

The doctor said I need a Stereotactic Biopsy, what does that mean?

The doctor has detected an area either on your mammogram or your ultrasound, or both, that is not completely normal.

During the exam you will lie face down on a specially designed table with your breast placed through an opening in the table top. Your breast will be slightly compressed and held in position throughout the procedure. The mammogram technologist will take several images to localize the area of concern. The radiologist will cleanse the area with Betadine. Next, the radiologist will numb the area with a local anesthetic, usually Lidocaine. (If you have any allergies please inform the technologist). After the area is numb, the radiologist will put a small nick in the skin, which enables them to pass the biopsy needle through the skin more easily. Again, using the machine for guidance, the biopsy needle is placed next to the area of concern. The special biopsy needle makes a clicking or buzzing sound when it is used and small pieces of tissue are obtained from the area. A sterile, metallic marker clip may be placed at the biopsy site and a mammogram picture will be obtained following the procedure to show the location of the clip.



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Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology, an honor given to only a select few of Florida's breast imaging centers. This means they meet nationally accepted standards of care in all ACR-accredited breast imaging modalities.

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Ultrasound-Guided Breast Biopsy
Stereotactic Breast Biopsy
DEXA (Bone Densitometry) • Pelvic Ultrasound

TimberRidge Imaging Center

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CT Angiography • CT Enterography
3D Mammography • DEXA (Bone Densitometry)
Ultrasound • Ultrasound-Guided Breast Biopsy
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