

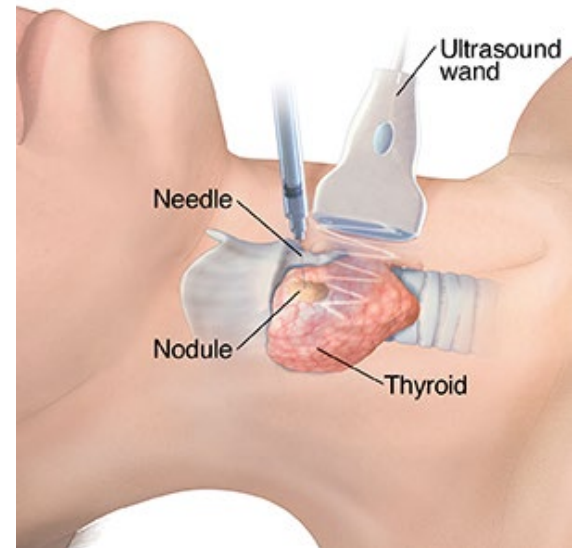
# Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)

## What is a FNA?

A fine needle aspiration is a test where a special doctor called an Interventional Radiologist uses a tiny needle to take a small sample of cells. They look at these cells under a special microscope to check for any problems. The doctor will use ultrasound images to help guide the needle to the correct spot for the procedure.

## Things to Note After the Procedure:

- **Pain:** You may have some discomfort after the procedure. You can take over-the-counter pain medicine approved by your primary doctor. If you are in the hospital, ask your doctor for pain medicine.
- **Activity:** Don't do any intense physical activity for 24 hours.
- **Hygiene:** You may take a shower the day after the test or when the dressing is removed.
- **Going Back to School or Work:** You can go back to school or work the next day.
- **Follow up:** Call your primary doctor to set up an appointment to talk about the test results.



## Dressing Care:

- Keep clear dressing on for 24 hours after the procedure.
- Do not shower with the dressing on.
- Take off the dressing after 24 hours.

## Return to the Emergency Department (ED) if:

- Your pain gets worse even after taking over-the-counter pain medicine.
- The area gets more red, swollen, or starts to leak fluid (pus or blood).
- You start shaking with chills or have a fever higher than 101 F (38.5 C).
- You have a hard time breathing.

## Interventional Radiology Contact Information:

- **For non-emergent questions:**  
Please call (323) 361- 2436 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday
- **For emergencies:**  
Please go to the nearest emergency room.

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