

Screening mammograms

Screening mammography is a tool that uses X-rays to create images of the breast. The images are called mammograms. It's the best screening test we have today to find breast cancer in most women. It can find cancer early, when it's too small to feel.

Susan G. Komen® believes all women should have access to regular screening mammograms when they and their doctors decide it's best based on their personal risk of breast cancer.

If you need a mammogram, you may feel overwhelmed and unsure of what to ask your doctor. Here are some questions to help start the conversation.

Before getting a mammogram

Q: When should I [get a mammogram](#) and how often should I get one?

A:

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

A:

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

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 breast center or move? How can I get a copy of my past results?

A:

After getting a mammogram

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

A:

Q: Can my results be sent to other doctors?

A:

Q: What did my mammogram show? Do I have **dense breasts**? If so, should I have another test?

A:

Q: If my mammogram **is abnormal**, what happens next?

A:



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