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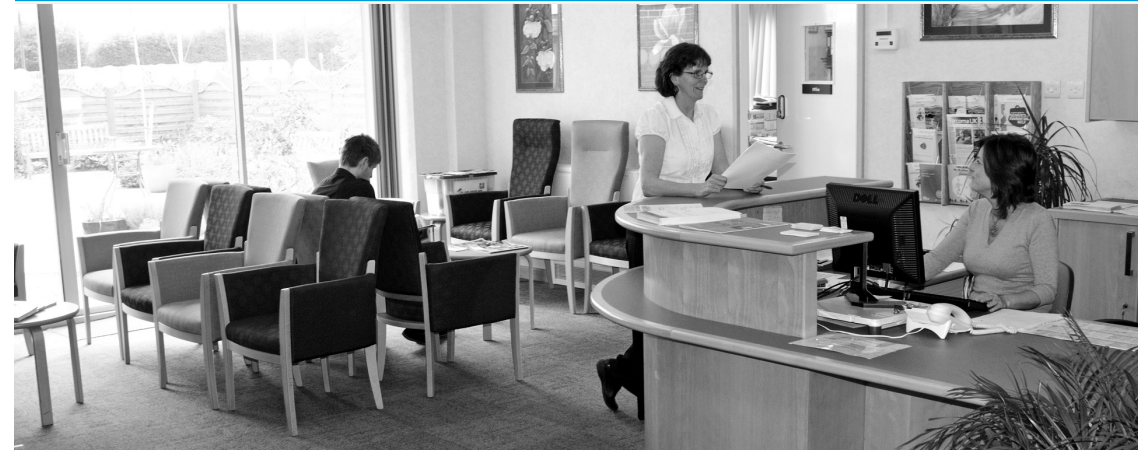
### Hospital Stop Smoking Service

For advice and information on quitting smoking, or for an informal chat, please contact the Hospital Stop Smoking Sister on:  
[01691 404114](tel:01691404114)

### Further Information

Please contact the tumour unit with any questions or if you are concerned on [01691 404107](tel:01691404107).  
If there is no one to take your call please leave your name and number on the answer machine.

# Information for patients Information for patients having a Trucut Biopsy in clinic



# Musculoskeletal Tumour Service

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### Introduction

A Trucut biopsy is a relatively simple procedure, only taking a few minutes and is undertaken in the clinic. It is done to obtain a small sample of tissue to reach a diagnosis.

### Procedure

A small injection of local anaesthetic is given into the skin. This can sting a little at first but takes effect very quickly. A special needle is used to obtain the tissue sample and leaves a small puncture wound. A dressing will then be applied.

### After care

The dressing should be left in place undisturbed for 48 hours after which it may be removed and you can shower or bathe as normal. You may feel a little discomfort but there should not be any excessive pain. If you do experience any pain you may take some simple pain relief such as Paracetamol. If the pain does not settle, contact your own General Practitioner (GP) or a member of staff in the Tumour Unit on **01691 404107**.

### Risks

There is usually only a very small risk of infection, however if you develop any signs of infection around the area the sample was taken from, such as redness, the skin feeling hot, swelling or discharge you should contact your own GP immediately.

### Benefits

This simple procedure is the best and quickest way for us to reach a diagnosis. We can then offer you the most appropriate treatment.

### Results

The sample is sent to the pathology lab where it will be looked at by the pathologist. This process can take up to 10 days as the sample needs to be prepared before being looked at under the microscope. You will be contacted to re-attend the clinic for your results in approximately two weeks time.

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