



Breast Biopsy and Lumpectomy

This is Dr. _____ dictating an operative note on pt _____, MRN _____ copies to Dr. _____ (MRP, to the chart and to the pt's family doctor)

DATE OF PROCEDURE:

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1) Right/left incisional/excisional biopsy (*or lumpectomy*)

PREOP DX: Right/left breast mass

POSTOP DX: same

SURGEON:

ASSISTANT:

ANESTHETIST:

ANESTHETIC: General anesthetic

CLINICAL NOTE:

This is a _____-year old man/woman who initially presented with a *palpable mass in the L or R/abnormal mammogram*. Subsequent workup included a core needle biopsy, which demonstrated *invasive carcinoma/DCIS/atypical ductal hyperplasia/etc*. Biopsy of the mass was recommended for *management/diagnosis* and thus surgery was indicated and recommended. The risks, benefits, alternative and rationale of surgery explained including the risk of not operating. Informed consent was obtained for an (*incisional/excisional*) breast biopsy which we performed today.

OPERATIVE NOTE:

The patient was brought to the operating room where a surgical safety checklist was performed. General anaesthesia was induced. In supine position, the (*right/left*) chest and axilla were prepped and draped in a sterile fashion.

A (*circumareolar/elliptical/skin crease*) incision was made adjacent to the palpable mass using a scalpel. Flaps were raised using sharp dissection, and the location of the mass was confirmed by palpation.

- ***If incisional biopsy:*** A wedge was cut from the mass and sent to pathology for examination.
- ***If excisional biopsy:*** Using a (*scalpel/electrocautery*), the mass was dissected from the surrounding tissues. The specimen was oriented and sent to pathology for analysis. The remaining cavity was palpated and inspected to ensure no additional abnormalities. (*If an abnormality was found, it was excised and submitted separately to pathology*).

Hemostasis was achieved using electrocautery and (*2-0/3-0 vicryl/silk ties*). The subcutaneous tissue was re-approximated with interrupted 3-0 vicryl sutures. The skin was closed with 4-0 monofilament sub-cuticular running stitches. The operative field was cleaned and dried. Steri-strips/dressings were applied.

There were no intra-operative complications and estimated blood loss was _____ cc. All instrument and sponge counts were correct. A surgical de-briefing was performed. The patient was extubated and transferred to the PACU in stable condition.

----- **End of Dictation** -----

NOTE: Should only be used for routine operations. For more challenging operations, a modified template may be needed.