

90% of women who attend an Assessment Clinic will be told no signs of breast cancer were found



A team of specialists at the Assessment Clinic will guide you through your visit. They understand the anxiety you may be feeling and aim to provide a timely result.

About BreastScreen NSW

BreastScreen NSW is a free breast screening program with over 150 locations in NSW. The program is especially **recommended for women aged 50 to 74 years**. However, all women over the age of 40 are eligible for screening through the program.

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To make an appointment at a location near you:
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Your visit to
a BreastScreen
NSW Assessment
Clinic

Why have I been asked to attend the Assessment Clinic?

You have been asked to attend the Assessment Clinic because there is an area on your mammogram that needs further investigation.

Following a routine mammogram, around **1 in 20** women are asked to return to BreastScreen NSW for further tests at the Assessment Clinic.

Around 90% of women who are called back for further tests **do not have breast cancer.**

What tests may I need?

You may require one or more of the following types of tests depending on the results of your initial mammogram.

The types of test/s you may require at the Assessment Clinic include:

- **a mammogram (breast x-ray)** to look at the area requiring further investigation
- **a breast ultrasound** that uses sound waves to show more detail of your breast tissue
- **a clinical breast examination** where a doctor or nurse will look and feel for any changes to your breasts.

Other tests may include a needle biopsy. If required, the Assessment Clinic professional will discuss this with you.

How long will I be there?

These tests usually take between **2 and 4 hours**. However, occasionally an appointment can take longer. It is therefore recommended that you commit the day to your visit just in case.

BreastScreen NSW can provide a doctor's certificate if required.

Family members or friends are welcome to come with you.

Our Doctors and Counsellors are available at all Assessment Clinics and will answer any questions you may have.

When do I find out the results?

In most cases, the results of the tests will be available **on the day** of your appointment.

Some results, such as those from a biopsy, may take longer. The Assessment Clinic staff will advise you of this at your appointment.

With your permission, the results will also be sent to your doctor.

How much do the tests at the assessment clinic cost?

All tests conducted at BreastScreen NSW Assessment Clinics are **free** of charge.

What happens after my visit?

90% of women who attend an Assessment Clinic will be told no signs of breast cancer were found.

You will be advised when you are due for your next mammogram.

If breast cancer is found, the staff at the Assessment Clinic will provide support and advice about your next steps.

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