

Patient information

Information about clip insertion under ultrasound guidance for neo-adjuvant chemotherapy

Why do you need a clip inserted?

When you have chemotherapy first and then surgery, sometimes during the chemotherapy the tumour shrinks down so that it is difficult to identify, therefore a small titanium clip is inserted into the breast beforehand so that the affected area can be identified by the pathologist after surgery.

How is the clip inserted?

You will be given a local anaesthetic into the area. Then with the use of ultrasound, the area will be identified and a small incision will be made in the skin and the clip will be inserted with a fine bore needle. A small dressing will be applied afterwards.

After the procedure

- You will have an x-ray to confirm the position of the clip
- Your breast may be tender for a couple of days
- The dressing should be kept on for 24 hours.

The clip is safe in MRI scans and CT scans and will not affect airport scanners.

Discharge advice

Do not let your pressure bandage get wet in the bath or shower for 24 hours. Some bruising and slight bleeding is to be expected.

If you experience pain or discomfort you can take paracetamol or other paracetamol containing medicines, but avoid aspirin as this could encourage bleeding.

If you have any concerns please contact:

Breast Care Nursing Team

Telephone: 01284 713281

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Or contact your GP out of hours.

Donations in support of our work may be made to the West Suffolk Hospital Breast Cancer Fund.

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust is actively involved in clinical research. Your doctor, clinical team or the research and development department may contact you regarding specific clinical research studies that you might be interested in participating in. If you do not wish to be contacted for these purposes, please email info.gov@wsh.nsh.uk. This will in no way affect the care or treatment you receive.

If you would like any information regarding access to the West Suffolk Hospital and its facilities please visit the website for AccessAble (the new name for DisabledGo) <https://www.accessable.co.uk/organisations/west-suffolk-nhs-foundation-trust>



© West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust