

## MRI-GUIDED BREAST BIOPSY

### Appointment Location:

- ☐ 53 Beekman Street, NY, NY, 10038 (between William and Gold Street)  
Appt date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Biopsy Coordinator Contact: 646-962-9276
  
- ☐ 1283 York Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, NY, NY, 10065 (between 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Appt date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Biopsy Coordinator Contact: 646-962-9601

### PROCEDURE CODES:

19085 – 1<sup>st</sup> lesion, +19086 – each additional lesion,

77065 – diagnostic mammography following clip placement

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

### WHAT IS IT?

MR-guided breast biopsy is often a preferred alternative to a surgical biopsy. It is used when an abnormality is seen only on a breast MRI and cannot be visualized by mammogram or ultrasound.

### HOW IS IT DONE?

Please arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to your appointment time for check-in and paperwork. Before the procedure, our nurse will insert an IV line into your arm so that a contrast agent can be injected during the MRI. After you have been properly positioned, the radiologist and technologist will locate the area to be biopsied. Your skin will be cleansed with antiseptic, and the biopsy area will be numbed. You may feel some pressure as the biopsy device is introduced and positioned, but most women report no pain. You may hear a “buzzing” sound as the device collects tissue samples. A small tissue marker will be placed at the biopsy site for future reference. You will not feel or notice the marker after placement. After the procedure, the nurse will bandage the biopsy site, and you will proceed to the subcellar floor for a gentle post-biopsy mammogram to document the placement of your biopsy clip. Tissue processing is performed by the Department of Pathology and typically takes approximately 3-4 business days. Your physician will discuss the final report with you once it has been received.

### HOW DO I PREPARE?

On the day of your procedure, you may eat a light meal. 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. Please notify our staff if you have any allergies or if there is any chance that you might be pregnant. 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.