

PREPARATION:

- There are no special preparations for the procedure. You may eat and drink normally before and after the procedure.
- If you are taking ASA, PLAVIX or BLOOD THINNERS let your Physician know as these may need to be stopped prior to the procedure
- A written consent is required for the procedure

PROCEDURE:

- The Radiologist will insert a specialized biopsy needle into the breast in order to obtain tissue samples for pathology testing (often several samples).
- The procedure usually takes 30-45 minutes

POST PROCEDURAL CARE

- Steri-Strips or a bandage will be placed over this small incision and will likely fall off in the shower within 3-4 days
- Do not shower or bath until the morning after your biopsy
- The local anesthetic will wear off in 2-3 hours. If you need something for discomfort, take Tylenol. Avoid Aspirin or Advil unless otherwise indicated.
- You may have mild discomfort in your breast and a small amount of bruising
- Contact your Physician if you experience any excessive bleeding, bruising, pain or fever
- Avoid strenuous exertion such as heavy lifting for the rest of the day
- Blood Thinners can be resumed post procedure, unless otherwise indicated by your Physician
- Your Physician will contact you with the biopsy results. Please contact your Physician's office if you have not heard from them within 2 weeks.