



Women's Imaging Center

Welcome to Women's Imaging. After you have been registered, you will be greeted by a Technologist (Tech) that will take you back to the dressing room and help you prepare for your exam. If you need help getting ready, please let the Tech know and they will be glad to help you.

What should I expect?

You will go into the Mammography room and the Tech will explain the procedure before beginning to take any images.

Our goal today is to assure your privacy while being sensitive to your needs and comfort during your visit. If you have any questions, concerns, or if we can be of any assistance, please let the technologist conducting your exam know. They will be glad to assist you.

What is a Mammogram?

Mammograms provide an x-ray of your breast. Changes in your breast often show up in a mammogram long before you can feel them during a self-exam.

Ultrasound

Ultrasound of the Breast is like any other ultrasound only it is of the breast. Ultrasound works on sound waves, which uses fluid for the sound waves to travel. With the breast, the Radiologist is looking to see if there is a cyst in the breast. This test takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Bone Density

A Bone Density exam is an enhanced form of x-ray technology that measures calcium and mineral content in the bone. The test allows us to detect osteoporosis, to assess an individual's risk of fracture and even help track the effects of treatment on the bones. Our Bone Density exam takes approximately 20 minutes. This virtually painless exam scans three areas of the body, the forearm and wrist, the hip and femur and the lower back.

Breast Biopsy

If for any reason you would need a Breast biopsy, you will be given special instructions by the technologist before the test and after the test. Please follow all of the instructions given as the test depends on the instructions being followed closely. These procedures take anywhere from 1 to 2 hours, depending on how many areas in the breast the Radiologist is concerned with. This exam is performed by a Radiologist with the help of two Technologists.

Wait Time

Screening mammogram exam: This exam takes approximately 15-30 minutes. The Radiologist will read your mammogram within 24 hours. The Radiologist will send the report to your physician within 3 to 4 business days.

Diagnostic mammogram exam: This exam can take an hour or longer as the images taken 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 talk to you if you are having a diagnostic mammogram (having a problem in the breast) before you leave the department to alleviate further worry.

Bone Density: The Radiologist will send the report to your physician within 3 to 4 business days.

You may receive a patient satisfaction survey from Press Ganey in the mail to rate our performance today at Augusta Health. We would appreciate if you could take a few moments to let us know how well we are doing.

Thank you for choosing Augusta Health.

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