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Procedure Title: **Thyroid Biopsy Ultrasound Guided**

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**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appointment Time:**

When: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Where:** You will report to the admitting office (main hospital entrance). Then report to Radiology. Someone from Ultrasound will be with you as soon as possible.

**Purpose :** This test uses sound waves to take images of the Thyroid gland in your neck to help the physician safely identify the area of concern. There is no radiation involved.

**Preparation:** Most medications may be taken prior to biopsy. You should not take any blood thinner or aspirin 3 days prior to the biopsy.

**Procedure:** This examination usually takes about 1 hour. Prior to starting the biopsy, the front of your neck will be cleaned with a betadine or chloraprep solution. A local anesthetic will be given to numb the area. A water-based gel will be applied over the front of your neck. A plastic device called a transducer will be moved over your neck to obtain the necessary images to guide a sterile needle into the area of concern.

**After Care:** You may resume all normal activities after the test. Follow up with your attending physician to discuss results. Results usually are available to the physician in 5 business days.

Please call (812) 254-8851 to talk with one of the Ultrasound Technologists if you have any questions.

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