

Breast Biopsy and Pre-Biopsy Procedures

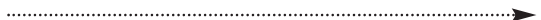
In addition to a breast biopsy, your doctor has requested that you have the following procedure(s) before the breast biopsy to aid in your diagnosis and treatment:

_____ Breast Needle Localization

_____ Lymphatic Mapping

These procedures will all be performed on the same day. Someone will call you the day before to review all instructions, including when to arrive. On the day of the procedures, come to the Surgical Day Hospital on the fifth floor of the Enid A. Haupt Outpatient Pavilion at 425 East 67th St. Once you have registered with the reception staff, you will be given a wrist bracelet with your name and escorted to a dressing room where you will change into a hospital gown and lock your belongings in a locker. A member of the staff will then escort you to the Department of Radiology on the second floor of the Haupt Pavilion to have your pre-biopsy procedure(s). Breast needle localization procedures are performed in the Mammography section. Lymphatic mapping procedures are performed in the Nuclear Medicine Unit. Your breast biopsy will be performed by your surgeon in the Surgical Day Hospital.

Once your pre-biopsy procedure(s) are completed, you will be escorted back to the Surgical Day Hospital for your breast biopsy. There may be a waiting time between your pre-biopsy procedure(s) and your biopsy. The length of your wait depends on several factors, such as the number of patients having these procedures that day. To help you pass this time you may want to bring reading materials or have someone present to wait with you.



Enclosed you will find the patient education booklet, *“What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer.”* This is a comprehensive booklet distributed by the National Cancer Institute and it provides valuable information for you. On page 8 there is a description of breast biopsy procedures. In addition, we have included an MSKCC patient fact card titled, *“Care of Your Incision After a Breast Biopsy.”* This card provides you with instructions for your self-care after the biopsy. We have also included patient fact cards on your pre-biopsy procedure(s).

This packet is intended to supplement the information you have already received from your physician and nurse. Please review this information and contact your physician and/or nurse with any questions you may still have regarding your diagnosis and treatment.



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