

3D MAMMOGRAPHY

Q&A

3D mammography (tomosynthesis) is now available at the Chestnut Hill Hospital Women's Center. If you have questions about screening and diagnostic mammograms and other breast health services provided at the Center, please call our nurse navigator, **215-248-8084**, or visit CHWomen.com.

WHAT IS A 3D MAMMOGRAPHY BREAST EXAM?

3D mammography is a new screening and diagnostic tool designed for early breast cancer detection. Multiple images are taken at different levels through the breast, allowing better visualization. This reduces the need to return for additional films and decreases the risk of missing small cancers in dense breast tissue, where it can be difficult to see.

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR 3D?

With digital mammography, the breast is imaged in a single thickness. This can cause fibrous tissue to overlap, and create an abnormal appearance or hide small lesions. Because 3D looks at thinner sections of the breast, it is easier to distinguish real abnormalities in the breast.

IS THERE MORE RADIATION OR MORE TIME INVOLVED IN 3D?

3D mammography is within a safe range, but uses more radiation than a digital mammogram. The difference is balanced by the decreased need to return for additional films. Compression is the same, and each view takes just a few more seconds.

To schedule an appointment call **215-248-8400**.



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