



Department of Radiology

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Instructions for Your Breast Biopsy

Prior to your appointment:

You may need to stop taking some of your medication before your procedure.

1. Stop taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen (Motrin®), Aleve®, Celebrex® or Advil® for 24 hours before your procedure. You may take Tylenol® (acetaminophen) if needed.
2. If you are currently taking a blood-thinning medication such as aspirin, heparin, warfarin (Coumadin®), clopidogrel (Plavix®), enoxaparin (Lovenox®), dabigatran (Pradaxa®), apixaban (Eliquis®) and rivaroxaban (Xarelto®), it is important that you check with your doctor before stopping this medication.
3. If your doctor tells you to stop taking aspirin, stop taking it 5 days prior to your procedure. If you take aspirin because you've had a problem with your heart or you have had a stroke, be sure to talk to your doctor before you stop taking it.

Expect to be in the Radiology Department for up to 1 hour for an ultrasound guided breast biopsy, 1- 1 ½ hours for a stereotactic breast biopsy and 1 ½-2 hours for an MRI guided breast biopsy, longer if there are multiple biopsy sites.

On the day of your procedure:

Wear comfortable clothing including a button down or loose fitting top and bring a tight fitting bra (such as a sports bra) to wear after your biopsy.

If you have allergies to latex or local anesthetic such as lidocaine, please be sure to inform us.

The radiologist will use imaging guidance to advance a needle to the area to obtain tissue samples. It usually takes 3-4 working days to get results.

Location: _____

Appointment Date and Time: _____