

EURACARE

PATIENT INFORMATION FORM

BREAST BIOPSY

A breast biopsy is a procedure to remove a small piece of breast tissue, so it can be examined under a microscope for signs of damage or disease. Your doctor may recommend a breast biopsy if your clinical condition or image studies suggest you might have a breast problem. A breast biopsy is also used to determine the severity of breast disease. This information helps guide treatment decisions.

The breast biopsy is a percutaneous process. It involves inserting a thin needle through your breast skin into the suspected lesion and removing a small piece of tissue.

During the procedure

Percutaneous biopsy

-To begin your procedure, your doctor will locate the region of interest using ultrasound images and then, using the same technic, he will guide the needle into your breast. You will lie on your back on a relaxed position during procedure.

-Your doctor will apply a numbing medication to the area where the needle will be inserted. The doctor then makes a small incision in the skin. The biopsy itself takes just a few seconds. As the needle passes quickly in and out of the breast, you will be asked to not move.

After the procedure

After the biopsy, you can expect to:

1. Must wait for some minutes in the unit to check everything is fine
2. Feel some soreness where the needle was inserted, which may last as long as a week
3. Rest and relax the rest of the day
4. Contact your doctor or our clinic if the puncture site starts bleeding, becomes swollen or if you develop fever.