



# Fine Needle Aspiration

## **What is a Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)?**

An FNA is a quick and simple procedure to remove some fluid or cells from a lump or cyst. A fine needle, similar to the needles used for blood samples, are used to remove the cells.

## **What Happens During the Procedure?**

- The Radiologist will perform the procedure under ultrasound guidance.
- The Radiologist will usually take at least 3 samples.
- Once the procedure is finished a small waterproof dressing will be placed over the site.

## **Informed consent process and risks**

You will be asked to sign a consent form, on the day of your procedure.

Below are some of the risks of the procedure, these will be discussed with you on the day of your procedure:

- Infection
- Bleeding and bruising
- Damage to surrounding structures
- Inadequate sample

## **What Happens After The Procedure?**

- Usually you are able to go home immediately.
- You will have a waterproof dressing on the site. This can be removed after 24 hours.
- Your results will be made available to your referring doctor after 1 week.
- Please allow for this when booking your follow up appointment.

*You will receive some discharge information on the day of your procedure from the team, with instructions on how to look after the wound.*