

Know Your Body: What happens next...

Anna goes for a core needle biopsy



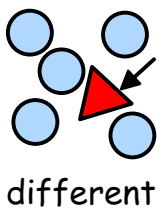
What happens next...



Anna has been to the doctor because her boobs felt different.



The doctor did an examination and has sent Anna to have a biopsy.



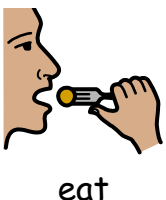
There are different types of biopsy but the one the doctor wants Anna to have is a **core needle biopsy**.



Anna will have to visit the hospital, or a clinic to have her core needle biopsy.



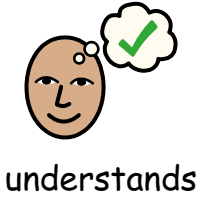
She can take someone with her so she feels supported.



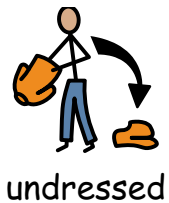
Anna will be able to eat and drink normally before she has her core needle biopsy.



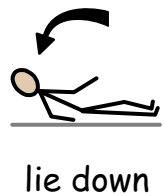
Anna's appointment will be for about 20 minutes, but it will only take a few minutes to do the biopsy.



Some of the appointment will be spent making sure Anna understands what will happen and making her comfortable.



Anna will need to take off the clothes above her waist, but she can put a hospital gown on.



The doctor will need Anna to lie down on an examination couch.



Anna's doctor might do an ultrasound to find the right place to do the biopsy, but this does not always happen.

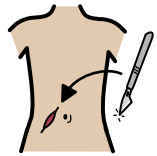


The doctor will clean Anna's boob with a sterile wipe to make sure it is clean.



numb

The doctor will give Anna an injection of anaesthetic to numb her boob so the core needle biopsy is not painful; this might sting but only a little bit.



cut

When Anna's boob is numb, the doctor will make a small cut in it.



needle

The doctor will then put a needle into Anna's boob to take the sample.



sound

Anna might hear a clicking sound when the sample is being taken.



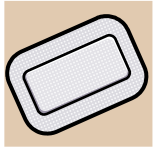
uncomfortable

Anna might feel a bit uncomfortable having the core needle biopsy but it should not be painful.



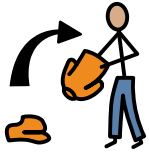
pain

If Anna feels any pain, she must tell the doctor and they can give her more anaesthetic to numb her boob.



plaster

The doctor will put a plaster or dressing over Anna's cut once the core needle biopsy is finished.



dressed

Anna can get dressed once the biopsy has finished.



sore

Anna's boobs might feel a little bit tender or sore for a day but this will not last long.



home

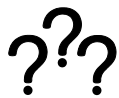
Anna can go home once the core needle biopsy is finished.



doctor

The results of the biopsy will be sent to the doctor who will contact Anna to talk about **what happens next**.

Questions I might like to ask...



questions

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