

What happens during a breast screen?



Step 1

The person who takes the breast screens will collect you from the waiting room and take you into the breast screening room. They'll explain the process and answer any questions you have.



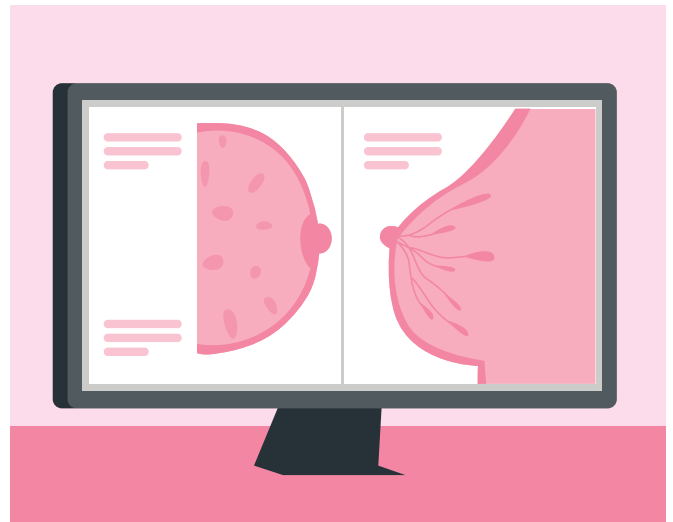
Step 2

When you're ready, the radiographer will ask you to remove your top and bra and place your breasts one at a time onto the bottom plate of the breast screening machine. They'll explain how to do this.



Step 3

The radiographer will then press each breast between the top and bottom plates so the images taken are as clear as possible. This may be uncomfortable, but it shouldn't hurt. If it hurts, you can ask for the breast screen to stop.



Step 4

The machine will take at least 2 pictures of each breast – one from the top and one from the side. These pictures will later be read by at least 2 doctors who are specially trained to look for breast cancers. Your results will be ready in 2 to 4 weeks. If a cancer is detected, your GP or a specialist breast clinic will discuss treatment options.

