

Patient Information After Vacuum Assisted Biopsy

The test you have had is called a VACUUM ASSISTED BIOPSY. This means that small pieces of breast tissue have been taken and will be tested under a microscope by a pathologist. It can take two to three weeks to get your results. You will either receive a letter by post or an appointment to come again to the Breast Clinic for your results.

Please keep the dressing dry and leave in place for 48 hours before the dressing is removed. If you develop any itching, you may be allergic to the dressing and it should be removed. If there is any bleeding from that area, press firmly over the dressing until the bleeding stops.

Some people find their breast aches for a little while after the local anaesthetic has worn off. A painkiller such as Paracetamol should help. Do not take Aspirin or any medication containing aspirin.

Bruising may occur immediately or over the next day or so, do not worry, this will clear up on its own. It is advised that you do not do any lifting or activities that cause aches and pains to your breast for 48 hours.

If you require further assistance please contact your GP.

