

## ULTRASOUND-GUIDED CORE BIOPSY

### Appointment Location:

- ☐ 53 Beekman Street, NY, NY, 10038 (between William and Gold Street)  
Appt date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Biopsy Coordinator Contact: 646-962-9276
- ☐ 425 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street, NY, NY, 10065 (between York and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue)  
Appt date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Biopsy Coordinator Contact: 646-962-9601

### PROCEDURE CODES:

19083 – 1<sup>st</sup> lesion, +19084 – each additional lesion,

77065 – diagnostic mammography following clip placement

*Please be advised, you may receive a separate bill from Pathology.*

### ULTRASOUND-GUIDED FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION

#### PROCEDURE CODES:

10005 – 1<sup>st</sup> lesion, +10006 – each additional lesion, 77065 – diagnostic mammography following clip placement

### WHAT IS IT?

An ultrasound examination of the breast that involves the passage of sound waves through the breast. It is used to differentiate whether a mass is cystic or solid. A cyst is a fluid-filled mass, which is readily identified by an ultrasound. Simple cysts do not necessarily require any treatment, but the fluid may be drawn out with a needle during a fine-needle aspiration. If an identified mass appears solid, or not filled with fluid, either an ultrasound-guided core biopsy or surgical removal may be recommended.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

A radiologist performs an ultrasound-guided core biopsy by locating the lesion with an ultrasound transducer. He or she will then pass a needle into the area for aspiration or introduce a core biopsy needle into the lesion, taking several very small tissue samples. The radiologist will place a tissue marker at the biopsy sight in order to mark the area for future reference. A gentle mammogram will be done immediately after to confirm the position of the marker. Tissue processing is performed by the Department of Pathology and typically takes approximately 3-5 business days. Your physician will discuss the final report with you once it has been received.

### HOW DO I PREPARE?

Please notify our staff if you have any allergies or if there is any chance that you might be pregnant. Although not usually needed, you may take medication to reduce severe anxiety, such as Ativan. If you feel that medication will be necessary, it must be prescribed by your referring primary care physician. Please let us know if you will be taking anxiety medication as it will affect scheduling. You may not drive for twelve (12) hours after taking this medication, so please make travel arrangements, as needed. On the date of the procedure, please wear or bring a tight-fitting bra (sports bra). Some insurance providers require a pre-authorization for biopsy procedures. In most cases, this is obtained by your referring physician's office. Please speak with one of our staff members if you have any questions. You can reach our Biopsy/Recall Coordinator.