a sample of tissue that doctors use to diagnose and identify abnormalities in the cells that make up breast lumps or other unusual breast changes.

MRI guided breast biopsy can also determine whether a patient will need additional surgery or other treatment. MRI guided breast biopsy is most helpful when breast imaging discovers a breast abnormality such as:

- A suspicious mass not identified by other imaging techniques
- An area of distortion in the breast
- An area of abnormal tissue change

## Preparations

Please do not eat or drink 2 hours prior to your biopsy. You may drive to and from your appointment if you are not taking a sedative medication. Please wear a snug fitting bra.

To prepare for MRI guided breast biopsy, you will be asked to change into a gown or robe. You will be asked to remove any piercings if possible.

Be sure to let your radiologist know if you have any serious health problems or allergies to medications before the MRI guided breast biopsy scan.

If you have any questions, please contact a SMIL Nurse Navigator at 480.425.5057.