


<b>Ultrasound Guided Biopsy</b> Imaging Department 915-298-8353 Scheduling 915-298-KIDS		
<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician. This exam is to remove a sample of tissue for laboratory evaluation	
<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS:</b>	Please notify your physician and the Imaging staff if you have any allergies, especially to local anesthetics such as lidocaine.	
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?</b>	The exam itself will take between 20-30 minutes. Patient needs to arrive 1 hour prior to the exam for any pre-testing necessary. They may also be asked to stay 30 minutes after the exam for observation. Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department.	
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam. Patients should expect to receive instruction from radiology nurse days prior to procedure. Please follow instructions exactly. Patient should avoid taking anti-inflammatory medication 24-48 hours prior to procedure (ex: Advil, Motrin, ibuprofen, Aleve, naproxyn,etc), aspirin, plavix, coumadin, or any other blood thinners should be stopped prior to exam. Please be sure to discuss discontinuation or prescribed medications with your physician, they will tell you how many days prior to the procedure to discontinue you medications. Do not discontinue without consultation with your physician first.	
<b>PRECAUTIONS:</b>	To be discussed with Radiologist	
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	Follow nursing directions and instructions	
<b>WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:</b>	During the exam there will be a gel placed on your skin in order to create an image. For certain areas the sonographer will need to apply more pressure than others. You may be asked to hold your breath for short periods of time. A needle will be placed into the area of interest to obtain a sample of tissue.	