Breast – Fine Needle Aspiration

A. Interpreter / cultural needs

An Interpreter Service is required? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If Yes, is a qualified Interpreter present? [ ] Yes [ ] No
A Cultural Support Person is required? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If Yes, is a Cultural Support Person present? [ ] Yes [ ] No

B. Condition and treatment

The doctor has explained that you have the following condition: (Doctor to document in patient’s own words)

This condition requires the following procedure. (Doctor to document - include site and/or side where relevant to the procedure)

The following will be performed:
A fine needle is inserted into the breast to obtain samples for pathology testing.

C. Risks of a fine needle aspiration on the breast

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

General risks:
- Infection can occur, requiring antibiotics and further treatment.
- Bleeding could occur and may require a return to the procedure room. Bleeding is more common if you have been taking blood thinning drugs such as Warfarin, Aspirin, Clopidogrel (Plavix or Iscover) or Dipyridamole (Persantin or Asasantin).
- Increased risk in obese people of wound infection.
- Death as a result of this procedure is very rare.

Specific risks:
- Bruising may occur about the operation site or deeply in the breast. This may need surgical drainage.
- The correct tissue may not be obtained and the pathology report may not be accurate. Further biopsy may be necessary.
- Technical problems may occur in the collection and pathology preparation of the specimen resulting in an inaccurate report.
- Rarely the needle may penetrate deeply and go through the chest wall and pierce the lung causing collapse of the lung. This may require treatment to re-inflate the lung.

D. Significant risks and procedure options

(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)

E. Risks of not having this procedure

(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)

F. Anaesthetic

This procedure may require an anaesthetic. (Doctor to document type of anaesthetic discussed)

G. Patient consent

I acknowledge that the doctor has explained;
- my medical condition and the proposed procedure, including additional treatment if the doctor finds something unexpected. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- the anaesthetic required for this procedure. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
- other relevant procedure/treatment options and their associated risks.
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Facility:

- my prognosis and the risks of not having the procedure.
- that no guarantee has been made that the procedure will improve my condition even though it has been carried out with due professional care.
- the procedure may include a blood transfusion.
- tissues and blood may be removed and could be used for diagnosis or management of my condition, stored and disposed of sensitively by the hospital.
- if immediate life-threatening events happen during the procedure, they will be treated based on my discussions with the doctor or my Acute Resuscitation Plan.
- a doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/investigation/examination. I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training. I understand that all surgical trainees are supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

I was able to ask questions and raise concerns with the doctor about my condition, the proposed procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. My questions and concerns have been discussed and answered by the satisfaction.

I understand I have the right to change my mind at any time, including after I have signed this form but, preferably following a discussion with my doctor.

I understand that image/s or video footage may be recorded as part of and during my procedure and that these image/s or video/s will assist the doctor to provide appropriate treatment.

Student examination/procedure for educational purposes

For the purpose of undertaking professional training, a student/s may observe the medical examination/s or procedure/s and may also, subject to patient consent, perform an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s on a patient while the patient is under anaesthetic. This is for education purposes only. A student/s who undertakes an examination/s or assists in performing the procedure/s will be under the supervision of the treating doctor, in accordance with the relevant professional guidelines.

For the purposes of education I consent to a student/s undergoing training to:

- observe examination/s or procedure/s  Yes  No
- assist and/or perform examination/s or procedure/s  Yes  No

Student - this may include medical, nursing, midwifery, allied health or ambulance students.

I have been given the following Patient Information Sheet/s:

- Local Anaesthetic for Your Procedure
- Breast – Fine Needle Aspiration

On the basis of the above statements,

I request to have the procedure

Name of Patient: .................................................................
Signature: ...........................................................................
Date: .................................................................................

Patients who lack capacity to provide consent

Consent must be obtained from a substitute decision maker/s in the order below.

Does the patient have an Advance Health Directive (AHD)?

☐ Yes  Location of the original or certified copy of the AHD:

☐ No  Name of Substitute Decision Maker/s:

Signature: .................................................................
Relationship to patient: ..............................................
Date: ................................................................. PH No:

Source of decision making authority (tick one):

☐ Tribunal-appointed Guardian
☐ Attorney/s for health matters under Enduring Power of Attorney or AHD
☐ Statutory Health Attorney
☐ If none of these, the Adult Guardian has provided consent Ph 1300 QLD OAG (753 624)

H. Doctor/delegate statement

I have explained to the patient all the above points under the Patient Consent section (G) and I am of the opinion that the patient/substitute decision-maker has understood the information.

Name of Doctor/delegate: .................................................................
Designation: ...........................................................................
Signature: ...........................................................................
Date: .................................................................................

I. Interpreter’s statement

I have given a sight translation in

(-state the patient’s language here) of the consent form and assisted in the provision of any verbal and written information given to the patient/parent or guardian/substitute decision-maker by the doctor.

Name of Interpreter: .................................................................
Signature: ...........................................................................
Date: .................................................................................
1. **What is a fine needle aspiration?**

A fine needle is inserted into the breast to obtain samples for pathology testing.

2. **My anaesthetic:**

   This procedure will require an anaesthetic.

   See [Local Anaesthetic for Your Procedure information sheet](#) for information about the anaesthetic and the risks involved. If you have any concerns, discuss these with your doctor.

   *If you have not been given an information sheet, please ask for one.*

3. **What are the risks of this specific procedure?**

   There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

   **General risks:**
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4. **Who will be performing the procedure?**

   A doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/investigation/examination.

   I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training, and that all trainees are supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

   If you have any concerns about which doctor/clinician will be performing the procedure, please discuss with the doctor/clinician.

   For the purpose of undertaking professional training in this teaching hospital, a student/s may observe the medical examination/s or procedure/s.