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Thyroid Biopsy Consent Form

Patient Name

Date

An abnormality has been identified in your thyroid for which a biopsy has been recommended. The biopsy is performed as an outpatient procedure with local anesthesia using lidocaine. The biopsy will be performed using ultrasound to help guide the needle to the abnormality in your thyroid. Usually the anesthesia will eliminate any pain. A biopsy needle will be placed into the abnormality and a sample of cells removed. A pathologist will receive the sample and examine it under a microscope and do various other tests as necessary.

There are potential complications you should understand:

- *Infection:* It is possible the biopsy site could become infected, although it is uncommon. Some slight bruising may be noted post biopsy.

It is important for the doctor to know if:

1. You tend to bleed excessively with minor cuts

2. You take any medications that are anticoagulants or blood thinners such as:

____ Coumadin

____ Persantine

____ Lovenox

____ Ticlid

____ Heparin

____ Vitamin E

____ Aspirin

____ Arthritis Medications

____ Other: _____

3. Please list any and all allergies: _____

Patient Signature / Responsible Party

Witness Signature