

Breast Procedure (Biopsy/Marker Insertion/ Magseed Insertion) After Care (Radiology)

Information from the Radiology Department

- ❖ Most patients have no problems following a biopsy, marker or Magseed insertion. However, you may have some bruising, particularly after a biopsy.
- ❖ If the needle insertion site starts bleeding again, press firmly over it for ten minutes to stop the bleeding. If you are unable to stop the bleeding with firm pressure, or if there is still bleeding after 10 minutes of firm pressure, please continue to apply pressure and contact your local A&E Department or NHS 24 (telephone 111).
- ❖ If you experience pain you can take simple pain killers such as paracetamol or something similar. Do not take any medicine you have had an allergic reaction to, and always follow the directions on the packet label or leaflet.

Do not take any pain killers that contains aspirin or ibuprofen (also known as Nurofen or Brufen) as they can thin the blood.

- ❖ If you currently take aspirin, we will advise you when to restart it.



Dressing care:

If you have a clear plastic dressing, you can shower while this is on, but do not take a bath. Other types of dressing should be kept dry.

All types of dressing should be removed after two days.

Biopsy results

- ❖ If you have had a biopsy, the result will be sent to the breast team clinician that requested the biopsy. All biopsy results are discussed at a weekly breast team meeting and after this, you will be contacted with the result. The result will also be sent to your GP.
- ❖ If you have not heard the result of the biopsy within 4 weeks, please contact your Consultant's secretary.

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