



Breast Cancer Breast Cancer Screening

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Should you be screened* with mammography for breast cancer?

Are you high risk?

High risk refers to women who have a personal or family history of breast cancer, the known BRCA1 or 2 mutation, or prior chest wall radiation.

Yes

Talk to a doctor about the best screening options for you. This guideline does **not** apply to women with a high risk of breast cancer.

No

How old are you?

What to do

Why?

40-49

We suggest not screening with mammography.

The chance of breast cancer is lower and chance of false positive results is higher in women 40-49 years.

50-74

We suggest scheduling a mammogram every 2-3 years.

The benefits outweigh the harms and more lives are saved in women in the 50-74 age group.

75+

We suggest discussing the benefits and harms of mammography with a family physician.

For screening in the 75+ age group, the impact of the woman's overall health should be taken into account and discussed with a doctor.

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*Breast cancer screening is trying to find cancer when symptoms are not present.