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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.

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