

STEREOTACTIC 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

- ☐ 425 East 61st Street, NY, NY, 10065 (between York and 1st Avenue)

Appt date: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Biopsy Coordinator Contact: 646-962-9601

PROCEDURE CODES:

19081 – 1st lesion, +19082 – each additional lesion,

77065 – diagnostic mammography following clip placement

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

WHAT IS IT?

Stereotactic core biopsy uses a computer to accurately target an area of concern in the breast, especially those masses or lesions which cannot be felt (“non-palpable”).

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

A radiologist and technologist will perform a stereotactic biopsy by first compressing the breast and taking x-ray pictures to locate the area to be biopsied. The breast will then be prepared with antiseptic, and a local anesthetic will be injected before the radiologist makes a tiny incision at the site. Please note that the breast will be held in compression for the entire procedure. A core biopsy instrument will be placed at the site to collect tissue samples. You may hear “clicking” noise while the samples are taken, and while you may feel some pressure during the biopsy, you should not experience any significant pain. After the samples are collected, the instrument will be withdrawn, and a dressing applied to the breast. Often, a radiologist will place a clip at the biopsy site to mark the area for future reference. 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. After the procedure, you may experience some bruising and discomfort when lifting your arm. Tylenol may be taken for any pain.

HOW DO I PREPARE?

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 supportive 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.