

Preparation for Breast Core Biopsy

- 1. Discontinue all blood thinners. No aspirin or ASA (follow attached Anticoagulation guidelines).
- 2. Eat as normal.
- 3. Arrive 5 minutes prior to the appointment time. The expected time in our department is approximately one hour.
- 4. Local anaesthetic will be given. Please bring a list of any allergies to food, environment, or drugs that you may have on the day of the biopsy appointment.
- 5. There is a weight limit on the prone biopsy Mammography table of 136 kilograms (300 lbs.).There is no weight restriction for ultrasound guided biopsy patients.
- 6. There will be approximately 6-10 samples of tissue taken during the procedure.
- 7. The results of the biopsy will be sent directly to the referring physician. You should follow up with your doctor within 5 to 7 days.

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