

U l t r a s o u n d B r e a s t B i o p s y

Appointment Information

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

About

Ultrasound guided biopsy is a minimally invasive procedure using a fine needle to obtain a small sample of breast tissue which is then sent for pathology evaluation. The procedure is performed by an MD who is a board certified Radiologist specializing in Breast Imaging.

You will lie on your back for this procedure. An ultrasound image of your breast is made to localize the area of interest. Your breast is cleaned with an antimicrobial solution and numbed with a local anesthetic. You may feel pressure during the biopsy.

The biopsy needle quickly acquires tissue samples and in some instances, a small clip may be deployed to mark the area that has been biopsied, followed by a two view mammogram for documentation.

After the biopsy pressure is applied to the site for several minutes to prevent bleeding. The site will be dressed with steri strips and gauze and you will be given an ice pack to use at home. Written post-procedure instructions will be provided to you. Most people resume normal activities 24 hours after the procedure.

A report will be sent to your referring physician and you should receive your results in several days.

Preparations

Please bring any outside CDs needed for the procedure to SMIL 2-3 days prior to the day of your appointment.

A nurse will contact you in advance of the biopsy to explain the procedure and obtain a brief medical history and answer any questions you may have.

If you are taking Coumadin, aspirin or ibuprofen type products such as Advil, Motrin or Aleve or other anti-inflammatory medications, it is important that these be discontinued 5 to 7 days prior to your procedure (3 to 5 days for Coumadin). Check with your prescribing physician to make sure that this is possible.

Wear comfortable clothing. Only clothing above the waist will need to be removed and a gown or robe are provided. It is preferable to wear a bra to the appointment. Some prefer to wear it to bed the first night for added comfort and support.

Prior to the procedure you will meet a SMIL staff member who will review the procedure, answer questions and verify your consent.

Should you have any questions, concerns or need copies of your images you may contact us at 480.425.5000. If someone else is picking up your images you will need to sign a medical release form.



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