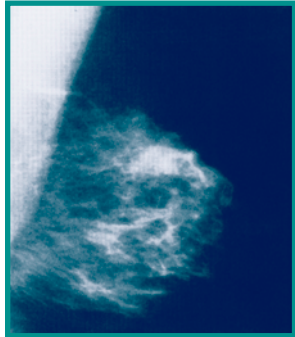


If you are required to have a follow-up examination, and you feel at ease with a particular radiographer, please ask at the time of booking and we will try to accommodate your wishes

The end result?



A typical breast x-ray

Your Appointment is:

Time: _____

Day: _____

Date: _____



If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or your referring doctor

Penrith Imaging Branches
Mammograms are conducted at the branches below

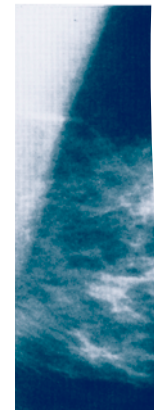
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What is a Mammogram?

A mammogram is a breast x-ray which shows the tissue of the breast and the axillary (armpit) area.

When is it used?

There are two reasons for having a mammogram - diagnosis and screening. 'Diagnosis' means looking at something in your breast which is worrying you or your doctor. It is used to assist your doctor in the diagnosis of breast problems. 'Screening' means looking for possible breast cancer when you have no apparent signs of the disease

How do I make an appointment?

These examinations are available at the Penrith Imaging branches shown on the back of this leaflet. Telephone or visit your nearest branch to arrange a convenient appointment. Some women get tender breasts before their monthly period. It is a good idea to arrange to have the mammogram just after your period finishes. If an ultrasound is requested at the same time as a mammogram, please inform our staff.

Do I need to do anything?

For your convenience, wear a two - piece outfit, as you will need to undress to the waist. Don't wear talcum powder, as this may show on the film. Please bring any previous mammogram films to your examination.

Will it take long?

The examination takes approximately 20 minutes.

What happens?

The x-ray machine has been specially designed to compress the breast between 2 plates to show the breast tissue as clearly as possible. One of our experienced staff will take your x-ray and will answer any questions you may have about the test. Two films are routinely taken of each breast and sometimes, extra films are required to clarify certain areas. This is not uncommon and should not alarm you.

Ultrasound is often requested at the same time as a mammogram and this is often helpful to show cysts and will provide a more thorough examination where breast tissue is dense. A specialist radiologist will view all the films and write a report for you to take to your doctor. On occasions further examinations will be necessary and this would be a decision made by your doctor or specialist after he has seen the report. Further investigation can include fine needle aspiration or core biopsy, where small samples of tissue are taken for examination by a pathologist.

**Please Remember to bring your referral
and any previous films with you**