

Welcome to Our Center

After registration, you will be escorted to our private waiting area and asked to change into a mammography gown. If you have been waiting more than 15 minutes for your appointment, please notify a staff member. We are happy to assist you with your gown if needed. Secure lockers are available to safely store your personal belongings during your visit.

What Should I Expect?

Once the technologist has reviewed your appointment information, you will be escorted to the exam room. Your technologist will explain the procedure and answer any questions you may have before the exam begins. Throughout your visit, our staff will strive to ensure your comfort and provide compassionate care. Please let your technologist know if you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance at any time. We are here to help.

What Is a Mammogram?

A mammogram is a specialized low-dose X-ray of the breast used to detect signs of breast cancer before symptoms appear. Annual mammograms can help identify breast cancer at its earliest and most treatable stages.

What Is a Breast Ultrasound?

A breast ultrasound is a safe, noninvasive imaging exam that uses high-frequency sound waves to create real-time images of the breast. It is often used in conjunction with mammography to further evaluate symptoms or imaging findings.

What Is a Breast Biopsy?

A breast biopsy is a procedure that uses ultrasound or mammography guidance to locate an area of concern and obtain a small sample of breast tissue or fluid for testing. This sample is examined to determine whether cancer or other abnormal cells are present. You will receive specific instructions before and after your biopsy procedure.

Wait Time

- ♦ Screening Mammography takes approximately 15-30 minutes. The Radiologist will typically read your mammogram within 72 hours, the report also is sent to your referring provider.
- ♦ Diagnostic Mammography can take about an hour or longer. The images are reviewed by the Radiologist while you are onsite. In some instances, the Radiologist may request additional images or a breast ultrasound after reviewing the initial images taken. Most times, the Radiologist will go over the results and next steps before you leave.
- ♦ Contrast Enhanced Mammography takes approximately 45-60 minutes. If you are not experiencing any problems, you will leave after the removal of the I.V. placed for contrast administration. The Radiologist will typically read your mammogram within 72 hours, the report also is sent to your referring provider. If you are having symptoms, the Radiologist will review the images while you are onsite and go over the results and next steps. This typically will take over an hour.
- ♦ A Breast Biopsy typically takes about 60 minutes. You will be given specific instructions for your post care. The results are typically available in 3 to 4 business days. The navigator will phone you with the results and next steps once they are available.

You may receive a patient satisfaction survey from Press Ganey to rate our performance today at Augusta Health. We would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to let us know how well we are doing. We value your feedback. Thank you for choosing Augusta Health.

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