

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES



Eastern
Health

MAMMOGRAPHY

Physicians should access the following venues for either screening or diagnostic mammography services within Medical Imaging. Requisitions can be faxed to these sites:

St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, St. John's, Fax #: 777- 5128
G. B. Cross Memorial Hospital, Clarenville, Fax #: 466-8198
Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre, Burin, Fax #: 891-3438
Carbonear General Hospital, Carbonear, Fax # 945-5181

Requisitions

All requests for breast imaging should be directed to Medical Imaging at Eastern Health. A fully completed *Medical Imaging Request for Mammography Exam and Consultation* must be forwarded to facility nearest to the patient's location.

In order to provide appropriate and efficient service to our patients, please ensure the following information is included on the completed requisition:

- If this request is for screening please indicate if it is the initial screening, if not, please include date and location of the previous mammogram
- Breast implants (if applicable)
- Completion of the "clinical indications of the exam" section on the requisition

Urgency of Requests

Please ensure the appropriate urgency classification is selected to ensure timely access for mammography service.

Urgent requests include new onset of symptoms and/or a call back for additional imaging

Follow-up requests include regular intervals of breast imaging. Please include the date the follow-up is to be completed. Note: follow up appointments are booked based on the date of the initial mammogram and not from the dates of any additional imaging.

Screening requests must include a specific date with the requested interval of subsequent screening mammograms and meet the following criteria:

- Patients must be aged 40-69 at the time of first booking; if already enrolled in the program before age 70, patients can remain in program
- Must be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Have no previous diagnosis of breast cancer
- Have no current breast problems
- No breast implants

Based on the Canadian Association of Radiology guidelines, screening mammography can occur at a one year or two year intervals. Please ensure to include the determined screening frequency for you patient on your requisition.

Breast Screening at Major's Path is not a program within Medical Imaging. The Provincial Breast screening program is a part of the Cancer Care program and any patient who wishes to avail of that service can do so with a self-referral. We do not accept self-referral in Medical Imaging

