

Important Information From Graves Gilbert Clinic Radiology

Thank You For Choosing Graves Gilbert Clinic For Your Mammogram

● What You Can Expect After Your Mammogram.

Please be patient, it could take some time to acquire your previous mammogram images from other locations. Once the radiologist has your prior images and is able to complete the report, you should receive a letter from us telling you that your mammogram was normal or that the Radiologist would like you to come back for some additional pictures to be taken. If you do not receive a letter from us or hear from your Primary Care provider within 30 days of your mammogram, please call your Doctor's office or the Graves Gilbert Radiology department at 270-780-0587.

● Getting Called Back After A Mammogram Is Not Uncommon.

Additional mammogram images and possibly an ultrasound may be needed to further evaluate the breast tissue.

● If I Get Called Back After My Mammogram, What Could It Be?

1. In some cases patients are called back after their mammogram because the breast tissue was very dense and the radiologist wants to confirm that there is nothing in the breast tissue or to evaluate for underlying mass.
2. The radiologist might have seen calcifications or a mass in your images; therefore, an additional image needs to be taken to confirm what the radiologist saw.
3. In some cases, an area looks different than other parts of the breast. The radiologist will want to further evaluate this area.

When more pictures are taken of the area, or the area is compressed more, then it no longer looks suspicious. Most repeat mammograms are often used to confirm the radiologist's findings and to ensure that a thorough examination was performed for the best care of the patient.

● What Should I Expect At My Follow-Up Mammogram?

1. Most patients who get called back for a mammogram follow-up often have a diagnostic mammogram. This mammogram will be performed just like your previous screening mammogram but more pictures will be taken so that areas of concern can be clearly studied. A radiologist is on hand to advise the technologist on what images to capture to ensure that they have all the images that are needed.
2. Patients may also have an ultrasound test of the breast to get a better look at the breast tissue in the area of concern.
3. Some patients may need a breast MRI. This will require the patient to lay face down inside an MRI machine that will create more detailed images of the breast tissues. The MRI is painless, but some patients find it to be uncomfortable if they do not like small, confined spaces.

● Waiting For Your Results.

When waiting for your results you can sometimes experience feelings of anxiety, fear, disbelief and sadness during this time, these feelings are normal to experience. If you have any questions or concerns, before, during or after our mammogram follow-up, we encourage you to speak with your Primary Care Provider or call the Radiology Department at 270-780-0587.



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