



**Medical Imaging Department
General Radiography Unit
Stereotaxic Guided Core Biopsy of the Breast**

You have just had a core biopsy of the breast. You may experience:

1. **Bruising** – This is often extensive, involving a large part of the breast. We try to minimize this by applying firm compression and an ice pack immediately following the procedure. You should apply an ice pack once you get home as well.
2. **Soreness** – in the breast is anticipated. Swelling and tenderness may be helped by the application of ice. Wearing your bra can also help relieve the discomfort.
3. **Infection** – Any time we put a needle into the body, there is a potential of introducing infection. We would like you to keep an eye on the biopsy site and if you see redness, swelling, or discharge from the biopsy site you should contact your doctor.
4. **Nipple Discharge** – Bloody, black or clear nipple discharge can sometimes be seen following the procedure. This is routine and is not a cause for alarm. It is not an indication to contact your doctor.
5. We have applied some Polysporin and a band-aid. Please leave this on for five days. Do not get the band-aid wet. You will have to take baths instead of showers for the next 5 days. After 5 days you can safely remove the band-aid.
6. If you are having discomfort in the evening following your biopsy continue to apply ice. Tylenol can also be taken. Aspirin should be avoided.
7. You should wear your bra constantly for the next 72 hours. This helps to support the breast and may help to keep bruising at a minimum.
8. Your doctor should have the results in about a week and will contact you concerning the results.

Please feel free to contact _____