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Lymph Node Mapping

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Lymph Node mapping, also known as sentinel lymph node (SLN) mapping is a procedure in which a radioactive tracer and a blue dye is injected around the tumor site. These two substances travel from the tumor and drain into the sentinel, or main, lymph node.

Together they provide a marker for the location and presence of a sentinel lymph node, allowing discovery of minute metastases areas.