

Mammography (X-ray of the breast)

Why the scan is being done

The scan is used to investigate various diseases of the mammary gland.

Getting ready for the scan

Before the scan, tell the radiographer if you are pregnant or suspect pregnancy.

Bring your previous mammogram images (on CD) with you if you have them.

How the scan is done

During mammography, two x-rays of both breasts are taken from two directions.

During the scan, the breast is flattened between a plexiglass plate and imaging plate. It is important to compress the breast to obtain good image quality.

The examination takes about 30 minutes.

After mammography, breast ultrasound may be performed as an additional examination.

Where do you get the scan results

You will get the results from the referring outpatient clinic or ward.

If you were referred to the scan from a health centre, make an appointment at your own health centre to learn the results.

Other considerations

There is no separate fee for the scan; it is included in the outpatient clinic fee.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, please let us know as soon as possible.

Contact information

If you have any questions about the scan, please call us:

Pori, Satasairaala Diagnostic Imaging,
tel. 044 707 9202.

Phone hours:

Monday to Friday,
8 am–2.30 pm.