

## **INFORMED CONSENT FOR GALACTOGRAM/DUCTOGRAM**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE:**

This procedure is done to examine a breast duct that is secreting fluid. The exam will provide information on the location of any lesions within the duct. To perform a Galactogram, the radiologist will need to express some of the discharge to identify which duct(s) is involved. Next, a small flexible tube is threaded into the duct and a very small amount of contrast is injected in order for the ductal system to show up on x-rays. Several mammograms will be taken after the contrast is injected into the breast. Afterwards, the clear contrast will be secreted from the nipple – there is no procedure necessary to remove it. The exam takes approximately 60 minutes.

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

Most patients do not experience any discomfort during the exam, although when the contrast is injected, the breast can feel full. Alert staff to any allergies to iodine, latex or tape prior to procedure beginning. A rare complication is perforation of the duct. On occasion, the procedure is unable to be completed because no discharge can be expressed or the small flexible tube cannot be threaded into the duct. A small amount of radiation is used during the exam.

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

Surgical consultation is recommended if a Galactogram cannot be performed and your discharge continues.

### **ANTICIPATED BENEFITS:**

To determine if small lesions or tumors are present in the duct.

### **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. I certify that I have read and fully understand the above information, that the explanations and risks are understood by me. I give my consent to have this procedure performed.