

## **Information for patients having a mammogram**

### **What is a Mammogram?**

A mammogram is an X-ray examination of your breasts where the breast tissue is compressed before the exposure is made. Two pictures are usually taken of each breast and a Consultant Radiologist will report on the images.

### **How long will it take?**

The mammogram will be performed by a female Radiographer and usually takes approximately 15 minutes.

### **Do I need to prepare for the mammogram?**

You may be asked to change into a gown prior to your X-ray. It is important to tell the Radiographer if any of the following apply:

You have had any previous breast surgery

Any family history of breast disease

The date of any previous mammography

### **How will I get the results?**

The results will be sent to the doctor who referred you for the mammogram. The radiographer will advise you when you may receive your results.