



Frequently Asked Questions

Mammograms

Why do I need a mammogram?

- A mammogram is still the best way to identify the signs of breast disease and breast cancer at an early stage, when it can be treated most easily. Annual mammograms can detect changes in the breast and can significantly lower the mortality risk.
- A mammogram is a low-dose x-ray that takes pictures inside of your breast. It can show breast disease and breast lumps that are too small and too deep to feel.

When should I get a mammogram?

- If you are over 40, the American Cancer Society recommends you have a mammogram every year. If you have breast cancer in your family, your doctor may suggest a mammogram before you are 40.
- Any time you feel a lump in your breast, you should notify your doctor and make arrangements for a mammogram immediately.

Does new equipment make mammograms safer?

- *Radiology & Diagnostics'* new top-of-the-line mammography equipment uses very small doses of radiation to take breast x-rays safely, with very high quality results.

Does a mammogram hurt?

- The technologist positions your breast on the machine and carefully applies pressure to get a good diagnostic image. Although the pressure is tight it is only in place for a few seconds. It may be uncomfortable for a brief time, but this is necessary to see lumps or changes in the breast tissue.
- Our technologists are women who are trained to make mammography as comfortable as possible and to answer your questions.

Can I get an appointment quickly?

- Sometimes you can get a mammography appointment within a couple of days. Most people need only wait a week or two to schedule an appointment.

How soon will I get my results?

- First a radiologist examines the film and completes a reading and report. You will receive your results the same day or in a letter in no more than 10-14 days. If you have had prior mammograms at another facility, your results may take longer. If you do not hear from us, please contact your physician.

What other radiology testing is available at *Radiology & Diagnostics*?

- All imaging procedures are available at *Radiology & Diagnostics*— including spiral CT scans, Bone Density, MRI and Ultrasound. Routine radiology and mammography are also available at *Radiology & Diagnostics*.

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