



The Center for Breast Care

Mammograms Save Lives.
Know When To Get Screened.





The Center for Breast Care at UI Health is an American College of Radiology Breast Imaging Center of Excellence. We offer a full range of breast imaging services, including screening and diagnostic mammograms, ultrasound, MRI, and image-guided biopsy. Our radiologists are specialists in breast imaging, and we are one of the leading providers of breast imaging services in the Chicagoland area.

The Center for Breast Care has received full accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers and the Commission on Cancer, both programs of the American College of Surgeons.

WHAT IS BREAST CANCER?

Breast cancer forms in the cells of the breasts. There are numerous types of breast cancer, but cancer that begins in the milk ducts (ductal carcinoma) is the most common type.

WHAT IS A MAMMOGRAM?

A mammogram is a breast exam that is used for the early detection of breast cancer. It is an X-ray picture of your breast. It can find breast changes that are too small for you or your healthcare provider to feel.

HOW IS A MAMMOGRAM DONE?

You stand in front of the mammogram machine, and your breast is positioned on the bottom square plate, or image detector. The top plastic plate is slowly lowered to compress each breast, and this action allows us to get a good picture.

DOES IT HURT?

When the plates press your breast, this “squeeze” might be uncomfortable for 4 to 11 seconds (per view). Some women say that it is uncomfortable; others say that it is not. In general, more compression generates better images.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY FIND SOMETHING?

If something is seen on the mammogram, it does not mean that you have breast cancer.

- You will receive your results within 24 to 48 hours via the My UI Health: Patient Portal, or within 10 days by regular mail.
- Your results will say normal or that you need to come back for additional testing. Diagnostic mammogram results are given same-day.
- Your primary care physician will also receive a copy of your results.
- When you come back to UI Health, you will receive different mammography projections or other tests that radiologists will interpret. Then your doctor can make the best plan for you.

Visit ChiMammo.org for more information. Call 855.484.2422 to make an appointment.

All women should be familiar with the guidelines and benefits linked to regular breast cancer screenings and early detection. They also should know how their breasts normally look and feel, and report any breast changes to a health care provider right away.

AT UI HEALTH, WE RECOMMEND:

- Women can begin screening mammograms at age 40 for early detection of breast cancer.
- Women who are at an increased risk of breast cancer - for example, due to family history breast cancer or a personal history of chest radiation for lymphoma - should have a conversation with their doctor about earlier screening and additional breast screening tests, such as breast MRI.
- Screening should continue as long as a woman is in good health and is expected to live 5 more years or longer.

THE CENTER FOR BREAST CARE AT UI HEALTH OFFERS:

- Walk-in or next-day appointments
- Timely results
- Patient-centered care from expert technologists and staff
- A comprehensive breast care team, including patient navigator, to guide you through the entire process
- Convenient locations with easy access to CTA Pink Line and Buses

Women who catch and treat breast cancer in its earliest stages have a survival rate of 98%.

National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

VISIT US AT ONE OF OUR CONVENIENT LOCATIONS



UI Health Outpatient Care Center (OCC)

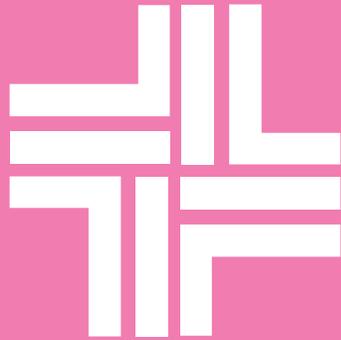
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