

Moving Forward with Your BARD[®] Biopsy Breast Tissue Marker



BARD *Biopsy*

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hemorrhage (active bleeding), infection, adjacent tissue injury, and pain.

Please consult with your physician if any complications arise related to your breast tissue marker.

Q: I am allergic to metal jewelry. Should I be concerned about a marker placement in my breast?

A: Please consult with your physician about any allergies or sensitivities you may have to metal materials before undergoing a procedure.

If you have any signs of an allergic reaction after a marker placement, including minor itching, and/or redness, please contact your physician immediately. If you experience body swelling, swelling of the throat, or difficulty breathing, or you are unable to contact your physician, you should contact 911, as these may be signs of a serious allergic reaction.

Q: Will I feel the breast tissue marker?

A: The breast tissue marker is only a few millimeters in size and it is very unlikely that you will feel the marker.

Q: Will the breast tissue marker move around?

A: Breast tissue markers are designed to discourage movement after being placed. However, physicians are aware that certain tissue changes may cause the marker to move slightly from its original location.

Q: Will I be able to have an MRI procedure?

A: Many breast tissue markers can be scanned with MRI under appropriate conditions. Notify the physician performing the MRI that you have a breast tissue marker implant.

Q: Will information be stored on my breast tissue marker?

A: No. Breast tissue markers do not have any electronics and do not have any data storage capabilities.

Q: How does the breast tissue marker get removed from my breast?

A: The breast tissue marker is designed to stay in your breast permanently. However, the marker may be removed at the discretion of your physician, or if your lesion is surgically removed.

Q: Am I getting a breast tissue marker because I have cancer?

A: No, the breast tissue marker is intended to identify the site of your biopsy.

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

A: Please consult with your physician if you have additional questions or concerns.



The BARD® breast tissue marker you received is:



BARD® breast tissue markers are intended to radiographically and sonographically mark breast tissue prior to or during a breast biopsy procedure.

Please consult product labels and inserts for complete indications, contraindications, hazards, warnings, precautions and directions for use.

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