SUMMARY OF THE PROCEDURE
Ultrasound Guided Biopsy or Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) is a procedure that is done to obtain a very small piece of tissue from a mass or tumor for testing. The tissue sample is sent to a laboratory where it is examined by a Pathologist to determine a diagnosis. A biopsy can help diagnose abnormalities including inflammation or malignancy. During the biopsy, the Radiologist will use the Ultrasound probe to accurately guide the needle to the correct location to obtain the tissue sample.

WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT DURING THE PROCEDURE
When you arrive for your procedure, you will be taken to the Radiology Receiving Area where a nurse will ask you a few questions about your medical history and medications. She will also take your vital signs. When the nurse is finished, a staff member will walk you to the Ultrasound department for your procedure.

After arriving in the Ultrasound room, you may be asked to change into a hospital gown and lie on a cart. Preliminary images will be taken by the technologist. After reviewing the images, the Radiologist will scan the area of concern to determine the best location to place the needle. You will be positioned on the cart in a way that will allow the Radiologist to access the area of interest in the safest way. The Radiologist will talk to you to make sure all your questions have been answered.

Your skin will be cleaned and a local anesthetic will be used to numb the area. After covering the Ultrasound probe with a sterile cover, the Radiologist will guide the needle into the area of interest. After the biopsy, the area will be cleaned and a bandage placed over the site.

WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT AFTER THE PROCEDURE
You may be given an ice pack to place on the biopsy site. This will help reduce swelling and bruising at the site.
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

☐ If you take blood thinners or aspirin, you will be given specific instructions by your physician on which medications to stop and for how long prior to your procedure. Blood work may be necessary prior to the procedure for certain medications.

☐ Do not have anything to eat or drink after midnight the night prior to your scheduled procedure. You may take any necessary medications with sips of water.

☐ Ultrasound guided biopsies are usually scheduled at 8:00 or 9:00 am. If blood work is necessary, you will need to report to the Outpatient Lab 1 hour prior to your procedure so the results are available for the Radiologist to review.

☐ Please bring a written order from your doctor, complete list of all your medications, and a driver’s license or other photo ID.

☐ You will be required to read and sign exam consent forms. If reading glasses are needed, please bring them with you.

SCHEDULING & REGISTRATION
All exams require an order from your physician. The physician’s office will contact the Ultrasound Department to schedule your procedure. You will need to pre-register by calling Centralized Scheduling at 330-363-6288, Monday- Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO TESTING
Please call the Ultrasound Department at 330-438-6205 Sunday – Saturday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

PARKING
Patients may park in the parking deck on Seventh Street free of charge. You may show a copy of your pink registration form or request a parking voucher from the Imaging Services check-in desk.

DIRECTIONS TO THE ULTRASOUND DEPARTMENT
The Ultrasound Department is located within Imaging Services on the Ground Level of Aultman Hospital. From the parking deck located on Seventh Street, you will enter the Main Building lobby and take the elevators to the Ground Level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the Imaging Services check-in desk.