Stereotactic Biopsy – Outpatient

Your doctor has ordered a Stereotactic Biopsy procedure to be conducted in the Breast Care Center. The Center is located on the third floor of the Clinical Cancer Center building. (Please refer to the directions and map on the back of this sheet.)

The Breast Care Center is staffed with caring and sensitive Registered Nurses, Certified Technologists and Medical College of Wisconsin Board Certified Radiologists, all of whom are Breast Imaging specialists.

Appointment Time: ____________________ If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call (414) 805-4950.

Information Day: ____________________ Date: ____________________

WHAT IS A STEREOTACTIC BIOPSY?

Stereotactic core biopsy is a computer-assisted needle biopsy which is used for extracting samples of a mass or calcifications which can be seen on mammography but not felt on breast examination.

You will be lying on your stomach on a special x-ray table designed for this procedure. Your breast hangs down through a circular hole near the middle of the table. The breast needs to be compressed for the procedure to be accurate. The breast is cleaned and numbed in the area of the biopsy with xylocaine, a local anesthetic. A small cut is made in the skin to allow insertion of a special type of needle into the breast. Special mammographic pictures are taken before and during the biopsy to confirm that the needle passed through the lesion. Then several tiny tissue samples are removed through the needle. Steri strips and dressing are applied.

Most patients experience only mild discomfort during the biopsy procedure. If you have any allergies to local anesthetic medicines, please inform us. Please avoid aspirin or ibuprofen-containing pills for 5 days before the procedure, since they can cause increased bleeding.

You can expect the procedure to last about one hour to one and one-half hour.

HOW WILL I FEEL AFTER THE BIOPSY?

Generally patients feel fine after the procedure. Usually there isn’t any significant pain associated with the procedure. If there is mild pain, it can be easily controlled with simple pain medicine like Tylenol.
WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO KNOW MY RESULTS?

The results of your breast biopsy will be sent to your doctor within 3 working days. Your doctor will inform you of the results.

REMEMBER...our staff is here to help you. If you have questions about any part of this procedure, please ask.

Enter campus on 87th street and park in Parking Area 2 located under the Clinical Cancer Center. To find the Breast Care Center, take the “K” elevators to the 3rd floor and follow the signs to the Breast Care Center. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment to complete the registration process.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
Directions to Cancer Center

Please park in the Cancer Center Parking Area 2, located under the building.

From Watertown Plank Road via 87th Street:
- Turn south on 87th Street. You’ll come to a stop sign at East Connell Court. Turn left and continue south on 87th Street. Turn right at Doyne Avenue. Follow signs directing you to the Cancer Center; turn right onto William Coffey Drive. The Cancer Center Parking Area 2 entrance will be on your left, under the building.

From Watertown Plank Road via 92nd Street:
- Turn south on 92nd Street. Continue through the stop light at West Connell Court. Turn left onto Doyne Avenue and left onto William Coffey Drive. The Cancer Center Parking Area 2 entrance will be on your left, under the building.

From Wisconsin Avenue:
- Turn north on 87th or 92nd Street and then onto Doyne Avenue. Turn north on 92nd Street and then onto Doyne Avenue. Follow signs directing you to the Cancer Center Parking Area 2 entrance will be on your left, under the building.

Once Parked:
- Take the M or K Elevators to the floor of your destination. Only M Elevator accesses Lobby Level and Level One.

Questions? Call 414-805-3666, toll free 866-680-0505 or visit froedtert.com

The Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin mailing address is: 9200 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53226

* The Cancer Center Parking Area 2 is located under the building.

Please Note: All of our parking structures and surface lots have accessible parking closest to building entrances. Entrances from our parking structures are all equipped with power doors. The Cancer Center Structure has 23 total accessible parking spaces. For more detailed information visit froedtert.com (Locations & Directions, Transportation and Parking Services).