

What is a Diagnostic Mammogram?

A diagnostic mammogram is used to evaluate problematic areas detected in a screening mammogram. The test can also be used for patients presenting with signs or symptoms of breast disease such as a lump, nipple discharge or skin changes.

A Diagnostic Mammogram can be performed by one of the following tests:

- **Ultrasound**

Ultrasound helps characterize breast masses. It is often used in conjunction with a diagnostic evaluation.

- **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**

An MRI is a supplemental diagnostic tool that uses a magnetic field and radio waves to create a cross-sectional, three dimensional images of the breasts.

- **Needle Core Biopsies**

A needle core biopsy can be performed three ways. A **Stereotactic Biopsy** is an incisional biopsy using mammogram guidance to sample breast abnormalities, most often calcifications. An **Ultrasound Guided** biopsy is an incisional biopsy using ultrasound guidance to sample abnormalities – most often masses. An **MRI Guided Biopsy** is an incisional biopsy using MRI guidance to sample breast abnormalities seen by MRI.

How long will a Diagnostic Mammogram take?

- Please allow one hour for your Diagnostic Mammogram. The clinical test should take approximately 15 minutes and it takes approximately 45 minutes for the Radiologist to interpret your results.

What happens when the test is finished?

- You will receive your results at the same appointment that your diagnostic mammogram test was performed. Our breast imaging radiologists will be able to answer any questions that you may have about your diagnostic mammography test or results.

Patient Safety Information

- During a Mammogram, you will be exposed to a very small amount of radiation. This is thought of as only a very minor health risk. The dose of radiation in a Mammogram can be compared to 7 weeks of naturally occurring background radiation that we are exposed to on a daily basis. University of Colorado Radiologists are committed to the safety our patients and take every precaution to keep our patients safe during imaging tests. Without a mammogram, breast cancer may not be found in time for effective treatment.

Preparing for my Mammogram

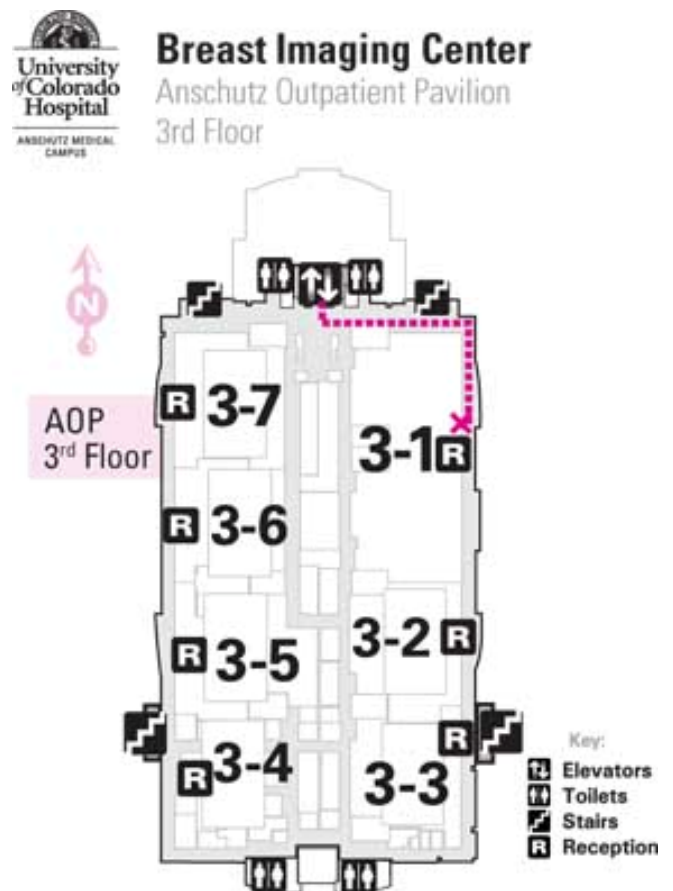
- Please do not wear deodorants, powders, lotions, or perfumes to your screening mammogram.
- Wear a comfortable two piece outfit that can be easily removed to change into a screening cape.
- If you have had breast imaging done before, please bring images or reports to the Breast Imaging Center at University of Colorado Hospital prior to the start of your screening mammogram. If you have any questions about this please call (720)-848-1030.
- Call the Breast Imaging Center if you cannot make your appointment time to reschedule for a later date.

When should I arrive?

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your diagnostic mammogram test to complete hospital required paperwork.

Your Diagnostic Mammogram test will be at the:

- Breast Imaging at AOP, 3rd Floor (east) at University of Colorado Hospital (720) 848-1030



**University of Colorado Hospital
 Department of Mammography
 Breast Imaging History Form**

MRN _____
 CSN _____

Name _____ DOB _____ Insurance _____

Address _____

Change of Address Primary Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Provider Name _____

Provider Address _____

Is this your first mammogram? YES _____ NO _____

What year was your last mammogram done? _____ University Of Colorado Hospital
 Name of the facility and address where it was done _____

Have **YOU** had Breast Cancer? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, when? _____ What type? (If you know) _____

Who in your family has had BREAST Cancer?

- No One
- After age 50-mother, sister or daughter
- Before age 50-mother, sister, or daughter
- Other _____

Who in your family has had OVARIAN cancer?

- No One
- After age 50-mother, sister, daughter
- Before age 50-mother, sister, daughter
- Other _____

HISTORY OF BREAST PROCEDURES (leave blank if none)

	Right Breast	Year	Left Breast	Year
Cyst Aspiration				
Needle Core Biopsy				
Surgical Excision Biopsy				
Lumpectomy for Breast Cancer				
Mastectomy				
Radiation Therapy				
Breast Reduction				
Breast Implants				

- I have no breast problems today
- Yes, I have a new breast problem to discuss with the technologist.

Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Technologist Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Technologist notes:

