

The Mammotome[®] Breast Biopsy System

An advanced procedure
option offered at FHN



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Are you considering or have you chosen Mammotome[®] as an option for your breast biopsy?

This procedure is minimally invasive and will cause little discomfort, yet it is highly accurate in helping your healthcare provider diagnose a variety of breast abnormalities. Mammotome[®] is as reliable as open surgical biopsy, but does not require an operating room. Instead, it will be completed using Ultrasound guidance in the Medical Imaging department at FHN Memorial Hospital using local anesthetic. The samples obtained are taken from an incision so small that you will not require stitches.

Mammotome[®] may also be used in the management of fibroadenomas, a non-cancerous breast lump common in millions of women from their late teen years through their twenties and thirties. These lumps can be reduced in size using the Mammotome[®] so that they are no longer palpable, therefore increasing your ability to do a self breast examination without feeling benign lumps.

The following steps describe what you can expect during the Mammotome® breast biopsy.

1. During the procedure, you'll lie comfortably on your back or face down on a specially designed table.
2. The Mammotome® probe is inserted one time only through a ¼ inch incision into your breast.
3. Once the probe is positioned at the area of concern, it gently vacuums, cuts and removes the sample tissue for examination and evaluation.
4. No stitches are necessary. After the biopsy, the single incision is closed with a small adhesive bandage.

Compared to open biopsy, Mammotome® will leave less internal and external scarring, helping to maintain the accuracy of future mammograms.

For more information about The Mammotome® Breast Biopsy System or to be scheduled for this procedure, please contact your primary care provider or OB/GYN provider who can refer you to a qualified FHN Radiologist.

For help in finding a provider to care for you, please call the FHN Physician Referral Center at 815-599-7060 or toll-free 888-433-5700.

A simple step toward your peace of mind

A Mammotome® biopsy is minimally invasive and creates less internal and external scarring along with a quicker recovery time than open surgery. A Mammotome® biopsy:

- Is an outpatient procedure after which you are immediately released and may resume daily activities.
- Requires only local anesthetic, a single incision and no stitches.
- Allows your healthcare provider to place a MammoMARK® Biopsy Site Identifier to mark the site for future follow-up. Your healthcare provider may want to mark the biopsy site to identify the area of importance for future mammograms and to identify the exact location for surgical removal if an abnormality is found. The marker is very small and you will not be able to feel it.
- Takes approximately 1 hour to conduct.
- Requires a single incision which is closed with a small bandage.



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