GENERAL INFORMATION

Radiofrequency ablation (RFA) is the preferred treatment when diseased tissue is small or cannot be surgically removed. RFA is particularly beneficial for patients who cannot withstand surgery due to immune deficiencies or those who have other medical conditions that would make surgery too risky.

RFA involves insertion and placement of needle electrodes through the skin into the tumor, which are attached to a generator designed to deliver therapeutic energy directly to the diseased tissue using image guidance such as CT or ultrasound.

Energy is activated at the tip to heat and destroy the tissue. This process may need to be repeated depending on the tissue size, number, and location. The destroyed tissue is not removed, but gradually shrinks and is replaced by scar tissue.

ADVANTAGES OF RFA

- Minimally invasive
- Less risky and has fewer complications when compared to surgery
- Often may be done as an outpatient procedure or short hospital stay
- Localized treatment option destroys diseased cells without harming surrounding healthy tissue
- May be combined with other treatments
- Recovery time is shorter

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Nothing to eat or drink after midnight
- Hold blood thinner 7 days prior to scheduled appointment (unless otherwise directed)
- Bring a driver
- Bring all current medications
- There will be a 5 hour recovery period after procedure
It has been our pleasure to participate in your care.

Please feel free to call our office with any questions.

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OUTPATIENT CHECK-IN
Outpatient Admitting is located in the main hospital Floor 1 Room 1D 201.

Appointment Date: _______________________
Arrival Time: _________________________

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