

WHMI Mammography

Breast cancer is the second most common cause of cancer-related death in Australian women. In 2007 a total of 2,680 Australian women died from breast cancer.

At *Western Health Medical Imaging* we provide both a diagnostic breast service as well as a screening service. This can lead to confusion regarding which service best fits the needs of each patient.

Diagnostic mammogram:

- Targeted for women or men of any age to investigate or follow-up on both benign and suspicious pathologies after a lump, sign or symptom has been found. This includes women with a family history or history of breast disease
- Referral required from medical practitioner with clinical information
- Medicare funded (**BULK BILLED**)
- Full report sent to the requesting practitioner within 48 hours

Western Health Medical Imaging has diagnostic mammography facilities conveniently located at both our Footscray and Sunshine Hospitals. These sites are equipped with state of the art, low dose, full field digital mammography machines. Our machines offer a low radiation dose, quick scan times and have larger detectors. All mammogram's are co-reported by our Specialist Breast Consultant Radiologists. For all diagnostic mammogram appointments and enquires please call **8345 6234**.

Screening mammogram:

- Targeted for asymptomatic 'well' women
- Biennial screening for women aged 40 years and over, with women aged 50-69 years actively recruited.
- No referral is required, contact *Breastscreen* on 13 20 50 to make an appointment
- Free service (Government Health Initiative)
- Result letter sent to screened woman and her nominated primary health care provider within 2-3 weeks

Sunshine Hospital has Breastscreen services located on site in Medical Imaging.

WHMI have a specialised team of Breast Radiologist on site, for case discussions, advice on imaging choices or opinions please contact on 8345 6234 .

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Update

At Western Health Medical Imaging we focus on delivering the best possible patient care while maintaining high quality diagnostic imaging. WHMI is committed to continued service improvements and being at the forefront of imaging technology. WHMI is excited to announce that our MRI facility at our Footscray site is undergoing an upgrade which will lead to improved image quality and diagnostic capabilities. During the upgrade Footscray MRI will be unavailable from 1st July until 19th July. Sunshine MRI will continue to provide services during this period and will be extending its hours of operation to assist with the increased demand during this period.



For your convenience, all booking arrangements will remain the same.
For any queries regarding our MRI service please contact 8345 6234.

WHMI facilities are licensed under the Medicare agreement and will provide Bulk Billing (no-out of pocket cost) to all patients with a referral that complies with Medicare Requirements. All referrals are accepted and same day service is assured.

