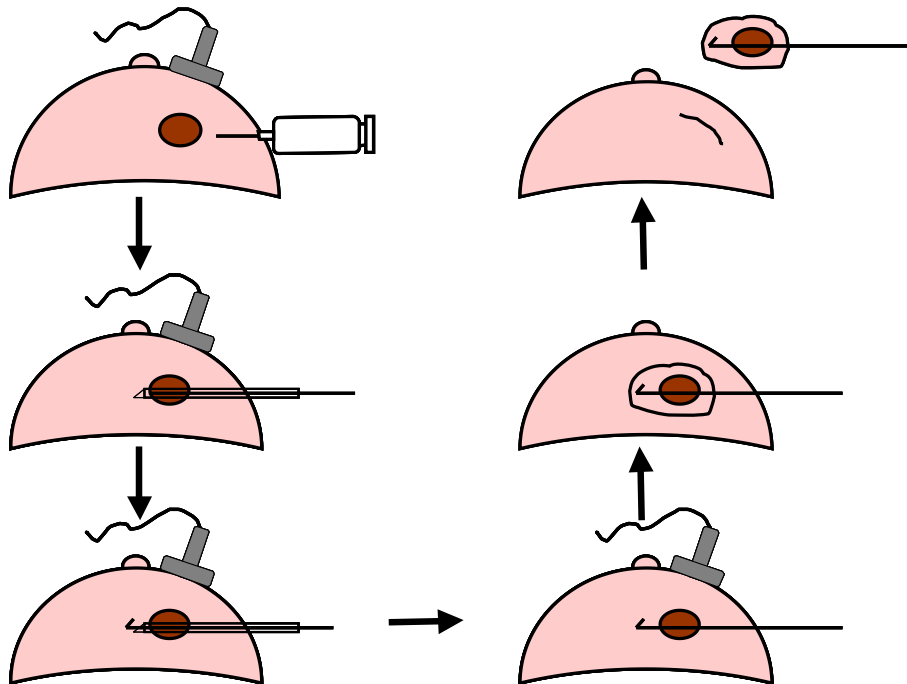


The Biopsy or Lumpectomy Procedure

In the operating room, after you have been given anesthesia or sedation, your surgeon removes the abnormal area of the breast, as well as the wire through a small incision. The excised tissue, along with the wire is sent down for an X-ray to confirm that the abnormal area has been removed successfully. It is then sent to the pathologists. If this is a lumpectomy for cancer, additional margins of normal breast tissue are also removed.



You may experience some localized discomfort in the surgery site. Your surgeon may prescribe a mild analgesic for the pain. Wear a well fitting bra around the clock for 5 days after the procedure. Avoid strenuous activity for a few days after the procedure. It is not uncommon to experience some bruising and firmness around the incision area. This generally takes a few weeks to subside.

Your surgeon will call you with the pathology results 4-5 working days after the procedure.