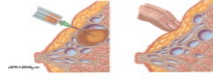


UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER

PATIENT EDUCATION

BREAST CYST ASPIRATION



Your physician has referred you to the Diagnostic Services Department at United Hospital Center for a breast cyst aspiration. This examination uses sound waves to obtain images of your breast.

You will be asked to wear a hospital gown. Upon entering the exam room the sonographer, a technologist specially trained in ultrasound, will ask you to read and sign a consent form before they position you on a table. A radiologist will be asked to come into the room and explain the exam and answer any questions you may have. The technologist will apply a small amount of a gel and use a probe called a transducer to scan the area of interest. Then the skin will be cleaned with betadine or alcohol and the radiologist will insert a small needle for numbing the site. Then a slightly larger needle attached to a syringe will be inserted to draw fluid out of the cyst. The technologist will be scanning in order to direct the doctor's placement of the needle. The exam is completed once all the fluid is removed. The radiologist may recommend a follow up ultrasound or mammogram.

Outpatients are asked to please bring any mammogram films and reports that have been performed at another facility with them the day of their exam, if possible

Length: Approximately 30 minutes

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