

Screening Mammography

(BreastScreen Queensland Program)

For asymptomatic 'well' women to detect unsuspected lesions.

Emphasis is on population benefit.

Services provided through an organised program of community and health professionals where recruitment, education, screening, assessment, recall, data collection and evaluation are performed.

Free to women over the age of 40 with women between 50 to 69 years actively recruited.

No referral required.

Multidisciplinary team of radiologists, surgeons, pathologists, physicians, nurse counsellors and radiographers.

Staff specialise in screening for and assessing impalpable lesions.

Recall for screening at recommended intervals (normally every two years).

Where screening results are **normal**, notification to the woman and her nominated general practitioner occurs within two weeks by mail.

Where screening results are **abnormal**, notification to the woman and her nominated general practitioner occurs immediately via a telephone call.

Systematic data collection for monitoring, quality and morbidity and mortality outcomes for the population.

Diagnostic Mammography

For diagnosing breast changes or abnormalities that may have been detected through BSE and/or clinical examination.

Emphasis is on individual benefit.

Services as required on referral from individual general or surgical practices.

Only for women with symptoms or changes.

Referral from individual general or surgical practice required.

Normally undertaken in a general diagnostic imaging practice (some specialist breast clinics have been established).

Staff experienced in a range of diagnostic procedures. Experience in breast cancer mainly with women presenting with palpable lesions/changes.

Recall and recommendation for further tests at the discretion of the general practitioner or surgeon.

Report to general practitioner or surgeon usually within a few days.

General practitioner or surgeon records data specific to the management of the individual woman.