

Know Your Body: What happens next...

Ashley goes for a core needle biopsy



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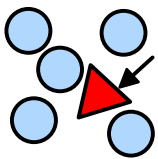
doctor

Ashley has been to the doctor because their breast tissue felt different.



examination

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



different

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



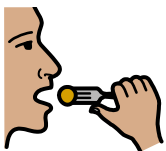
hospital

Ashley will have to visit the hospital or a clinic to have their core needle biopsy.



supported

They can take someone with them so they feel supported.



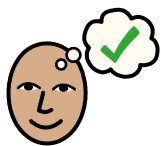
eat

Ashley will be able to eat and drink normally before they have their core needle biopsy.



time

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



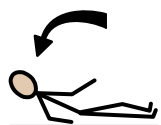
understands

Some of the appointment will be spent making sure Ashley understands what will happen and making them comfortable.



undressed

Ashley will need to take off the clothes above their waist, but they can put a hospital gown on.



lie down

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



ultrasound

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



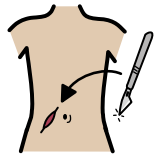
wipe

The doctor will clean Ashley's breast tissue with a sterile wipe to make sure it is clean.



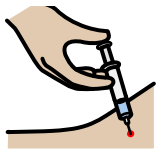
numb

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



cut

When Ashley's breast tissue is numb, the doctor will make a small cut in it.



needle

The doctor will then put a needle into Ashley's breast tissue to take the sample.



sound

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



uncomfortable

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



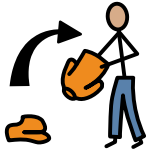
pain

If Ashley feels any pain, they must tell the doctor and they can give them more anaesthetic to numb their breast tissue.



plaster

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



dressed

Ashley can get dressed once the biopsy has finished.



sore

Ashley's breast tissue might feel a little bit tender or sore for a day but this will not last long.



home

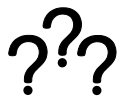
Ashley can go home once the core needle biopsy is finished.



doctor

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

Questions I might like to ask...



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