



## **Imaging Facts Sheet for MRI Breast Biopsy**

### **What to expect during your MRI exam**

When you arrive at the MRI Department you will be asked MRI safety questions to make sure you are safe to enter the MRI scan room.

#### **STANDARD SAFETY QUESTIONS:**

Dialysis or Renal Failure	Aneurysm Clip in brain
Heart Valve Replacement	History of Metal in Eyes, skin or body
IVC Filter (ex. Greenfield Filter)	Embolization Coil
Cochlear Implant or hearing aid	Diabetic
Transdermal Medication Patch	Claustrophobia/anxiety
Nerve Stimulation Device {TENS}	Implants or devices in the body
Pregnancy or Breast Feeding	Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD)
Cardiac Pacemaker or Wires	Date of Last Period
Breast Tissue Expander	

#### **PREPARING FOR THE SCAN:**

Once it is determined that you are safe to enter the MRI scan room you will be asked to dress in hospital pajamas with a bathrobe. You may be asked MRI safety questions several times by different staff members, please do not be concerned we are just making sure that you are safe. An MRI technologist will greet you and will bring you to the scanning room area. An IV line will be placed in order to administer contrast for the scan. Contrast is necessary to see tissue that is not seen without the contrast. During the contrast injection you may feel a cold sensation or sometimes taste or detect a subtle odor, this is normal and goes away quickly.

#### **DURING THE SCAN:**

For the scan itself you will be placed on a special piece of equipment that will hold the breast and allow the radiologist. The radiologist will clean and numb the skin and then place a special needle into the breast. Pictures will be taken at different times during the exam. After each picture is taken you will come out of the scanner to allow the radiologist to make adjustments to the needle. During the breast biopsy itself the machine used to sample the breast tissue makes loud noises, and last about 1 minute. It is extremely important that you do not move at all during the entire time of the procedure because all the measurements are based on the original picture and if you move these measurements will not be accurate. Once the biopsy is completed the radiologist will put in a tiny clip to help mark the spot for future reference. You will be offered ear protection, because the scan does make loud sounds. You will also be given a call bell in case you need to alert the technologist. Following the biopsy you will be brought to the recovery area and will be laying face down with towels placed under the breast to compress the breast to reduce bruising.

Following the recovery time the technologist will wrap the breasts in a compression bandage and place a cold pack to help with any swelling, and remove the IV line and bring you to the dressing room where you may change into your clothing.

**EXAM TIME:** Approximately 1 hour

**RECOVERY TIME:** Approximately 30-45 minutes

**ALLERGIES:** Please alert the technologist if you have allergies

**KIDNEY FUNCTION:** Contrast is okay to inject when you have normal kidney function

#### **RESULTS:**

Your physician will receive the report in the next 1-2 days following the date of the scan. If you need films or CD please let technologist before the exam.

If you have any questions about your scheduled exam, please call (860) 545-5300.

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