A short guide to breast screening

Results

Most women are sent their **results within 2 weeks** of their breast screen. We'll also send your results to your doctor if you've given us their details. If you need follow up tests, one of our **nurses will call you** to talk about what happens next.

Only about **6 out of every 1000 women** who have a breast screen will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Being breast aware

Like any screening test, breast screening can't find every breast cancer. It's important that you learn what your breasts normally look and feel like, and see your doctor if you notice any changes.

To make an appointment or for more information go to **breastscreen.qld.gov.au** or call **13 20 50**

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Call **13 14 50** for an interpreter

Interpreter

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What is a breast screen?

A breast screen (mammogram) uses X-rays to look for very small cancers in the breasts that can't be seen or felt by a woman or her doctor. Breast cancers that are found when they're very small are more easily treated.

A breast screen with us

is **free**

takes **less** than **30 minutes**

is **available** all over **Queensland**

doesn't need a **doctor's referral**

To watch a video about what happens at a breast screen, scan the QR code below. You can also go to breastscreen.qld.gov.au and find the video on the 'Having a breast screen' page.

Scan Me

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Who can have a breast screen?

We offer breast screening to **women* who are 40 and over,** and haven't noticed any changes to their breasts.

Are you 50 to 74?

Breast screening is most effective for women in this age range. Most women aged 50 to 74 should have a breast screen every 2 years.

Are you 40 to 49 or 75 and over?

There are different risks and benefits of breast screening for women at these ages. Talk to your doctor to find out if breast screening is right for you.

Are you under 40?

We don't offer breast screening for women under 40. Breast screening isn't effective for women under 40 and the risk of breast cancer is very low.

*and gender diverse people who meet the eligibility criteria, as detailed at breastscreen.qld.gov.au/should-i-screen/who-can-have-a-breast-screen