

Patient information and consent to Aspiration :

Aspiration is a diagnostic procedure used to investigate lumps, masses or fluid filled joints.

A needle aspiration biopsy is safer and less traumatic than an open surgical biopsy, and significant complications are usually rare, depending on the body site.

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME.

The Procedure:

The skin above the area to be biopsied is swabbed and cleaned with antiseptic solution. The area might be made numb with local anesthetic, although this is often not necessary. After locating the site, a needle of reasonable diameter is passed into the mass, lump or joint. The needle may be inserted and withdrawn several times, to achieve a more precise position and to obtain enough cells or fluid from the area.

After this, fluid or cells are withdrawn by aspiration with a syringe and sent to pathology labs for analysis.

Complications :

Common complications include bruising and soreness. There is a risk, because the biopsy is very small (only a few cells), that the problematic cells will be missed, resulting in a false negative result. There is also a risk that the cells taken will not enable a definitive diagnosis.

CONSENT TO TREATMENT

Proposed procedure: _____

Statement of doctor

I have explained the procedure to the patient including the benefits and most frequently occurring risks (see above), and answered any particular concerns of this patient.

The procedure will involve local anaesthetic Yes/ No

Signed :

Date :

Name (print):

Job Title :

Statement of patient

Please read this form carefully, including the benefits and risks of the proposed treatment: if you have any further questions please ask – we are here to help. You have the right to change your mind at any time, including after you have signed this form.

I agree to the procedure described on this form.

Signed:

Date :

Name (print) :

Statement of interpreter (if necessary)

I have interpreted the information above to the patient to the best of my ability and in a way which I believe he/she can understand.

Signed :

Date :

Name (print):