

EXAM: STEREOTACTIC BREAST BIOPSY

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Scheduling 330-596-7187



INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions you should ask your physician. This procedure is to remove some breast tissue for laboratory evaluation.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS:	Please be sure to let your physician and Women's Imaging staff know about any allergies, especially to any lidocaine or numbing products.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE SHOULD I GO?	You should expect that the complete process is about 2-3 hours with labwork and paperwork. The nurse will draw labs 1 hour before the start of the exam. Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Women's Imaging Center. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the first circular hall intersection, the Women's Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right.
PREPARATION:	Patient should arrive 1 hour prior to exam for blood work. Patient should wear no deodorant, lotions or perfumes the day of the exam. Patient should avoid taking anti-inflammatory medication 24-48 hours prior to procedure (ex: Advil, Motrin, ibuprofen, Aleve, naproxyn, etc), aspirin, plavix, coumadin, or any other blood thinners should be stopped prior to exam. Please be sure to discuss discontinuation of prescribed medications with your physician. Do NOT discontinue without consulting your physician first. Your physician will tell you how many days prior to the procedure to discontinue the medicine. Patient may eat a light meal prior to the exam. Patient needs an order (prescription) for the exam and they must have that with them at the time of the exam. Bring a list of medications with you to your exam.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	See above preparations
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	<p>There will most likely be blood work prior to your exam. The patient will be placed in face down position on a table. The area will be numbed for patient comfort and a larger needle device will be inserted into the area of interest. The patient should expect possible discomfort and bruising after the examination is complete. A small clip will be inserted so that the area can be checked at a later date. A small bandage will be placed over the incision.</p> <p>If the patient has any questions they may call the Women's Imaging department at 330-596-7710. To change the appointment call 330-596-7187.</p>