

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT: Phone: 705-435-3377 ext. 1298 Fax: 705-434-5126

Please bring a copy of the requisition with you to your appointment.

APPOINTMENT DATE AND TIME: MAMMOGRAPHY REQUISITION Name: Health Card #: Address: Phone #: DOB: (dd/mm/yy) PERTINENT HISTORY Previous Mammogram: 

Yes 

No If yes, what location and year \_\_\_\_\_\_ Family History of Breast Cancer: Yes No Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Trauma or Infection: \_\_\_ Hormone Replacement Therapy: 

Yes 

No Duration: Menstrual Status: \_ RT LT **CLINICAL HISTORY OR INDICATION FOR EXAMINATION** Routine Health Check: Palpable Lump Thickening Diffuse Nodularity: Nipple Abnormality Extremely Large Breasts:\_\_ Inflammation Mammoplasty: Augmentation Skin Changes Reduction Pain or Tenderness Axillary Adenopathy:\_ Nipple Discharge Metastases, Looking for Primary:\_\_\_\_\_ Recent Cyst Aspiration Previous biopsy Other (specify): **Previous Breast Cancer RIGHT** Please indicate Size and Location of Lumps Site of Biopsy Scars, etc. Referring Physician: Family Physician:

PLEASE NOTE: Patients arriving without an appointment, a requisition, or late, may have to be <u>re-scheduled.</u> **Children** (whose parents have X-ray or ultrasound appointments) **will not** be allowed into the X-ray or Ultrasound Rooms.

Please make necessary babysitting arrangements.



# MAMMOGRAPHY INFORMATION

# WHAT IS MAMMOGRAPHY?

Mammography is the x-ray examination of the breasts, done to detect breast disease, particularly cancer.

#### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF MAMMOGRAPHY?

Mammography can detect many breast cancers before they can be felt by a woman herself or by her physician. Early diagnosis of breast cancer, before it has spread, permits simpler surgery and treatment and is very important in prolonging a woman's life after diagnosis.

To avoid delays in booking routine tests your appointment may be scheduled on a day a doctor is not available to review your films before you leave, so you may need to come back for additional films.

# Day of the Test

You are asked to not wear deodorant or talcum powder.

### THE TEST

- · Every mammogram needs at least 4 images and they are
  - 1 view of each breast from top to bottom
  - 1 view of each breast from side to side
- Although you will have some discomfort while each image is taken, the exam should not be painful.
- For each image a special paddle on the mammography machine firmly presses the breast against a detector for 5-10 seconds.
- This pressure to the breast (or compression) is very necessary, as it improves visibility of breast tissue.

It will take 7 working days for the report of your examination to be sent to your doctor

### ADDITIONAL IMAGES

• Depending on your age, family history and condition, the specialist, after having seen the 4 images, may ask for additional mammography views and/or an ultrasound test of specific areas of the breast. This request is routine (even for "normal" breasts) and does not necessarily indicate a problem.

Your own doctor will then arrange a new appointment for your future tests in mammography.

#### IS THERE ANY PREPARATION INVOLVED?

You should wear a two piece outfit since you will need to undress from the waist up. You should remove all under arm deodorant or powder by washing under your arms and around your breasts prior to the examination.

You may wish to bring underarm deodorant to apply after the exam. Avoiding caffeine for one week prior to your mammogram may make the examination more comfortable.

Please arrive 10 minutes before your actual appointment time. This allows us to complete the preliminary paper work to register.



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