



Discover a **whole** new kind of
breast biopsy.



You've found a lump in your breast.

Know the **whole** story.

Discovering a lump in your breast, whether on your own or through the results of a mammogram, is a difficult experience that can bring with it all kinds of questions and worries. What is the lump? Is it harmful to my breast? And most importantly, is it cancer?

Know that for eight out of ten women, breast lumps turn out to be absolutely harmless – or as your physician may refer to them: benign. The majority of breast lumps are known as fibroadenomas, benign masses that can grow over time and may become uncomfortable for some women, but are not dangerous or cancerous.

How can I be sure it's not cancer?

To understand exactly what your lump is and determine whether or not it is harmful, your doctor will likely want to perform a breast biopsy. During a breast biopsy, your doctor removes a sample of the suspicious breast tissue and sends it to a laboratory for examination. A biopsy is currently the only way to make an accurate breast cancer diagnosis.



Where do I go from here?

Today there are a variety of options regarding the method of breast biopsy you consider for your care. They include:

- Core biopsy
- Open surgical biopsy
- Rubicor's new in-office, whole and complete breast biopsy

Talk with Your Doctor.

Rubicor's simple, in-office procedure is designed to remove a whole and complete lump from your breast, helping your doctor make a confident diagnosis while you get back to your life the very same day. There are many benefits of this new kind of biopsy including:

Whole and complete lump removal. Unlike core biopsy which removes only small partial sections of a lump ('cores'), Rubicor's procedure is designed to remove a complete lump in a single piece leaving none of the abnormal tissue behind. With Rubicor's biopsy procedure, you have the peace of mind of knowing the lump is gone.

Avoiding the medical maze. Your breast care specialist can perform Rubicor's biopsy procedure in a single, in-office visit rather than having to navigate the array of care providers and medical appointments associated with an open surgical procedure.

Minimal scarring. Because Rubicor's biopsy procedure requires only a small incision, the mark left on your breast is almost undetectable. Open surgical biopsies can result in much more noticeable scarring.



A Comparison of Biopsy Procedures

	Procedure Summary	What is removed?	Where is it done?	How long does it take?	How much recovery time is needed?
Core Biopsy	This minimally invasive procedure locates the lump and uses an instrument to remove a small piece or pieces ('cores') of the affected breast tissue. The core samples are then sent to the pathology laboratory for diagnosis.	Core biopsy removes a small piece or pieces ('cores') of the lump for analysis. The remainder of the lump typically remains in the breast.	A core biopsy procedure can be done in the comfort of your doctor's office.	A core biopsy procedure generally takes about 30 minutes to locate and remove core samples for analysis.	Recovery time after core biopsy is minimal. Typically doctors will recommend no extreme movements or exercise for 24 hours, after which you can return to your usual lifestyle. Core biopsies are done under local anesthesia (numbing of the breast to minimize pain or discomfort during the procedure), allowing you to drive yourself home after the biopsy should you wish.
Rubicor's Biopsy Procedure	This minimally invasive procedure is designed to completely remove most lumps (up to 2.5 cm) for diagnosis, without undergoing surgery. After making a small incision in your breast (approximately one quarter inch) the lump is isolated and removed using Rubicor's biopsy device.	The Rubicor device removes the entire lump and sometimes a small amount of the surrounding breast tissue. Rubicor's procedure uses ultrasound or x-ray guidance to improve precision and accuracy of capturing the lesion.	Rubicor's biopsy procedure can be done in the comfort of your doctor's office.	Rubicor's biopsy procedure generally takes about 30 minutes, aiming to remove the entire lesion.	Recovery time after Rubicor's biopsy procedure is minimal. Typically doctors will recommend no extreme movements or exercise for 24 hours, after which you can return to your usual lifestyle. Rubicor's procedure is done under local anesthesia (numbing of the breast to minimize pain or discomfort during the procedure), allowing you to drive yourself home after the biopsy should you wish.
Open Surgical Biopsy	Open surgical biopsy is a surgical procedure that removes a lump or mammogram abnormality for diagnosis. First, using image guidance, visible markers (like wires) are placed in the lump or lesion. A surgeon then follows those markers to locate and remove the marked area of tissue.	Open surgical biopsy removes the complete lump and some surrounding breast tissue. Many times a larger amount of surrounding breast tissue is removed than in other types of biopsy procedures due to the marker method of locating the sample.	An open surgical biopsy requires you to go through hospital admissions for an out patient surgery. The procedure is done in an operating room.	With surgical prep and post-operative recovery, open surgical biopsy can take more than four hours, with one hour typically spent in the operating room.	Recovery time after open surgical biopsy is roughly 2-4 days depending on the location and amount of tissue biopsied. Surgical biopsies are done under general anesthesia meaning you are completely asleep during the procedure. Therefore, you cannot drive for 24 hours after the surgery.

Your breast: before and after

Unlike open surgical biopsy that requires you to cut away larger amounts of breast tissue and can leave a scar, Rubicor's biopsy procedure is **minimally invasive**. >>

This means that to perform the procedure, your doctor will make only a small incision in your breast tissue – approximately one quarter inch. Because this incision is so small, Rubicor's biopsy technique requires no stitches. As a result, any scarring that appears is minimal. **For most procedures, within several weeks the mark left will be nearly undetectable.**

Learn More about Rubicor's biopsy procedure.

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