

Policy Title: Ancillary Centres – Returning Abnormal Result Images	
Section: Image and File Management	Reference No. SF 040
Effective: December 1999	

1. SCOPE

Breast Screening Radiologists
All Breast Screening Centre Staff

2. POLICY

In order to reduce the turn-around time for diagnostic investigation of abnormal screening results, ancillary sites will send all abnormal screening images to the diagnostic mammography facility as soon as possible.

In communities where the ancillary site is also the only diagnostic facility, the 'image reading' site should send the abnormal screening images back to the 'image taking site' as soon as the results have been entered into the computer.

The abnormal screening results will then be immediately available to guide the diagnostic investigation.

3. PROCEDURE

Location of the images will be recorded into the program application Image Tracker.

The 'image taking' site may keep the screening images/images as long as necessary.

If the images are required by another diagnostic facility, the 'image reading' site will ask the 'image taking' site to forward the images and the location of the images will be recorded in the application.

4. RELATED POLICIES

5. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Client Services Manager