

Mammography

Mammography is a screening tool that uses X-rays to create images of the breast, called mammograms. Mammography is the best screening tool widely used today to detect breast cancer early in most women. It can find cancers at an early stage, when they are small and the chances of survival are highest. Susan G. Komen® believes all women should have access to regular screening mammograms when they and their doctor decide it is best based on their personal risk of breast cancer. Answers to these questions may help you understand mammography.

Q: When should I begin mammography and how often should I have it?

A:

Q: How can I prepare for my mammogram (i.e., wear a two-piece outfit, avoid applying creams or deodorants, etc.)?

A:

Q: Will I have a regular mammogram or a 3D mammogram (with 2D)?
If getting a 3D mammogram, why do you recommend that for me?

A:

Q: What can you see on a mammogram?

A:

Q: Who will get my results? Can they be sent to other doctors?

A:

Q: When should I get my results? Who will send them to me? If I have questions, who should I ask?

A:

Q: Do I have dense breasts? If so, should I have a mammogram or another test?

A:

Q: If my mammogram shows a problem, what happens next?

A:

Q: Will my insurance cover the cost of the mammogram? What about Medicare? Will I have to pay anything?

A:

Q: What happens if I go to a different mammography center or move? How can I get a copy of my past films to take with me?

A:

Q: Can a mammogram cause breast cancer?

A:



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