

Mammography

What is Mammography?

Mammography is a low radiation x-ray exam of the breasts, using equipment made specifically for viewing breast tissue. At least four images are taken, with the breast being positioned and compressed briefly for each image. There are two types of Mammograms. Most commonly, **SCREENING** exams are done, which means that you are coming for a routine test and are having no problems. The other type of an exam is **DIAGNOSTIC**, which means your doctor is sending you because of a specific problem. When we do a diagnostic exam, we normally take images of the breasts which are viewed by our radiologists and at that time, a decision is made if more images and/or possibly an Ultrasound is needed before your exam is complete.

How do I prepare for my Mammogram?

Please do not wear deodorant, lotion or powder on your breasts or underarm area.

When should I arrive?

We ask that you arrive at the Imaging Center 15-30 minutes before your scheduled appointment, for the registration process.

Do I need to bring the order from my doctor with me?

Some doctor's offices choose to have you bring your order with you at the time of your appointment, while others may send the order to us ahead of your appointment time via fax or can be sent electronically. You should probably ask this question at the time your appointment is being scheduled.

Should I inform someone if I have breast implants?

It is important that you tell the person who is scheduling your appointment, because a longer appointment time will need to be set up for you.

Who needs to make sure my previous Mammogram films are sent or brought to the Imaging Center ahead of my scheduled appointment?

If your most recent **TWO COMPLETE** mammograms were done somewhere other than our facility, you will need to bring the films with you, or make the necessary arrangements to have them arrive here prior to your exam. Our radiologists request that these films become available to them before they can provide a complete report to your doctor. The previous films/images need to be sent to: **The Imaging Center Gainesville, 1315 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 100, Gainesville, Ga. 30501**. If you are unable to obtain the previous films and you are scheduled for a screening mammogram, be sure to bring the necessary information with you, so our clerical staff can make an attempt to get them.

When and how do I get the results of my Mammogram?

You will receive the result of your exam from your doctor, and you will also receive a lay summary with future mammogram recommendations within one to three weeks from the radiologists.



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