

Biopsy

A biopsy (needle test) may occasionally be required to investigate your problem. This biopsy can be done by a doctor who examines you in the clinic, but more likely with Ultrasound guidance or under X-ray control by the Radiology Team. The final results of any biopsy procedure can take up to 2 weeks to come through. You will be provided with an explanation of the tests and an appointment for the biopsy results at the end of your visit.

We aim to get most of the tests completed in one visit, but sometimes you may be asked to come again, if specialist equipment or personnel are not available.

You will be fully informed of any further appointments.

This symptomatic breast clinic visit can take up to 3 hours to complete all the necessary investigations, so please be prepared for this.

Symptomatic Breast Clinic

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Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formie, proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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One Stop Breast Clinic

Welcome to the One Stop Breast Clinic. You have been referred to us to investigate symptoms associated with your breast or armpit area.

You will be examined by one of our specialist breast team. We have both male & female doctors and other members of staff, however, some clinics run with only male doctors: if you have a particular preference, please let our reception staff know and we will try and accommodate you. Chaperones are always available.

Sometimes a diagnosis can be made after clinical examination alone, but often further tests are required. You may need to undergo several different investigations.

You may be called from the waiting room on more than one occasion by our Breast Team, asked to get dressed and undressed for examinations and scans.

If this is likely to be an issue, please let one of our reception staff know so we can try and accommodate you.

The younger patients are likely to have clinical examination and a breast ultrasound:



Ultrasound

Ultrasound is an imaging test that sends high-frequency acoustic waves through your breast and converts them into images on a viewing screen. The Radiologist or Sonographer places a probe on the breast to conduct the test. There is no radiation involved. The procedure is painless.

For women over 40 years who have not had a recent Mammogram this may be performed:

Mammogram

Mammography is performed by female radiographers, with your breasts placed onto the mammography machine between 2 plastic plates which flatten the breast to improve the quality of the images. Usually two x-rays are taken on each side, but sometimes it is necessary to obtain extra views (you may be called back in - this is very common and should not be a reason for concern). Having a mammogram may be uncomfortable but you only need to keep still for a few seconds each time.

Even if you have breast implants, you will be able to have a Mammogram, but please let the technician know about your implants.

