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This information is given to provide you with an	這份資料提供淋巴結切除
understanding of the procedures you will experience	術的資料和其過程簡介。當證
with the removal of your sentinel lymph node(s). The	實乳癌擴散後,淋巴結是最有
sentinel lymph node(s), is (are) believed to most like-	可能擴散到的位置。淋巴結的
ly contain disease if the cancer has spread from the	活檢可減低因切除太多的腋下
breast to the lymph nodes. Sentinel lymph node bi-	淋巴結而發生併發症的機會,
opsy has been developed to decrease the potential	更可以徹底地研究這些切除的
complications of removing multiple lymph nodes	淋巴結。在乳癌手術的過程
from your armpit and to study those lymph nodes	中,同時進行活檢和切除較少
more thoroughly. Scientific evaluation of removing	的淋巴結正在用科學方法去評
and testing fewer lymph nodes during breast cancer	估其效果。
surgery is ongoing. You may be asked to participate	現時有幾種方法來找到乳
in a clinical trial.	远时有
There are several ways to locate the sentinel	個核醫學掃描可被稱為淋巴腺
node: a nuclear medicine scan called lymphoscintig-	掃描定位,藍染料法或雨者。
raphy, blue dye or both. Your physician will discuss	你的醫生將討論哪些程序最適
which procedures best match your situation.	合你的病情。
Who is a candidate for this?	
If your tumor is 3 cm or less, and your health care	誰是合適人選?
	如果你的腫瘤是3厘米以
providers do not feel cancer in your lymph glands,	内和你的醫務人員用手摸不到
then you can have this procedure. The indications	你有淋巴癌的話,那麼你便可
are changing and we have several clinical trials to	以接受這療程。由於適當的使

improve how we use sentinel lymph node biopsy.	用指標隨時可被更改,我們正
	有幾個做淋巴結活檢的臨床試
	驗去尋找如何可以改善用淋巴
	結活檢。
Pre-Operative:	手術前:
On the day of or the day before your surgery, you	在你手術前一天或當天,
will report to your pre-registration area. Please check	你要向註冊處報到。請查看手
for this location in materials given to you by the sur-	術排期員給你的材料以得知註
gery scheduler.	冊處的位置○
Nuclear medicine scan Lymphoscintigraphy):	淋巴腺核掃描:
This exam is done in the Department of Nuclear	這個掃瞄會在核放射醫學
Medicine. A nuclear medicine physician injects a	部做。核專科醫生會注射少量
small amount of radioactive material (technetium	放射性物質(鍀硫膠體)進入
sulfur colloid) into the skin around the site of the	乳癌部位上的皮膚。該物質通
breast cancer. The material moves through the skin's	過皮膚的淋巴管道移動,淋巴
lymphatic channels, and a special scan called lym-	掃瞄可以找出特別是在腋下乳
phoscintigraphy determines the location of the re-	癌可擴散到的高危淋巴結的位
gional lymph node(s) in your armpit most at risk for	置,以確定淋巴結是否包含癌
containing cancer cells. The sentinel lymph node(s)	細胞○
can be located whether or not they contain cancer	
cells.	
During the procedure, which takes about one	手術需時約一個小時,你
hour, you will be lying on your back on an exam ta-	會趴在手術檯,然後技術人員
ble; a large camera will be moved around your body,	會將大型相機移動到你身體的
and a technician will make images. The amount of	各個位置讓技術人員拍攝圖
radiation exposure with this procedure will be less	像。這步驟的放射量比常規胸
than that of a routine chest x-ray. The sentinel lymph	部 X 射線為小 ○ 就這樣,高危
node(s) is then identified and its location marked on	的淋巴結便會被定位並放上標
the skin with a marker. The side effects associated	記。此過程的副作用包括注射 部位可能會有輕微疼痛,發紅

with this procedure are slight pain at the injection	和壓痛持續1-2天,也有很少
site during and shortly after injection, possible red-	的感染機會。
ness and tenderness at the injection site lasting 1-2	
days, and rarely, infection.	
"Blue Dye" Mapping and Lymph Node	采用"藍染料"映像去配合切除
Removal During Surgery:	淋巴結手術:
In the Operating Room, lymphatic mapping is	大千你户中, 今公田北田叶
performed. The surgeon injects a blue dye (Lym-	在手術室中,會采用淋巴映
phazurin) into the skin around where the breast can-	像配合做手術的位置。外科醫
cer is or was. The blue dye is picked up by the lym-	生會先注射藍色染料
phatic vessels and travels to the sentinel node(s).	(Lymphazurin) 到乳癌周圍的 中原用。出田笃会职收蓝名氿
The blue dye may discolor (a blue tinge) the injected	皮膚里。淋巴管會吸收藍色染 料去到作崗哨的淋巴結。藍色
skin, the lymphatic channels, and the urine. If the	染料會令皮膚、淋巴通道和尿
discolored skin is not completely removed surgically,	液變(藍)色。如果變色皮膚
the blue color will remain for several weeks (some-	沒有在手術中完全被切除,藍
times months). The urine will return to normal color	色將持續數週(有時數個
in 2-3 days. There is a possibility of allergic reaction	月)。尿液在2-3天内將返回正
to the blue dye at the time of injection, although this	常顏色。在進行映像時,有些
is rare.	儘管是罕見的過敏反應也可能
	發生。
While you are in the Operating Room, readings	在手術室時,如放一個金屬
will be done with a device called a Neoprobe (gam-	探頭在特定乳癌和腋窩下淋巴
ma counter), by placing a metal probe on specific	結區域的皮膚位置,那麼一種
areas of your skin, over the area of your breast can-	叫做Neoprobe(伽馬gamma計算
cer, as well as the lymph node(s) in your armpits. The	器)的設備便可以計算到放射
machine then records numbers measuring the radio-	的讀數。該機器可以測量放射
active material (the technetium sulfur colloid inject-	量並記錄讀數(在核醫學部注
ed in Nuclear Medicine), and assists the surgeon in	射鍀硫膠體),以協助外科醫
locating the lymph node(s) to be sampled during the	生在手術中能在作崗哨的淋巴

operation.

Following the lymphatic mapping, an incision is made in the armpit. A lymph node(s) that is blue, or has a high count, is a sentinel lymph node. It will be removed and sent to the pathology department where special stains will be done to more closely examine these lymph nodes. Whether or not further lymph nodes are removed depends on your individual situation. Please discuss what is appropriate for you with your surgeon or nurse. All of the information about your lymph nodes will be reported in your pathology report that you will review with your surgeon.

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在做完淋巴映像配合手術 後,會在腋下開刀。如果淋巴 結是藍色,而放射物料讀數也 是藍色,而放射物料讀數也 是高的,這便代表癌已經擴散 會被切除,並被送到病理給 會被切除色去做更仔細的檢 拿特別染色去做更仔細的檢 的點巴結會否被切除是由 的 了論意樣做會最適 的 了論會在你的病理報告中, 讓你的醫生可與你一同分析報 告。

