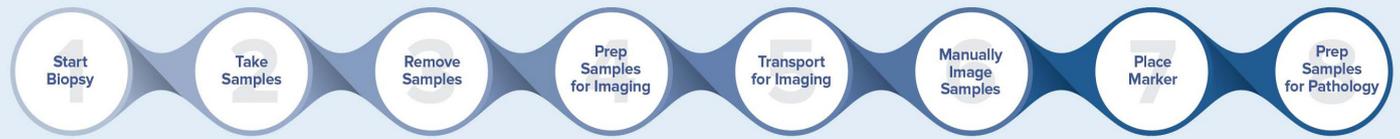


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Brevera eases the biopsy journey – for you and your patients.

Conventional Stereotactic Breast Biopsy



Brevera Integrated Breast Biopsy



Save an average of 13 minutes per patient¹

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BREVERA® BREAST BIOPSY SYSTEM: OPTIMISED WORKFLOWS AND IMPROVED COMFORT FOR PATIENTS

An interview with Dr. Ute Krainick-Strobel, physician in charge of the Neckar-Alb breast screening programme in Germany and owner of a private practice.



Dr. Krainick-Strobel, how many biopsies do you do each year?

We look after around 140,000 eligible women in four districts. We do around 400-500 biopsies per year for screening purposes, and another 200 for treatment. 65% of these biopsies are done under ultrasound, 35% under X-ray guidance.

How often do you implant markers after collecting tissue samples?

When screening, very small, difficult to detect findings are normally marked with a clip. We always use a marker when we take a biopsy of a microcalcification under X-ray guidance. That's what certified breast centres are expected to do.

You have been using the Hologic Brevera® biopsy system since 2018. Brevera combines tissue collection and analysis with real-time imaging. That cuts out a lot of work steps that would otherwise be required for transporting the specimens and separately X-raying them. How has this system helped you?

We were the first in Germany to use the Brevera system. I'm still very happy with it. When we do an X-ray guided biopsy, the content of the biopsy cylinder is "sucked up" (aspirated) and X-rayed. I can see immediately whether I took a good sample of, for example, a microcalcification. The time required to take a biopsy has gone down dramatically - from around 13 minutes to just eight.¹ Being able to directly

image the tissue samples significantly reduces the team's workload. We no longer need to leave the room to X-ray specimens. I can spend more time talking with patients and don't need to leave them on their own. That makes the whole process a lot less stressful for patients. Brevera has made the entire X-ray guided biopsy process much easier, safer and more efficient for everyone involved.

Has it also been possible to reduce the number of cores?

We could do that with the Brevera system. We have two different chamber openings on the 9G needle - 12 mm and 20 mm that can be set flexibly directly on the device. What's even more helpful is that we get a real-time view

of the sample. We always take at least ten cores in line with the consensus recommendation. We haven't seen any more bleeding than usual. The quicker we are, the less risk of complications. And nothing is faster than the Brevera system.²

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