

Film vs. Digital Mammography

Unlike previous film systems, digital mammography utilizes a computerized process with unique digital detectors that allow the images collected to be stored and analyzed in the most efficient and effective manner.

It offers new technology that brings a number of benefits to patients including the potential of earlier detection.

Digital Mammography is not new. It has been around for 6-7 years.

Originally it was thought that the only benefit to Digital Mammography was patient throughput.

Digital mammograms have been shown to detect between 18 and 28% more cancers than film-screen mammography. It utilizes 50% less radiation dose as compared to film-screen mammography

All digital mammograms are scanned with COMPUTED AIDED DETECTION software for the early detection of breast cancer.

In clinical studies, iCAD has shown to find up to 72% of the cancers that had been missed on the previous mammography exam.



MammoPad[®]

Each woman is furnished, free of charge, a Mammo Pad. Clinical studies in the U.S. have demonstrated the majority of women experience a significant reduction in pain with the use of a MammoPad. This FDA cleared, radiolucent foam cushion does not interfere with image quality. It is especially useful to those who have undergone breast surgery.



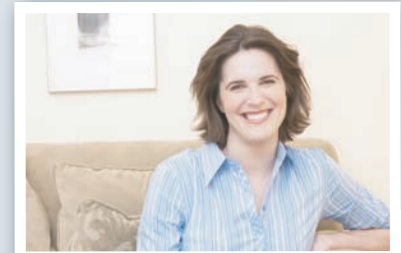
Scheduling

No doctors order is needed for an annual screening mammogram. The ACS recommends that you have your first screening by the age of 40, and every year after that. If there is a history of breast cancer in your family it is recommended that you start screenings at the age of 35. Most insurance companies and Medicare will pay for the annual screening mammogram. You do need a doctors order for a diagnostic mammogram.

To schedule an appointment call 812-663-1156 any time of the day

My mammogram date:

My mammogram time:



This was the most painless mammogram I have ever had.

What to expect

Unless you pre-register online, you'll need to go to Admitting/Registration first. After registration, you will then take your patient folder to Radiology. When it is time for your appointment, the technologist will take you back to our private Mammography Suite. In your dressing room you will find a gown to change into. After you are changed, you will be escorted into the procedure room. During the procedure, your breasts will be compressed by a special x-ray machine. Your breast will be cushioned by the MammoPad. After the Radiologist views your x-rays, the results will be sent to your Physician. If you are having a screening mammogram, your Physician will call you to go over your results.

A diagnostic mammogram is performed when there are breast symptoms. There may be a lump felt, breast pain or discharge, etc. The diagnostic mammogram is performed, and you are examined by the Radiologist. If needed, a breast ultrasound is done right away. Usually the results of your diagnostic mammogram are explained to the patient at the end of her appointment.