

# Lumpectomy

You may be worried about having a lumpectomy. Remember, your care team is here to support you. Knowing more about this surgery may also help you feel better.

Lumpectomy is surgery to remove a lump, or tumor, from your breast. It is sometimes called breast-conserving surgery. That's because much of your breast will be left intact.

For this surgery, you are first given medicine, so you fall asleep and don't feel pain.

Your surgeon then makes a small cut near the lump in your breast. They remove the lump and an edge, or margin, of nearby healthy tissue.

Your surgeon may also make another small cut in your armpit. They may do so to take out nearby lymph nodes. These nodes, the lump, and the margin of healthy tissue will be checked for cancer in a lab.

Once done, your surgeon closes all cuts and covers them with bandages.

After the surgery, you can likely go home the same day. Follow any instructions to heal safely. Your surgeon will be in touch with the lab results. They can answer any questions you have.