

## FAQs-

### MAMMOTOME BIOPSY

#### WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT HAVING A BREAST BIOPSY MAMMOTOME?

Before your biopsy with the Mammotome, you will be given a local anesthetic to minimize any discomfort. The procedure from the time you come in to register to the time you leave is approximately two hours, and you will be able to resume your normal activities by the next morning.

- 1) During the procedure, you will either lie on your back or side, or sit on a specially designed chair.
- 2) The Mammotome probe is inserted only once through a ¼ inch incision in your breast.
- 3) Once the probe is positioned at the areas of concern, it gently vacuums, cuts and removes tissue for examination and evaluation.
- 4) To monitor your breast health, the doctor will place a marker at the biopsy site. This marker is very small and you will not be able to feel it once it is placed in your breast.
  - Two reasons for marking the Biopsy Site are:
    - The marker identifies an area of importance for future mammograms.
    - If the biopsy site is malignant, the marker identifies the exact location for surgical removal of the abnormality.
- 5) The single incision is closed with a small adhesive bandage.