

**PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ULTRASOUND GUIDED BREAST/LYMPH  
NODE BIOPSY, THYROID BIOPSY, PARACENTESIS AND THORACENTESIS**

**EXAM DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DURATION OF EXAM:** 60 minutes

Radiology is located on the ground floor.

**Pre-Procedure Instructions for Ultrasound Guided Breast/Lymph Node biopsy, Thyroid Biopsy, Paracentesis and Thoracentesis**

- Please arrive in Heywood Radiology approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.
- You may drive yourself to and from the appointment, a ride is not required.
- You may eat the day of your procedure
- All blood thinning medications must be stopped 7 days prior to your procedure (Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Advil). Prescribed blood thinning medications such as Coumadin, Eliquis, Plavix or Xarelto must be stopped at the discretion of your doctor. If these medications cannot be stopped safely, your procedure may have to be rescheduled.
- You will need labs drawn (CBC, PT/INR, PTT) within 30 days of your procedure in order to assess your Platelets and clotting time. These labs cannot be done the day of your procedure as they take time to process and could cause a delay or cancellation of your procedure.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEST: 978-630-6235**

**PATIENT SCHEDULING: 978-630-5070**