

## Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic Physician Information Sheet

The **Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic** is routinely used to evaluate **superficial, palpable** lumps of the Thyroid, Breast, Head and Neck and any other easily accessible site. The pathologists perform the procedure on site and immediately evaluate a portion of the sample to determine if there is enough material present to make a diagnosis. The specimen is usually processed and interpreted the same day so that a report will be forwarded to the ordering physician within 24 hours. The patient is encouraged to contact their physician to discuss the results.

The clinic is operated **Wednesday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:00 am** within the Laboratory on the lower level of the Red Deer Regional Hospital. Call during regular business hours Monday to Friday to book an appointment. Urgent appointments can be arranged on other days and times after discussion with the pathologist. If the patient wishes to cancel or rebook their appointment, **please instruct them go through your office staff**. Reserve the FNA clinic phone number for communication with office staff only.

### NOTE:

1. **For suspected lymphoma cases, the FNA appointment is required to be booked at 8:00 am.**
2. **The site to be aspirated must be superficial and palpable. Deeper masses must be booked through Diagnostic Imaging.**

### **To book an appointment for the Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic**

Call 403-309-2847 or 1-877-309-2847 with the following information:

Patient Name  
DOB  
PHN  
Site to Aspirate  
Clinical History  
Referring Physician Name  
Patient Telephone Number

Please inform the clinic if the patient is not mentally competent or ambulatory so appropriate preparations can be arranged.

**Any history, including x-ray or ultrasound reports, should be faxed with a referral letter as soon as possible to 403-343-4811**

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