

Breast Marker Clip

What is a Breast Marker Clip?

A breast marker clip is a small pellet that is left inside the breast after a biopsy. The clips used in our breast clinics are made of polymer or titanium. They are very small (5 mm) and you will not be able to feel them.

If you need to have a breast marker clip, the clinician will inform you, ask for your consent and ask you to sign a consent form.

Inform the clinician if you have any allergies before the clip is inserted.

Why are they left in the breast?

- As a permanent indicator of where the biopsy was taken.
- It will help identify the area clearly if surgery is needed.
- It is recognised by professionals looking at your mammograms in the future. The markers help them make decisions about your mammogram.



Are there any risks involved?

Risks of having a marker clip insertion are:

- Hematoma
- Hemorrhage
- Infection
- Pain at the site of the clip
- Marker migration
- Allergy to the materials
- Some clips cannot be used if you have breast implants

What happens after the procedure?

Before you go home you will need to have a mammogram to check the position of the clip within the breast.

You may eat and drink as normal.

What happens if I can't keep my appointment?

If you cannot keep your appointment, please contact the breast radiology department on 0161 922 6305 and ask to speak to an Advanced Practitioner. If you are admitted to hospital before your appointment, please tell the ward staff that you have an ultrasound marker clip insertion appointment booked.

If there is a problem

Please contact the radiology department on 0161 922 6305, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, if you need advice.

If you suspect that the wound has become infected i.e. redness, swelling, offensive discharge etc. contact your GP for advice and/or treatment.

If you experience pain when the local anaesthetic has worn off you can take simple pain relief such as paracetamol which is usually sufficient (avoid Aspirin as this has a blood thinning effect and may encourage bleeding or worsen



bruising).

If you feel you need urgent medical attention or are worried about anything outside of our normal opening hours, please contact your GP or go to your nearest accident and emergency (A&E) department.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the procedure, please ring 0161 922 6426, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, or write your questions in this box and bring this leaflet with you.

Source

In compiling this information leaflet, a number of recognised professional and accredited good practice guidelines have been used.

If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332



Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service (LIPS):

If you require an interpreter to assist your appointment, please ask an appropriate family member to contact our central booking office between **Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm** on **0161 922 6991** to arrange this for you.

語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS)

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 **0161 922 6991** 聯絡本中

央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (*Central Booking Office*), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od **08:00 - 17:00** pod numerem **0161 922 6991**.

لینگویج، انٹریٹیشن اینڈ پیسٹ سپورٹ سروس (لپس)

اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنمنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل بنگ آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

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