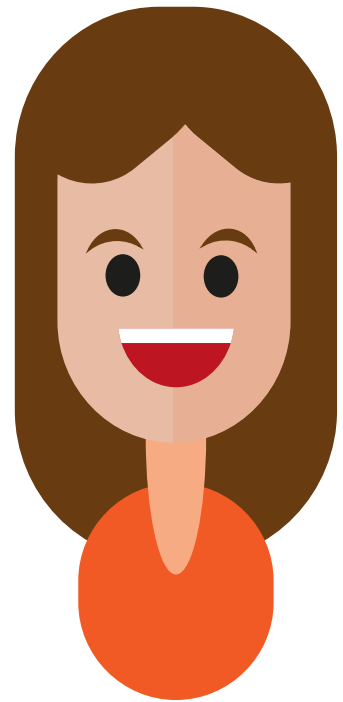


Know Your Body: What happens next...

Anna goes for a surgical biopsy



What happens next...



doctor

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



examination

The doctor did an examination of Anna's boob and may have done other tests and is sending her to have a **surgical biopsy**.



hospital

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



lump

This is because the doctor has found a lump in Anna's boob and wants to find out what it is.



supported

Anna can take someone with her so she feels supported.



medication

Anna will need to let the doctor know what medication she is on before her hospital appointment.



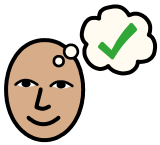
food or drink

Anna **will not** be able to eat and drink normally before she has her surgical biopsy.



time

Anna will probably need to be at the hospital for 2 or 3 hours for her surgical biopsy but this could be longer.



understands

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



undressed

Anna will need to change out of her clothes and put a hospital gown on.



operating
theatre

Anna will be taken to a very clean room called an “operating theatre” to have her surgical biopsy.



sleep

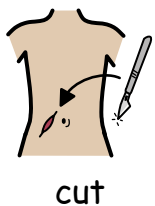
Anna will have to have anaesthetic to help her go to sleep so she does not feel the surgical biopsy.



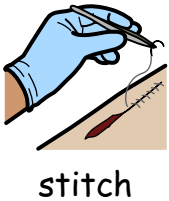
The doctor will explain to Anna the different ways anaesthetic can be given.



Once Anna is asleep, the doctor will clean Anna's boob with a sterile wipe to make sure it is clean.



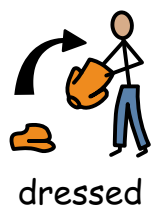
The doctor will make a small cut in Anna's boob to get a small amount of tissue from the lump in her boob.



The doctor will then stitch up the cut and put a dressing on it.



Once the doctor has finished the surgical biopsy, they will take her to another room and wake Anna up.



Once Anna has woken up and is feeling alright, she can get dressed.



home

Anna can go home once the doctor has checked her over.



pain

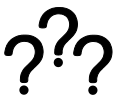
Anna might feel a little pain and have some bruising after the surgical biopsy, but the doctor should be able to give her something for the pain.



doctor

The results of the surgical 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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