

## If You Find a Lump in Your Breast

Breast lumps are actually very common, especially in premenopausal women. They normally go away by the end of your menstrual cycle. Eight out of ten breast lumps are not cancerous. But do not ignore a change in your breast. The best advice is to see a health care provider.

Answers to the following questions will help you understand tests that may be necessary to diagnose a breast problem.

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**Q:** Will you refer me for a mammogram? When would an ultrasound be done?

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**Q:** Is there any role for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in my case?

**A:**

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**Q:** Can this lump be aspirated (fluid or cells removed with a needle)? If so, who will perform the procedure?

**A:**

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**Q:** Will I need a biopsy (tissue is examined under a microscope)?

**A:**

**Q:** If further tests and/or treatment are needed, will you refer me to a doctor who specializes in breast problems?

**A:**

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**Q:** Do you recommend any special follow-up?

**A:**

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**Q:** What non-cancerous conditions can cause breast lumps?

**A:**

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**Q:** When will I receive the results of the mammogram or ultrasound?

**A:**

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**Q:** What is the next step if the mammogram and ultrasound are inconclusive?

**A:**