Thyroid FNA

- Ultrasound guided FNA for thyroid nodules
- Molecular assays for indeterminate thyroid nodules available

Which thyroid nodules require FNA?
In general, thyroid nodules under 1 cm do not require FNA. Suspicious appearing nodules > 1 cm, and most nodules > 2 cm should be biopsied.

What does the thyroid FNA procedure entail?
With ultrasound guidance, the fine needle aspiration (FNA) is performed with a very thin needle, sampling the nodule. Slides are then sent to pathology for interpretation.

What can I expect from a thyroid FNA result?
Most (>70%) of thyroid nodules turn out to be benign. Fewer than 5% are malignant. Roughly 15-25% are “indeterminate” after the FNA. In these cases, new molecular assays are available and will be sent if clinically indicated.

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