

Policy Title: Breast Symptoms	
Section: Eligibility	Reference No. SB 040
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1. SCOPE

All Breast Screening Centre Staff
Client Services Centre Staff
Chief Radiologists

2. POLICY

All women wishing to attend the Breast Screening program should be informed that this program is for women without breast complaints, such as new breast lumps, thickening, or nipple discharge.

3. PROCEDURE

1. If a woman calls to book an appointment and discloses a breast complaint, then she will be instructed to follow up her complaint with her primary care provider (PCP).
2. If a woman is presenting with a breast complaint, at the time of her mammography appointment, which her PCP has examined but has not expressed enough concern to call for diagnostic mammography, then she is considered to be asymptomatic, and can be accepted into the program provided that all other eligibility criteria are satisfied.
3. If a woman is presenting with a symptom at the time of her mammography appointment, which her PCP has not assessed, then the technologist should document such complaints on the mammography assessment report (MA Report). These symptoms will be reported to the PCP as part of the mammography results letter.

4. RELATED POLICIES

5. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Screening Operations Director