



Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) Procedure Information

What is an FNA?

Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) is a quick, minimally invasive procedure used to collect a small tissue sample from an area of concern. This sample is then examined to help diagnose or rule out certain conditions.

What to Expect:

- A thin needle will be gently inserted into the area to collect cells.
- Multiple needle insertions may be needed to ensure an adequate sample.
- The procedure typically takes just a few minutes and causes minimal discomfort, similar to a blood test.

Possible Complications:

- Mild soreness or bruising at the insertion site.
- Rarely, slight bleeding or infection.

Ultrasound Guidance

In some cases due to the size and location of the lump, ultrasound guidance may be recommended. This will be discussed with you in more detail at the time of the appointment.

Please Note: Pathlab does not provide ultrasound guided FNA. If this is required, your GP will need to refer you to a radiologist for the procedure.

Receiving Your Results:

- Results are typically available within 1-2 weeks.
- They will be sent directly to your referring doctor or specialist, who will review them with you and discuss any next steps.

For any further questions before your appointment, please contact your GP in the first instance.