



Information about the Mammography Screening Program

The goal of this examination is the early detection of breast cancer. Early detection cannot prevent breast cancer. However, it can improve the chances of recovery and reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer.

However, early detection also has drawbacks. The most important is that cancer or a change in the tissue may be discovered which will not cause problems and will not become dangerous. Without an examination, these women would not have had to concern themselves with a breast cancer diagnosis and its consequences. In this way, early detection can result in unnecessary anxiety and treatment.

All women assess the benefits and drawbacks of mammography differently. Some want to utilize early detection at any rate. Others decide not to, because to them, the drawbacks outweigh the benefits.

The pamphlet included with the invitation letter and the information available online at www.g-ba.de/merkblatt-mammographie explain the key benefits and drawbacks of mammography.

You are entitled to a personal consultation with a physician in the mammography programme prior to the examination. During this consultation, you will be able to ask the physician to explain the benefits and drawbacks in detail and answer any questions you may have. If you would like a consultation with a physician, **you will need to schedule a separate appointment**. Please contact the central office for an appointment.

A physician is typically not present during a mammography examination.

If have no questions, you may also waive the consultation. In this case, please sign the following declaration to waive this consultation in writing.

Declaration waiving the consultation:

I have received the documents on the key benefits and drawbacks of the Mammography Screening Program included with the invitation and waive my right to an additional personal consultation with a programme physician prior to the examination.

Surname, First Name, Date of Birth

Date, Signature