

# **SUPERFICIAL BIOPSY, ASPIRATION & DRAINAGE**

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- **Includes:**

- thyroid nodule FNA
- parotid, submandibular & sublingual mass biopsy
- cervical, axillary, supraclavicular and inguinal lymph node biopsy
- chest, abdominal pelvic wall fluid aspiration or drainage
- extremity lesion biopsy, aspiration or drainage
- palpable lesion biopsy, aspiration or drainage

	<b>Cerner Order</b>	<b>Rad Tech DOE Order</b>
<b>FNA/Biopsy</b>	IR Biopsy Superficial	US Biopsy
<b>Aspiration/Drainage</b>	US Guidance Needle Placement	US Guidance Needle Placement

## **For Providers**

- **Need to hold blood thinners:** no
- **Need to hold other meds:** no
- **Need to be NPO:** no
- **Need blood work:** not routinely checked (*if checked - platelets  $\geq 20k$  and INR  $\leq 3.0$* )
- **Receive moderate sedation:** no (just local anesthetic)

## **For Schedulers**

- Requirements in **For Provider** section also apply.
- **Need imaging/radiologist review:** yes (except thyroid FNA recommended by St Vincents Radiology and seroma aspiration/drainage do not require approval)
- **Need H&P:** not required but preferred (does not have to be within 30 days)
- **Need a driver:** no
- **Need bed in Short Stay / PACU:** no
- **Need an IV:** no
- **Arrival time:** 30 mins prior to appointment
- **Stay after procedure:** leave immediately after procedure
- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Byra (BY), Carter (CA), Cohen (DC), Combs (JC), Edwards (JE), Hoffman (RH), Howard (JH), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Roth (NR), Sherard (DS), Taylor (IT), Wood (CW)
- Order needs to specify side (right/left) and site (if applicable).
- If for diagnostic aspiration/drainage, order needs to specify what fluid labs are needed.

## **Clay Scheduling Notes**

- Current outpatient CT procedure slots: 9:00 am and 10:00 am.
- Current outpatient US procedure slots: 8:00 am and 11:00 am.