

Marking of a breast change with a radioactive seed

A tissue change was found in your breast. The change will be marked with a small radioactive seed before surgery.

Please reserve 2 hours for your visit. The procedure takes approximately 30 minutes.

Please see the arrival instructions or appointment letter for contact information, if you have any questions about the procedure.

Before the procedure

You do not need to prepare for the procedure in any way.

During the procedure

You will need to remove all clothing from the waist up for the procedure.

A radiologist will place a small seed into the breast change with the help of a needle. The seed is radioactive to make the breast change visible during surgery.

After the marking is complete, a radiographer will compress the breast between two plates and take 2 X-ray images. The compression is needed to make the image sharp. You will be standing up or sitting down during the scan.

After the procedure

Do not hold any children under the age of 1 year against your chest for long periods of time before the surgery.

If you are travelling abroad before the surgery, ask for a certificate due to the radioactive seed.

The seed will be removed in the surgery.

Other things to note

You will not be charged for the procedure separately.

Cancel the appointment if you cannot come. If you do not cancel, you will be charged a fine.



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