

Having regular mammograms after your breast cancer

Breast Imaging

Information for Patients

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Introduction

After your diagnosis of breast cancer you will need to have regular mammograms once a year, for at least 5 years. This is known as **surveillance mammograms**.

Appointments for surveillance mammograms are sent every 12 months. If you are of the national screening age (aged 50 and above), some of your appointments will be arranged by the Leicestershire Breast Screening Programme as well as the Breast Care Centre. It is important that you attend all your appointments.

Do I need to do anything before I have my mammogram?

Please contact the Breast Care Centre before your appointment (on 0116 258 3204 or 0116 258 3199 - Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm) to let us know if:

- you have had a mammogram within the last 6 months.
- you have a disability or any special needs.
- you think you may be pregnant, or you are breastfeeding.

Further information

- This appointment is for a surveillance mammogram only. This will be the only test carried out at the appointment.
- The mammogram does not necessarily need to be done before you attend a clinic appointment which you may have coming up.
- Follow-up clinic appointments with your surgical or oncology consultant may continue for longer than the mammography surveillance period.

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When will I get the result of a surveillance mammogram?

The results will be sent to you in writing by a doctor. This is usually done within 6 weeks.

Sometimes a technical problem may mean that your mammogram is not clear enough to read. If this happens, you will receive an appointment for a repeat mammogram to be carried out, before any result is available.

If your mammogram result suggests a possible change in your breast tissue, you will receive an appointment for further tests to be carried out at the Breast Care Centre at Glenfield Hospital.

Contact details

If you need to change your appointment please telephone the Breast Care Centre on **0116 258 3204** or **0116 258 3199** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm).

If you have any questions about your results, please contact our consultant secretaries on one of the numbers below:

0116 250 2532

0116 250 2491

0116 250 2453

0116 258 3445

What happens after the 5 year surveillance period?

If, at the end of your 5 year surveillance period, you are aged 50 or above you will be moved to the Leicestershire Breast Screening Service, to have a mammogram once every 3 years.

If you are under 50 at the end of the surveillance period, you will continue to be invited for a mammogram once every year until you are 50, when you will be moved to the Leicestershire Breast Screening Service.

Most women can expect to be called for routine breast screening between 1 and 3 years after their last surveillance mammogram.

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