



What to Expect during A Wire Localization

- There is no preparation on your part, however do not eat or drink after midnight on the evening prior to your surgery.
- Wear comfortable two piece clothing with a blouse that opens in the front and arrive at the Breast Center of Greensboro 20 minutes before your appointment time.
- Bring someone to drive you to Day Surgery.
- After you have been registered, a technologist will escort you to a dressing room and ask you to undress above the waist and slip on a gown.
- Next your blood pressure, temperature and blood glucose will be taken, recorded, and sent to the Day Surgery staff.
- A physician will explain the procedure of the wire localization to you and answer any questions you may have before starting the procedure.
- Depending on the visibility of the area we need to localize, you will either be lying on the ultrasound exam table or sitting in front of a mammogram unit during the procedure.
- Your breast will be cleaned with betadine and alcohol and the area will be numbed with lidocaine.
- A tiny wire will be inserted through the area to be surgically removed and images will be taken during and after the procedure. This serves as a map for the surgeon.
- The wire will be taped securely to your breast; you will get dressed and be given a tote bag with items to take to the admitting staff at the Day Surgery Center.
- Please do not hesitate to call the Breast Center of Greensboro at 271-4999 with any questions.