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**EXAM: Ultrasound Breast
Needle Placement**

INDICATIONS:	If questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician. Ultrasound of the breast is used in conjunction with other imaging modalities. It can help to differentiate solid from cystic (fluid-filled) lesions in the breast tissue.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS:	Patient should notify physician and imaging staff of any allergies including local anesthetic such as lidocaine.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE SHOULD I GO?	Patient should arrive one hour prior to the scheduled exam time for required pre-testing. The exam will take between 30-40 minutes. Remember to allow time for registration and other paperwork. 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.
PREPARATION:	If the patient has had previous mammograms or breast exams at other facilities they should obtain those BEFORE the scheduled exam and have them at the time of the exam. Patient should have nothing to eat or drink 4 hours prior to the exam. If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Take medication as usual.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	The patient may require blood work prior to the exam. During the exam there will be a gel placed on your skin in order to create an image. For certain areas the ultrasonographer will need to apply more pressure than others If you have any questions you may call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. To change your appointment call scheduling at 330-596-7187.