

Policy Title: Breast Surgery	
Section: Eligibility	Reference No. SB 050
Effective: January 1995	

1. SCOPE

All Breast Screening Centre Staff
Client Services Centre Staff

2. POLICY

Augmentation

Any woman who has had any type of breast enlargement surgery (breast implants) should be informed that she is not eligible for the Breast Screening program but can have a diagnostic mammogram at a diagnostic imaging facility through a referral from her primary care provider.

Rationale: Women with breast implants require extra appointment time and “specialized” mammographic views, which the program currently does not perform.

Note: A woman who has had her implants removed is eligible to return to screening following 90 days post-surgery.

Pre and Post Surgery

A woman who is scheduled for breast surgery should not be given an appointment in the 30 days before surgery. The 30-day pre-surgery requirement is necessary to ensure that all reports and recommendations for further work-up can be issued.

A woman who has had a breast surgery should not be given an appointment in the 90 days following surgery or at the discretion of her primary care provider. The 90-day post-surgery requirement is necessary to ensure that all breast tissue has healed.

3. RELATED POLICIES

4. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Screening Operations Director