

## **INFORMED CONSENT FOR STEREOTACTIC/ULTRASOUND BREAST BIOPSY**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE:**

Your doctor has referred you for a stereotactic/ultrasound biopsy. We would like to inform you of what we are going to do and of possible complications that might result from this procedure.

The stereotactic breast biopsy uses x-rays in conjunction with a computer to position a special needle in your breast. The physician, a radiologist, will obtain a sample of tissue from the abnormal area in your breast. In some instances a metallic localization clip will then be placed at the biopsy site. The clip could remain in place if you require no further surgical intervention.

The ultrasound guided breast biopsy uses very high frequency sound waves and ultrasound equipment to guide a special needle into the questionable area of your breast. In some instances a titanium localization clip will be placed in the breast at the biopsy site. The clip could remain in place indefinitely if you require no further surgical intervention.

A local anesthetic will be administered at the time of the procedure. The risks and benefits of this anesthetic will be explained by the physician.

### **RISKS OF THE PROCEDURE:**

Most patients experience only mild discomfort during the biopsy procedure. However, some patients may occasionally experience abnormal bleeding or pain at the biopsy site, or infection. If you have any significant allergies to local anesthetic medicines or have ever had a bad reaction to an x-ray, medical or dental procedure, please inform us before having this procedure.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROCEDURE:**

Removal of the abnormal area by surgical excision.

### **EXPECTED OUTCOME:**

As a result of this biopsy, a definitive diagnosis can usually be made. If there is any question when the results return, a surgical biopsy (removal of the abnormal area) may be recommended.

Following the biopsy, you may have some tenderness in the breast, some bruising, slight bleeding or oozing at the biopsy site (which will have a small dressing on it). This may last several days, but should cause no long-term effects or be debilitating.

If the result of your biopsy is benign (not malignant), close follow-up by your doctor is recommended. If the result of your biopsy is cancer, your doctor will recommend the appropriate treatment.

### **CONSENT:**

I have been informed of the nature, risks, consequences, and the alternatives of this procedure. No guarantee has been made as to the results which may be obtained. I certify that I have read and fully understand the above information, that the explanations referred to are understood by me, and that all blanks requiring insertions or completion have been filled in. I consent to have a local anesthetic administered during my procedure.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the State of California brochure discussing alternative breast cancer treatments and their risks and benefits to patients who are having a biopsy or being treated for breast cancer.