

***** BIOPSY PROCEDURES *****

With the exception of Prostate Biopsies, patients who have not done their imaging studies at Oxford X-Ray , must come to Oxford X-Ray for prior evaluation of the site to be biopsied. This is necessary to plan how the procedure will be done and to explain the process to the patient.

The patient must present all reports and images relevant to the procedure.

BREAST

BIOPSY

Prepare as for a Mammogram.

No powder or cream on the breast/s

There is no absolute restriction to diet, but it is better to come with an empty stomach.

HOOK-WIRE LOCALIZATION

Preparation as for Biopsy, but the patient must carry a large shirt or blouse to avoid interference with the needle wire complex as these will remain in the breast prior to your surgery.

PROSTATE

Patients will be given a prescription for antibiotics (Ciprofloxacin/Ciprolet) and a Fleet enema.

If you have an allergy to either or both , call us before the biopsy.

1. Start antibiotics prescribed one day before biopsy appointment and continue the course until completed.
2. Use the Fleet enema at least two hours before appointment time and follow directions enclosed in the enema pack.
3. If you are on blood thinners (including Aspirin), these must be stopped one week before the biopsy and for one week after the biopsy.
4. If after the procedure you have excess bleeding or get a fever or chills , call your attending Physician right away. If unavailable , please attend the nearest Hospital.

LIVER, PANCREAS AND OTHER ABDOMINAL ORGANS

Patient will be given a numbing agent/local anaesthetic (Lidocaine) at the time of the procedure.

If you are allergic to this , contact the Department as soon as possible.

- 1) Absolutely nothing to eat or drink after 12 p.m. the night before the procedure , or 6 hours before the procedure ,if biopsy is planned for later in the day.
- 2) Contact your attending Physician to remind him/her of your biopsy date.

3) You will be given a prescription after the procedure. If you are having pain after , fill the prescription and inform your Attending Physician.

SUPERFICIAL BIOPSIES (THAT IS , BIOPSIES JUST BELOW SKIN OR IN MUSCLES)

No restriction before the procedure.

Inform us if you have any allergies.