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ABOUT YOUR MAMMOGRAM

We regret any discomfort that you may experience as a result of breast compression during your mammographic examination. You should not be alarmed if, as a result of the compression, there is some temporary redness involving one or both breasts. Occasionally there will be mild aching as a result of the compression. If this discomfort is bothersome, it may be relieved by aspirin or acetaminophen, which you can take if you are not allergic to either of these medications. It may be helpful for you to know that because of the compression, the pictures of your breast will be much clearer and will be obtained with less radiation than would be possible without the temporary discomfort you will experience.

Mammography is just one step in a screening program resulting in the earliest detection of breast cancer. The mammogram is the single best method of detecting breast cancer, however, it does not find ALL breast cancers, so it is important for you to do breast self-examination on a continuing basis, and to see your doctor whenever he/she recommends.

A radiologist will interpret the mammogram and send a copy of the report to us. We will send you a report of their findings. Please do not be alarmed if it is necessary to obtain a follow-up study or additional views – this simply means the radiologist could not adequately visualize a particular area and would like to get a clearer reading. Approximately 10-15% of mammogram patients may be called for additional views. If this is necessary we will contact you by phone and in writing to advise you of the need for follow-up.

You have been asked to bring your prior mammogram studies performed at other facilities to your appointment today. If you were unable to obtain them before today's appointment, please have the facility mail them to our office. If your prior films have not arrived at our office within two weeks of your appointment we will send your current films to the radiologist for reading. If your prior films arrive after that time, we will send both sets back to the radiologist for an addendum and you will be charged \$40 for your films to be re-read.

We are pleased to offer our mammography services to you. Thank you for allowing us to participate in your medical care. Please acknowledge that you have read and understand the information provided above by signing and dating this form in the space indicated below.

Signature

Printed Name

Date