

PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient's Name: _____

You have an appointment in the Ultrasound Department on:

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Please arrive 15 minutes early. This gives you time to check in. Please bring with you photo identification and your CareCard (personal health number).

Please do not bring your children with you unless you bring someone to care for them while you are having the test.

If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call **604-806-8161** as soon as possible. Please give us at least 24 hours notice so we can use your time for someone else. When you call, we will give you another date and time for your test.

Things you need to know

Why am I having this test?

Your doctor may have found a lump or fluid in your body and wants to know what it is.

Before your test

★ Please let us know if you are allergic to latex or freezing before this test. ★

Depending on where the lump or fluid is, we may ask you to change into a hospital gown. Please keep your clothing and personal things with you.

You may have a short wait before we can take you into the exam room.

In the exam room, we explain the test to you and ask that you sign a consent form.

What happens during the ultrasound test?

We slide an ultrasound probe (special camera) over your skin to find and take pictures of the lump or fluid in your body that your doctor has asked us to examine.

What happens during the biopsy?

We remove a small piece tissue or small amount of fluid from the area.

To take a biopsy, the doctor:

- Cleans your skin over the area in question. The soap makes your skin turn pink, but it washes off.
- Injects local freezing into your skin so you do not have any pain during the biopsy.
- Guides the biopsy needle into the area in question using an ultrasound probe. It is important that you stay still and follow our instructions.

We send the biopsy sample to the laboratory for testing. We may need to take more than one sample to make sure we have enough.

Once the doctor finishes, we put a bandage on your skin. If you feel well after the biopsy, you can go home right away.

What to expect after the test

You may have a small bruise on your skin after the biopsy. There is very little risk that you will have an infection or any bleeding.

Call your doctor right away or go to Emergency if you:

- have a lot of pain or swelling in the biopsy area
- get a fever

How to get the results of your test

We send your ultrasound test results to your doctor as soon as possible. If your doctor does not have your results within two weeks, please ask your doctor to contact us.

Our laboratory sends the biopsy results to your doctor separately.