

Imaging test to be performed:

Stereotactic Breast Biopsy



Patient's name: _____

Test date: _____

Test time: _____

See other side for test location and registration instructions

What You Need To Know

How to prepare for your test:

A nurse will call you for a history and will provide instructions.

How long will the test take?

About 2 hours.

What is the purpose of the test?

To obtain a breast tissue sample for microscopic examination to determine whether a growth is benign or cancerous. This test is most helpful when mammography shows a mass, a cluster of microcalcifications (tiny calcium deposits that are closely grouped together), or an area of abnormal tissue change, but no lump can be felt on careful breast examination.

How is the test performed?

You will lie on your stomach upon a table. The breast of interest will be suspended through a hole in the table. A hollow needle will be passed through the skin into the suspicious lesion with the help of special breast x-rays. (This procedure is much less invasive than the surgical approach of removing an entire breast lump for analysis.) Sterile skin-closure strips and pressure dressing will be applied. A special computerized mammography machine will pinpoint the area of tissue change. A pathologist will examine the obtained specimen and make a final diagnosis.

Required before test:

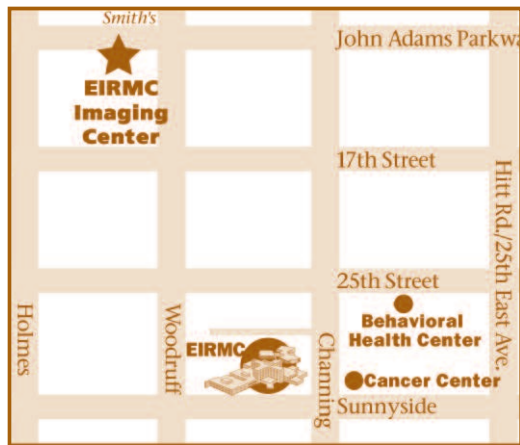
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

Your test will be conducted at:

Imaging Center

1670 John Adams Pkwy
Idaho Falls
208-535-4555



What is an x-ray?

Your doctor has ordered for you a body imaging test known as an x-ray. X-rays are a form of electromagnetic radiation, just like visible light. In a healthcare setting, x-rays are emitted by a machine as individual "particles" (photons) that pass through the body and then get detected by a sensitive film. Structures that are dense, such as bone, will block most of the photons and will appear white on developed film. Structures containing air will be black on film, and muscle, fat, and fluid will appear as shades of gray. Metal and contrast media block almost all the photons and will appear bright white. X-rays are also known as radiographs.

How to register:

Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes (unless otherwise instructed) before your test, which includes time for you to register. See the following schedule for guidance on where to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Monday</i>	
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Imaging Center
<i>Tuesday-Thursday</i>	
8:30 a.m. 8 p.m.	
(5-8 p.m., Mammograms only)	Imaging Center
<i>Friday</i>	
8:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	
(5-7 p.m., Mammograms only)	Imaging Center
<i>Saturday</i>	
9 a.m. 4 p.m.	
(Mammograms only)	Imaging Center