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At Eastern Health we care about your health and wellbeing. This brochure aims to provide you with information about what to expect after your procedure. Please read it through and ask your health professional any questions.

A BREAST TISSUE MARKER has been placed at the site of your Breast Biopsy.

Each tissue marker is only 3 mm (less than 1/8") in size. A breast tissue marker is placed after a breast biopsy to help locate the site for future reference.



The markers are made of materials that will show up on your follow-up mammogram. The presence of the marker can be very reassuring when seen on follow-up mammograms because it shows exactly where the area was biopsied. This can prevent the need for future biopsies in the same area.

Frequently asked Questions

- Q. Is the marker safe?**
Yes, the marker has been tested and proven to be safe and effective.
- Q. Will the marker set off metal detectors at the airport?**
No, the marker is only 3 mm in size and will not set off metal detectors.
- Q. Will I feel the marker?**
The marker is only 3 mm in size and it is unlikely that you will feel the marker.
- Q. Will the marker move around?**
Once the marker is placed, it is unlikely that it will move in the breast. The marker will not travel to other parts of the body.
- Q. Will I be able to have an MRI procedure?**
Yes, the marker can be safely scanned with MRI under appropriate conditions. Notify the doctor performing the MRI that you have a breast tissue marker.
- Q. Will the tissue marker move if I have a MRI examination/procedure?**
No.
- Q. How does the marker get removed from my breast?**
The marker is designed to stay permanently in your breast.

Q. Am I getting a marker because I have Cancer?

No, the marker is to identify the site of the biopsy.

Q. Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

Please consult with your physician if you have additional questions or concerns.

Q. Can I feel the marker after it has been placed?

No, you will not be able to feel it.

We hope that you find this information helpful in assisting you to recover and that it addresses any questions you may have about the procedure.

CONTACTS

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