

3 MAKING A DECISION

Doctors used to believe that it was best to biopsy a woman's lump and remove her breast in the same operation if cancer was found. A woman went into surgery for a biopsy not knowing whether she would wake up with her breast. This rarely happens today.

Studies show that it is safe to start treatment within several weeks after your biopsy. This two-step procedure gives you time to:

- Read more and think through the information.
- Get a second opinion.
- Call **1-800-4-CANCER** or breast cancer organizations for information and support groups near you.
- Talk to other women who have had breast cancer.
- Have a complete study of your breast tissue, and, if needed, of other parts of your body.
- Prepare yourself and loved ones for your treatment.

