

PATIENT INFORMATION

MAMMOGRAPHY

The primary purpose of mammography is to detect breast cancer in its early stages when it may be too small to feel or cause symptoms. Early detection increases the chances of successful treatment.

Procedure

During a mammogram, the breast is compressed between two plates to spread out the breast tissue. X-ray images are then taken from different angles. The entire process typically takes about 20 minutes.

Types of Mammography

- **Screening Mammography:** Used for routine checks in women without breast symptoms.
- **Diagnostic Mammography:** Conducted when there are symptoms or an abnormal finding in a screening mammogram.

Frequency

The frequency of mammograms depends on factors such as age, family history, and personal risk factors. **In general, mammograms are recommended annually for women over the age of 40.**

Interpretation

Radiologists analyze the mammogram images for any signs of abnormalities, such as lumps, calcifications, or distortions.

Benefits

Mammography has been proven to reduce mortality from breast cancer by detecting tumors at an early, more treatable stage.

Risks

The radiation exposure during mammography is low, and the benefits of early cancer detection usually outweigh the risks. However, false positives and unnecessary biopsies can occur.

Follow-Up

If an abnormality is detected, **further diagnostic tests, such as ultrasound or biopsy, may be recommended.**

- Please bring any prior scans (like X-rays, ultrasounds, MRI or CT) and reports as these will help us better assess your condition.
- For any queries call us at **0172-3104-627 ; 0172-3104-634** ,We are only too happy to help.

We make every effort to keep your appointment time, however any complex cases, elderly & frail patients can cause unexpected delays.

Your consideration and patience in these circumstances is appreciated.

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