



## Ultrasound Guided Biopsy/FNA

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Opening Hours

**Monday - Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm**



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## **What is an Ultrasound scan?**

For this scan we use high frequency sound waves. Humans are unable to hear them, but the scanning machine uses them to produce scan images.

## **Are there any risks involved?**

Complications are rare. However, infection or bleeding could be experienced in exceptional circumstances. Our strict guidelines in performing this procedure ensure that this risk is reduced to a minimum.

## **Do I have to have this scan?**

The doctor has requested this scan for you. It is the easiest way to gain the information needed to diagnose your problem.

## **Is there anything I have to do before I come?**

There is no preparation for this scan. You may eat and drink normally.

## **What does it involve?**

- The procedure is very quick and easy – it will take about 15 minutes.



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- The ultrasound scanner helps the doctor locate the exact place where a very fine needle needs to be inserted.
- A sample of tissue is taken.
- Because the needle is so fine, this may have to be repeated a few times until the correct amount is obtained.

## **What happens after the Scan?**

- You may be allowed to go home straight away.
- Sometimes the doctor may suggest that you sit in our waiting area for half an hour before you are told you can leave.
- You should be able to drive yourself home if necessary. However you may wish to make arrangements for someone to do this for you.
- You may carry on eating and drinking normally after this procedure.
- You will receive a letter or follow-up appointment for clinic to discuss the results.



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From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds.

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