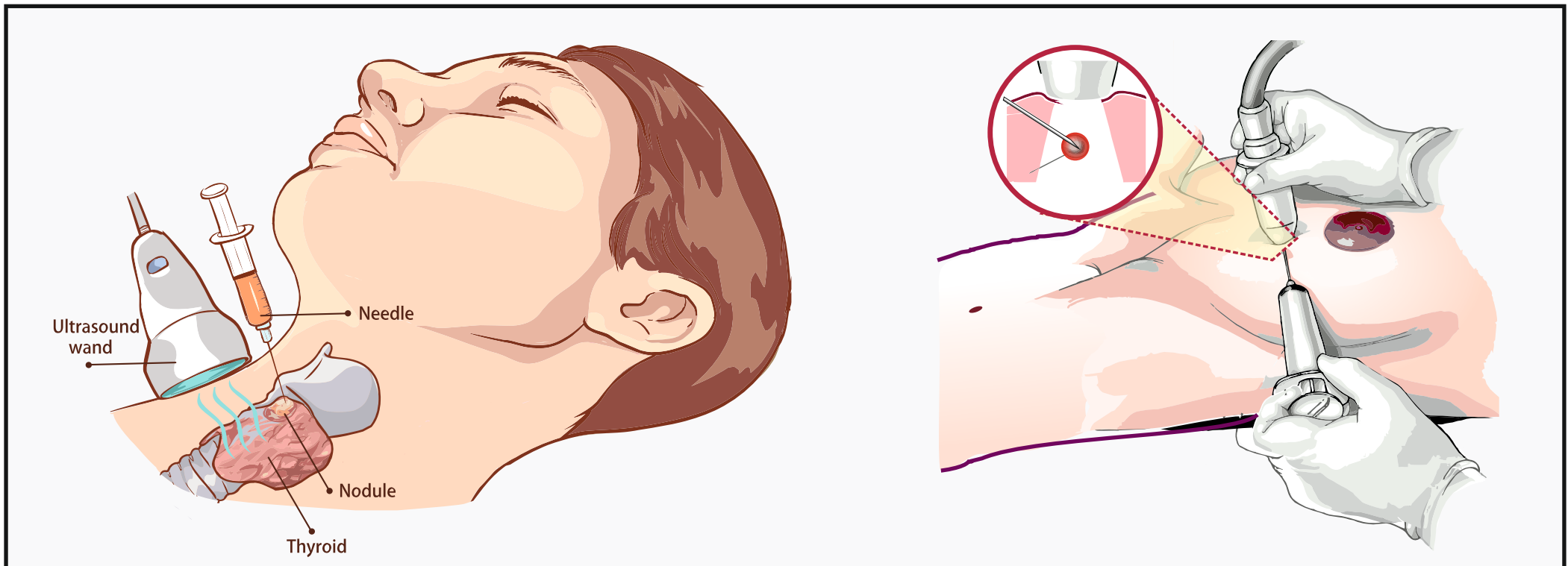




CORE BIOPSY



Overview:

A core biopsy is a procedure where a needle is passed through the skin to obtain a sample of tissue from a mass or lump. The tissue sample is then examined under a microscope for any abnormalities.

Pre Procedure:

- You are requested to carry the doctor's prescription and come to the procedure room in the Oncology department.
- Please inform your doctor if you are on blood thinners / cardiac medicines.
- There are no dietary or food restrictions before the procedure.
- You must eat properly and come for the procedure. Make sure you are not on an empty stomach.

During Procedure:

- This is an invasive procedure that usually takes about 20 minutes. It is performed by the treating doctor with a nurse assisting at all times.
- You may experience slight pain / discomfort during the procedure.
- You will be asked to sign a consent form.
- You are settled comfortably in an area where your privacy is respected throughout the procedure.
- The site of biopsy is exposed and the rest of the body is covered with a bed sheet / blanket.

- The site is disinfected with an antiseptic solution.
- Doctor may administer local anesthesia via injection around the area to numb it.
- The procedure is done with an automated gun.
- Post procedure, the site will be disinfected with antiseptic solution and band aid will be applied to the site.
- You will be asked to rest for 5 minutes.

Post Procedure:

- Post procedure, you may be advised pain killers.
- There are no dietary restrictions after the procedure and you may resume normal activities.
- The applied band aid may be removed after few hours, post procedure.
- Reports will be available within <1 to 4 days> and can be collected from the <Oncology / Lab> Department.