

ULTRASOUND GUIDED LYMPH NODE or SUPERFICIAL NODULE BIOPSY

Patient: _____ Appointment Date: _____

Appointment Time: _____ am/pm

Location: Diagnostic Imaging Department, lower level at Mankato Clinic
1230 East Main Street, Mankato, MN 56001
Please enter the Mankato Clinic front door (marked #50)

Please check in at the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

If you are unable to keep your appointment or have questions, please call (507) 389-8570.

What is an Ultrasound Guided Lymph Node or Superficial Nodule Biopsy?

This biopsy procedure has been recommended by your provider for a finding on your prior imaging study. We will utilize ultrasound to guide a needle biopsy device into the lymph node, or superficial nodule or mass of concern, in order to obtain cells for pathologic diagnosis.

How do I prepare for the test:

- You may be asked to discontinue any blood thinning medications prior to your procedure (some examples include: Advil, Ibuprofen, Aspirin, Baby Aspirin, and Coumadin). This may need to have approval from your primary care provider.
- You may eat a light meal prior to your test.
- Arriving late may result in rescheduling your test.
- To provide the best service and ensure your safety, young unsupervised children should not accompany parents to their Ultrasound appointments. Safety practices limit the number of people in the testing room and young children are not to be left unsupervised while in the waiting room or lobby. This will also ensure you can relax during the test which will result in better image outcomes.
- We recommend that you contact your insurance company prior to your appointment to understand what your coverage is for this test.
- Prior to the procedure, your nodule/mass will be reassessed with the performing radiologist present. There is a small possibility that your procedure may be canceled, which the radiologist would discuss and explain the reasoning with you.

What will happen during the test:

- You will be asked to undress, and a gown will be provided. You will be asked to lie on a bed.
- This test may take up to 60 minutes to complete.
- The radiologist utilizes ultrasound guidance to observe the area in question during the biopsy.
- Prior to the biopsy, the skin is cleansed with antiseptic swabs to remove surface bacteria. Sterile drapes are placed around the area to create a sterile field.
- The radiologist injects a local anesthetic called lidocaine to numb the entire area to be biopsied. You may feel a slight sting pressure with this.
- The needle biopsy device is then inserted in the area of interest and a sample of tissue is obtained into the needle. This process may be repeated 2-5 times, depending on the quality of tissue samples obtained.
- Tissue obtained will be sent to pathology, and the pathologist will issue a report with the diagnosis in 24-72 hours to your ordering provider.

Instructions for after your test:

- Pressure will be applied to the biopsy site to stop any bleeding, and then covered with a steri-strip.
- Bleeding and infection are possible, although uncommon, complications of this procedure. Please contact a medical professional if any signs/symptoms of infection occur.
- Bruising is common; however, please contact a medical provider if the bruise is increasing in size or a lump forms.
- You may resume your regular diet unless you have been given other instructions.
- The final signed report will be sent to the provider that ordered your test.
- Your test results will be available in your patient portal immediately after your provider reviews them. Your provider will discuss the results with you at your follow-up appointment. If you do not have a follow-up appointment, your provider will contact you by letter or phone within five to seven business days.