Breast Marker Clips

A breast marker clip may be placed during your biopsy. This is a permanent marker to identify the area where the breast tissue was removed.

Here is information about marker clips:

- Marker clips that are used for breast biopsies are made of titanium. The marker clip is the size of a sesame seed and is rarely felt after placement.

- The marker clip is safe. A marker clip will not set off any metal detectors and will not interfere with radiology testing. Allergic reactions to the titanium are very rare. It is the same metal used in hip and knee joint replacements.

- If the doctor feels a marker clip should be used, it will be inserted at the end of the breast biopsy. This will mark the place where the breast tissue was removed. The clip will show the area of your breast biopsy and can be seen on future mammograms.

- If a biopsy result is abnormal, more breast tissue may need to be removed. The marker clip is placed to show the exact location of the abnormal tissue.