

Insertion of a breast coil marker

This leaflet explains what a breast coil marker is and why it is used. If you have any questions about the marker or the procedure to insert it, please speak to your breast screening specialist nurse.

1. The coil marker is used to aid visibility on both x-rays and ultrasound for small areas of breast tissue or calcification.
2. The coil marker is often inserted at the time of biopsy with local anaesthetic, to ensure that the area can be accurately identified again.
3. The coil is a few millimetre in size and made from either titanium or stainless steel. It is safe for you to have MRI scans or passing through airport security (No bleeping)
4. The coil will be seen on a mammogram and may often be seen on ultrasound.
5. The coil can safely be left within the breast with no side-effects.

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