

PATIENT ELEGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY



Any questions about patient eligibility should be directed to the Mobile Mammography Registrar 860-418-9319/860-972-1243 office in advance to avoid scheduling errors.

Who is eligible to have a mammogram on the van?

- Women 35 years of age and older. Patients between 35 and 39 years old only have 1 mammogram performed during this age period. From the age of 40 and older, early detection tests are done annually.
- Last mammogram was more than one year ago and was normal/negative.
- Patients who had a diagnostic breast work-up at last mammogram with negative results and who received a recommendation to return in 12 months.
- Patients who had 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 is not eligible to have a mammogram on the van?

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