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## **Patient Prep & Instruction Manual**

### **Scheduled Test: Breast Fine Needle Aspiration**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Where:** You will report to Outpatient Radiology Reception (ground floor of the Perelman Center).

**Purpose:** To aspirate (or obtain cell samples of) an area of concern in your breast.

**Preparation:** Since this is not a surgical procedure there are no eating or drinking restrictions required.

Medications can be taken prior to your test with the exception of aspirin. If aspirin is consumed within 48 hours prior to the procedure please inform the radiologist prior to the procedure.

Allergies to lidocaine (numbing medication) should be discussed with the radiologist prior to the procedure so that an alternative medication may be used.

**Procedure:** This procedure can take between 15-45 minutes depending on the complexity of the area tested.

You will be asked to change into a hospital gown designed specifically for mammogram procedures. Your clothes will be stored in a locker; the key will be given to you.

The radiologist will locate the area using either ultrasound or mammography. Once the area is located the radiologist will then numb the area of interest. A small needle will be inserted into the breast and cells will be extracted with a syringe. A pathologist will then evaluate these cells.

**After Care:** After the procedure you may resume your normal activities.

Please call a nurse coordinator at (215) 349-5469, if you have any questions.

