You and your provider have decided that you need a fine needle aspiration to further check an area in your breast. This procedure can be used to withdraw cells for microscopic evaluation or to drain fluid from a breast cyst.

Procedure
During a fine needle aspiration, a local anesthetic will be injected to numb the skin. A very fine needle will be inserted to withdraw a sample from a lump in the breast, which may be sent to the lab for evaluation. Most women have only slight discomfort during the procedure.

Results
Most times results from the aspiration come 2 to 3 working days later. A nurse will call you as soon as the results are available and a doctor has been consulted.

Home Care
A small Band-aid will be placed over the aspiration site. You should have minimal bleeding and the Band-aid may be removed in several hours.

If you do notice that the area becomes increasingly red, sore, or you have a temperature greater than 101°F (38.3°C), please call the Women's Health Care Center at 206-598-5500 and ask to speak with the Breast Clinic nurse.

Questions?
Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns.

Women's Health Care Center: 206-598-5500 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For emergencies after hours and on weekends, please call 206-598-6190 and ask for the gynecology doctor on call.