

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEREOTACTIC BREAST  
BIOPSY**

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnostic Imaging Department  
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These are the instructions for your  
scheduled procedure in our  
Diagnostic Imaging Department.**Scheduling**

Your examination has been scheduled for:

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time so you can register. When you arrive to register, please follow the guidelines below to know where to sign in:

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.**Purpose**

The stereotactic breast biopsy uses imaging in conjunction with a computer to position a special needle in your breast. The surgeon will use this needle to obtain a sample of tissue.

**Risk of Procedure**Most patients experience only mild discomfort during the biopsy procedure. Some patients may develop bruising, swelling, or infection. If you have any significant allergies to local anesthesia, medicines, or have ever had a reaction to any imaging, medical, or dental procedures please inform the physician and/or tech BEFORE having this examination.**Alternatives to the Procedure**

Removal of the abnormal area by surgical excision or the option of no treatment.

**Preparation**

1. Avoid any aspirin or arthritis medicine for 1 week before the biopsy; and/or blood thinning drugs (ex. Coumadin as indicated per physician).
2. On the day of the biopsy do not wear deodorant or powders.
3. The meal before your biopsy should be liquids only.
4. Please wear a bra the day of the exam.

**Procedure**You will be lying on your stomach on a special table that has an opening over the breast area. The technologist will position your breast in a special holder that keeps the breast from moving. *You will be in this position for approximately 45 minutes while the biopsy is being performed.* The physician will inject medication to numb the area of your breast where the biopsy will be taken. A small cut is made in the skin. The biopsy needle is placed through the skin cut into the area to be biopsied. Small amounts of tissue are removed through the needle. The technologist obtains images at various points during the procedure. After the biopsy is completed a band-aid is placed over the cut in the skin. You will be given instructions on how to care for this area for the next few days.**\*\*After the Procedure**

As a result of this stereotactic biopsy, you may have some tenderness in the breast and some bruising and slight bleeding at the biopsy site that will have a small dressing on it. They bruising may not be at the biopsy site but may be underneath the site. This may last several days but should cause no long term or debilitating effects.

**Results**

You will be given an appointment to see your physician after the procedure is completed. Your biopsy results will be given to you at the time of that appointment. If the result of your biopsy is benign (not malignant) proper close follow up by your physician will be recommended. If the biopsy shows any type of tumor, your physician will recommend the appropriate treatment.

If you have any questions concerning this upcoming procedure, please call Cave Run Surgical Specialists at 606-784-7551 or the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.