

<b>Policy Title:</b> Breast Screening Centre Repeat Rate	
<b>Section:</b> Quality Management	<b>Reference No.</b> SG 190
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## 1. SCOPE

Breast Screening Program Centre Staff  
Breast Screening Program Radiologists

## 2. POLICY

All BC Cancer Breast Screening Program centre's overall repeat rate must be lower or equal to 2%. If consistently higher, the reasons for the high repeat rate must be investigated and corrective action taken. As per the Health Canada Safety Code<sup>1</sup>, analysis of this data will help identify ways to improve efficiency, reduce film cost, and control client exposure.

## 3. PROCEDURE

1. A **repeat** can be defined as any *extra* exposure required for the exam. Therefore, if an image is repeated due to poor positioning, it would be considered a repeat (even if both images were included for reporting).
2. All repeats are recorded on the Breast Screening repeat report form.
3. At month-end, the repeats are entered into the computer and the repeat form (even if no repeats were taken) is faxed to the Client Services Centre.
4. The Client Services Centre uses the information to calculate the percentage (%) of repeats with the number of scheduled appointments.
5. Statistics are created for the number of repeats for each centre, each technologist, and for each category (reason for repeat).

## 4. RELATED POLICIES

## 5. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Professional Practice Leader – Breast Screening Technologists

### References:

Health Canada (2003). *Quality Determinants of Organized Breast Cancer Screening Programs in Canada*

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<sup>1</sup> Health Canada (2013). *Safety Code 36: Radiation Protection and Quality Standards in Mammography*