

Imaging test to be performed:

Thyroid Biopsy



Patient's name: _____

Test date: _____

Test time: _____

See other side for test location and registration instructions

What You Need To Know

How to prepare for your test:

No special preparations.

How long will the test take?

About 1 hour.

What is the purpose of the test?

To determine the cause of a thyroid lump or goiter.

How is the test performed?

You will lie on your back with a pillow under your shoulders, your head tipped backward and your neck extended. This position will push the thyroid gland forward, making it easier for the radiologist to perform the biopsy.

Before this test, you may be given a sedative to help you relax. The radiologist will clean the skin over your thyroid gland with antiseptic solution.

Under the guidance of ultrasound images, the radiologist will determine precisely which area to biopsy. The radiologist will then insert a thin needle into your thyroid gland and remove a small amount of thyroid cells and fluid through the needle. Cells from your thyroid gland will be placed on a glass slide and sent to the laboratory for examination.

A small bandage will be placed over the area of needle insertion. Pressure will be applied for up to 15 minutes to stop any bleeding. After bleeding has stopped, the biopsy site will be covered with a clean bandage.

Required before test:

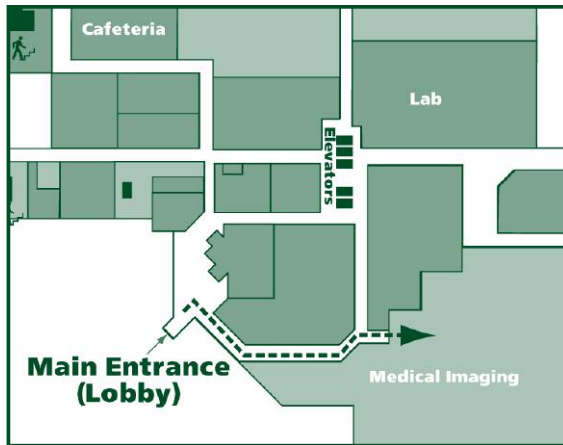
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

Your test will be conducted at:

EIRMC (main campus)

Medical Imaging Department
3100 Channing Way
Idaho Falls
208-227-2600



What is ultrasound?

Your doctor has ordered for you a body imaging test known as an ultrasound. Ultrasound is like ordinary sound except it has a frequency (or pitch) higher than human beings can hear. No radiation is involved. When sent into the body via a transducer (small, handheld probe) resting on a patient's skin, the sound is reflected off internal structures. The returning echoes are received by the transducer and converted into pictures of the internal structures on a viewing screen. Diagnostic ultrasound imaging is commonly called sonography or ultrasonography.

How to register:

Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early to register (unless you are instructed differently). See the following schedule for guidance on where and when to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Mon.- Fri.</i>	
12 - 6:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medical Imaging Dept.
4:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
7 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Saturday</i>	
12 - 7:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
4 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Sunday</i>	
All day	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)