

Wire marking outline of the breast

Patient instructions

In this wire marking procedure, a small change/abnormality in the breast tissue that is not detectable by touch is marked with a metal wire. In this way, it is possible to remove just the right point during the operation.

How to prepare for the procedure?

The procedure does not require any preparation from you. Follow the instructions you received for the operation.

How is the procedure done?

If necessary, mammographic images are taken of the breast first. The Radiologist uses a needle to insert a thin barbed wire into the breast. Ultrasound or mammography will be used to help locate the abnormality. The chest is then imaged on a mammography device to see where the tip of the wire is in relation to the change.

Putting the thread is almost painless. Finally, the end of the thread visible on the surface of the skin is covered with folds. The procedure usually takes about an hour.

What about after the procedure?

You will be taken back to the ward to wait for the surgery. The breast may feel tender after the examination.