Mammography

You have an appointment for a mammary gland radiography, i.e. mammography. In addition to radiography, also ultrasound imaging of the breast may be used. Breasts of under 35-year-old women are usually examined by ultrasound and mammography carried out only, if deemed necessary. Also a male chest can be examined by mammography or ultrasound.

## Preparation for the examination

If you need an interpreter, please contact the attending unit.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, please let the staff know when you come for the examination. In that case, ultrasound scan will be performed instead of mammography.

Take any prior mammograms you may have with you to the examination.

## Examination

During mammography, your breast will be compressed between two plates in the x-ray machine for a moment. A basic mammography includes 2 to 3 images of both breasts. Additional images may be taken as instructed by your doctor. After the procedure, a radiologist will examine your breasts by hand and if necessary, also by ultrasound. If necessary, a biopsy may be taken with a fine needle aspiration.

The examination usually takes about 30 minutes.

## After the examination

Mammography, ultrasound imaging or a possible fine needle aspiration does not require any aftercare.

The mammography results will be available for your doctor later the same day or the following working day. Possible biopsy results will be available in approximately two weeks’ time.

## Contact details

Mammography is carried out at the following facilitity at Oulu University Hospital:

**G imaging:** Avohoitotalo (Kiviharjuntie 9),Entrance G**,** R floor and lobby 6

If you wish to have additional information about the examination, please call us during working days between 13.00 and 15.00 to G imaging tel. +358 40-1346416.