

PATIENT ELEGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY



Any questions about a specific patient's eligibility should be directed to the Mobile Mammography Registrar 860-418-9319 / 860-972-1243 office in advance so that patients do not get scheduled in error and must be turned away on the day of service.

Important:

Patients between 35 and 39 years old only have **1** mammogram performed during this period.
From the age of 40, early detection tests are carried out annually

There is grant funding for patients who do not have insurance and are interested in having a mammogram on the mobile mammogram van. Please be advised that this grant is only for patients seen on the mobile mammogram van.

Who is eligible to have a mammogram on the van?

- Women 35 years of age and older.
- Last mammogram was more than one year ago and was normal/negative.
- Patients who had a diagnostic breast work-up at the last mammogram with negative results and who received a recommendation to return in 12 months.
- Patients who had a breast biopsy or surgery more than two years ago and have been told everything is clear/benign and they can resume annual routine screening mammograms. Or patients who have had a breast biopsy less than two years ago, but have had a normal screening mammogram since. In either case, the report must be available to the technologist before the patient has a mammogram on the van.

Who should not be scheduled to have a mammogram on the van?

- **Prior breast surgery:** Unless the above criteria regarding breast surgery are met, the patient should have their screening mammogram at a diagnostic facility.
- **Pregnancy:** Wait 6 months after childbirth or 6 months after finishing breastfeeding.
- **Breastfeeding:** Wait 6 months after breastfeeding is terminated.
- **Previous breast cancer:** Patients who have a history of breast cancer should be referred to a diagnostic facility.
- **Symptomatic patients:** Patients with breast lumps, masses, calcifications, focal pain, etc.
- **Abnormal breast exam:** Any patient with an abnormal breast exam should be referred to a facility that offers diagnostic testing and has a radiologist on site.
- **Any patient requiring a six-month follow-up or additional views** from the last mammogram must be scheduled at a facility with a radiologist on-site to evaluate the films.