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## EXAM: Stereotactic Breast Biopsy

<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If you have specific questions you should ask your physician. This procedure is to remove some breast tissue for laboratory evaluation.
<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS:</b>	Please be sure to let your physician and Women's Imaging staff know about any allergies, especially to any lidocaine or numbing products.
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE SHOULD I GO?</b>	<p>You should expect that the complete process is about 40-60 minutes with paperwork.</p> <p>Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Women's Imaging Center. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the first circular hall intersection, the Women's Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right.</p>
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	<p>Patient should arrive 1 hour prior to exam for blood work. Patient should wear no deodorant, lotions or perfumes the day of the exam. Patient should avoid taking aspirin-like medications (Ibuprofen, Motrin, Advil, Motrin, etc.) or blood thinners for 10-14 days prior to the exam. Please be sure to discuss discontinuation of prescribed medications with your physician. Do NOT discontinue without consulting your physician first. Patient may eat a light meal prior to the exam.</p> <p>Patient needs an order (prescription) for the exam and they must have that with them at the time of the exam.</p>
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	See above preparations
<b>WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:</b>	<p>There will most likely be blood work prior to your exam. The area will be numbed for patient comfort and a larger needle device will be inserted into the area of interest. The patient should expect possible discomfort and bruising after the examination is complete. A small clip will be inserted so that the area can be checked at a later date. A small bandage will be placed over the incision.</p> <p>For patient comfort, Alliance Community Hospital has one of the few stereotactic devices where the patient can be in a sitting position rather lying on their stomach.</p> <p>If the patient has any questions they may call the Women's Imaging department at 330-596-7710.</p> <p>To change the appointment call 330-596-7187.</p>