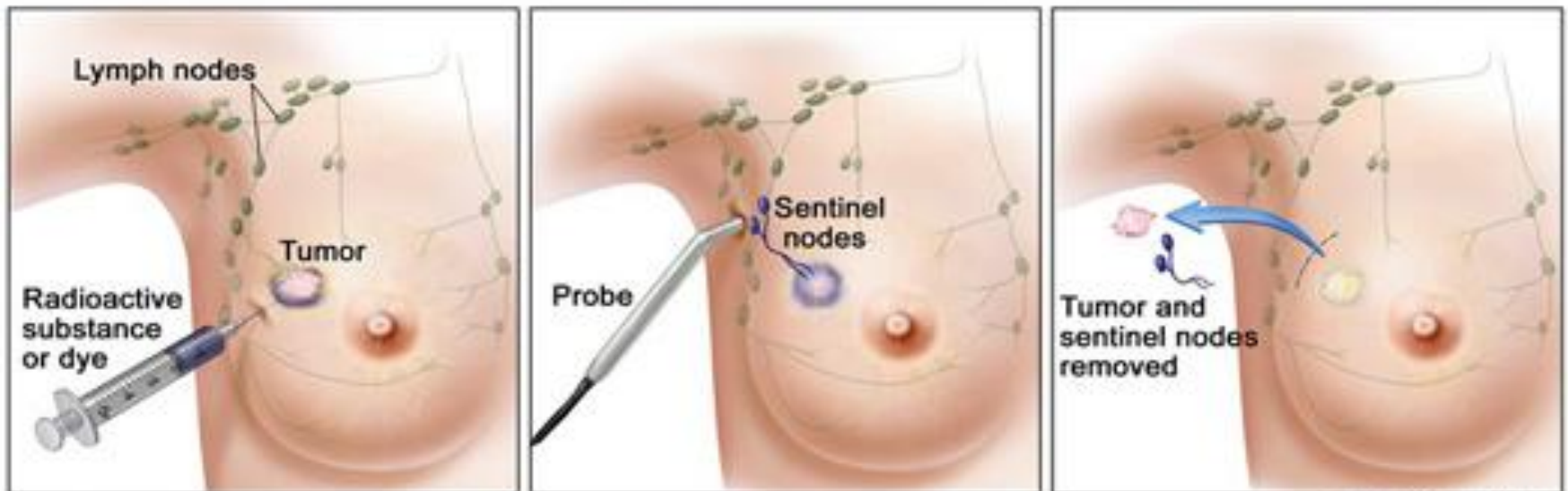


- The sentinel node is then checked for the presence of cancer cells by a pathologist



# *BENEFITS:*

- SLNB helps avoid side effects of extensive unnecessary lymph node surgery. Which include the following:
  1. Lymphedema, In addition to swelling, patients with lymphedema may experience pain or discomfort, and the overlying skin may become thickened or hard.



2 . increased risk of infection in the affected area  
3 . Very rarely, lymphangiosarcoma

4 . Numbness, tingling, or pain at the site of the surgery.

5 . Difficulty moving the affected body part.



# *HARMS:*

- SLNB, like other surgical procedures, can cause short-term pain, swelling, and bruising at the surgical site and increase the risk of infection. In addition, some patients may have skin or allergic reactions to the blue dye used in SLNB.
- Another potential harm is a false-negative biopsy result

