



The Harley Street Breast Clinic offers a true 'One-Stop Shop'. Our patients can have a specialist consultation, mammogram, ultrasound and needle biopsy with all results explained to our patients within **two hours**.

# **Our Procedures Explained**

#### Mammogram

You can let your patients know that mammograms at the clinic involve four views of the breast. The Consultant Breast Radiologist will give the results to the Breast Consultant within half an hour. All our mammograms are



further reported by a second specialist Consultant Breast Radiologist. We have the facilities for specialist compression and magnification views.

#### **Ultrasound**

Ultrasound scans are effective for breast diagnosis in all age groups and many women will be advised to have a mammogram and an ultrasound scan. The ultrasound scan is carried out by a Consultant Breast Radiologist. Most patients find the breast ultrasound quick and easy.

### Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC)

This type of breast biopsy is usually performed under ultrasound guidance by a Consultant Breast Radiologist. Fine needle biopsy cytology (FNAC) works by obtaining either

single or small clusters of breast cells which can be easily examined by our Consultant Cytopathologist. The test often yields just a drop of fluid which is immediately spread onto a glass slide and examined under a microscope. The FNAC test is very quick and is no more uncomfortable than having a blood test. The cytology results of the FNAC are ready to review with the patient in approximately 45 minutes.

#### **Core Needle Biopsy**

A core needle biopsy is an ultrasound guided procedure carried out under local anaesthetic by the Consultant Breast Radiologist. We use a 14G needle to take a very small sample of tissue. Because the biopsy tissue is intact, more information is derived from this test as the architecture of the breast tissue can be examined microscopically.

The small tissue sample obtained from a core needle biopsy is processed in our unique on site laboratory and examined by a Consultant cytopathologist under a microscope. We have developed a rapid technique that takes individual cells from the surface of the biopsy called touch imprint cytology. These individual cells are analysed and an immediate provisional result is available within 45 minutes. This method of rapid analysis is more than 97% accurate. The final histology result is fast traced and available within 24 – 48 hours. The patient will receive the results at the next consultation.

## **Vacuum Assisted Stereotactic Biopsy**

A stereotactic biopsy of the breast is a needle biopsy procedure that is carried out under mammographic guidance using local anaesthetic. Stereotactic biopsies use an advanced technique coordinating with digital mammography the exact area within the breast to be sampled. It guides the position of the biopsy needle to that precise location to obtain very accurate core biopsies with vacuum assistance.

Multiple biopsies can be taken from an area of the breast without any further incisions. The core biopsies collected are imaged by another x-ray unit on site. This confirms that the area of interest has been adequately sampled.





The Harley Street Breast Clinic is London's newest specialised breast centre. Exclusively focused on breast disease and designed to take every aspect of breast care to a new level, the Harley Street Breast Clinic provides rapid diagnosis, advice and treatment for all breast problems as well as a very exclusive routine breast screening service.

The Harley Street Breast Clinic is the pinnacle of specialist Breast disease diagnosis in London managing every patient's case to the smallest detail. We have an integrated and exclusive breast care team that includes Specialist Breast and Plastic Reconstructive Surgeons, Radiologists, Medical and Clinical Oncologists, Histopathologists and Cytopathologists.

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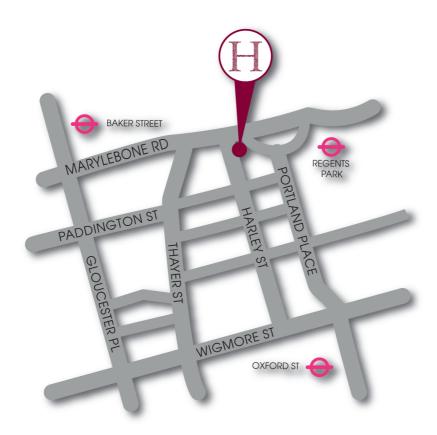
#### What we offer:

- All patients at the 'One-Stop' Breast Clinic have an initial consultation and clinical examination by a Consultant Breast Surgeon
- The latest Full Field Digital Mammography reported by two specialist Consultant Breast Radiologists
- Consultant Radiologist guided ultrasound
- Ultrasound-guided needle biopsy with immediate results from our on-site Consultant Cytopathologist
- A second consultation with the Consultant Breast Surgeon to discuss results and plan any treatment that may be necessary
- Walk-in, screening mammograms with immediate results if performed during our One-Stop Clinic

For further information on the service we offer, call us or visit our web site.

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