



General Surgery

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Dear Patient:

This is a brief letter of introduction to *Northeast Surgical Group*. Your referring/family doctor has determined that you need to be evaluated for a problem within your breast. We are as concerned as you are. All of us are aware of the increasing incidence of Breast Cancer. However, we think that it is very important for you to know that just because your doctor wants you to see one of our surgeons, this does **not** automatically mean you have cancer. Most of the patients who come to see us do not have cancer. Therefore, we would like to prepare you for your consultation and make the time you spend with us both pleasant and informative.

In order to better organize your time with us we have put together this letter to help inform you of the things that we need.

A. The first thing to be aware of is that you may not even need a biopsy. This is a Consultation. This allows us to gather all of your clinical information with your Mammographic and Ultrasound studies to determine what is the best course of therapy for you.

B. Please fill out our history questionnaire. This is important. This can help determine what risk factors for cancer you may have.

C. It is mandatory for you to bring your Mammography Films. This is the only way for us to determine if you do need a biopsy. Please remember, it is common for us to reschedule your appointment if you do not have these x-rays.

D. We encourage you to begin to write down your questions before your consultation. By doing this you will not forget the questions that you need answered.

We hope that this brief letter helps alleviate your fears and makes your time with us a pleasant and educational experience. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Northeast Surgical Group