

Breast Cancer Early Detection

Mammograms play a central part in the early detection of breast cancer because they can detect changes in the breast that may be early signs of cancer, but are too small or subtle to be felt. The use of mammography has greatly enhanced the ability to detect breast cancers at earlier stages.

At Boundary Community Hospital, we offer 20% off Mammography Screenings completed during the month of October. There are a limited number of screenings available per day so be sure to make your appointment early. *This special price for a mammogram cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts.*

Some health insurance companies only cover one mammogram screening per year so be sure to check your policy before your appointment.

Early detection may save your life!



Mammogram Appointments

To schedule an appointment call
(208) 267-3141 ext 4258

Appointments Available
Monday and Friday

When you come for your screening mammogram please remember:

- arrive 10 minutes early
- do not wear talcum powder, lotion, or deodorant
- bring your reading glasses, if required
- wear a two-piece outfit

Check In at the Admitting Reception Desk in Outpatient Services located on the southeast side of the Hospital off Comanche Street.



At Boundary Community Hospital, our goal is to provide the community with timely modern radiology services that are second to none. Your health is important to you, and so is your time. You can expect fast and friendly service from the moment you schedule your exam to the moment your physician receives the results.

Diagnostic Services

- CT Scan (Computer Tomography)
- Ultrasound
- Diagnostic X-ray
- Mammography
- DXA Scans (Bone Densitometry; Body Composition)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Ultrasound Appointments

Tuesday and Friday 8 am to 2 pm

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Appointments

Thursday 7 am to 4 pm

Other Diagnostic Imaging Appointments

Monday through Thursday 7 am to 5 pm

Friday 7 am to 4 pm



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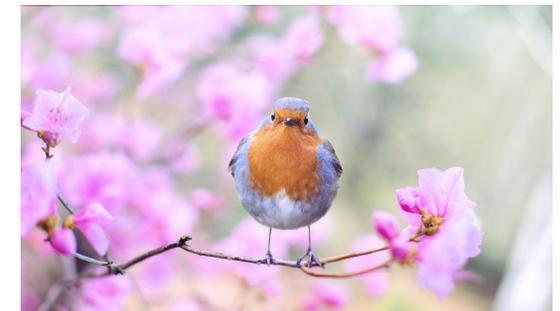
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Diagnostic Imaging

Mammography

Caring for Our Community,
Every Day





Diagnostic Imaging

Boundary Community Hospital has a reputation for quality and excellence in providing superb diagnostic imaging, thoughtful patient care and professional radiological interpretations.

Board-certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists with advanced certification in Mammography, the experienced Radiologic Technologist manages the state-of-the-art equipment producing high quality imaging for accurate diagnoses and effective treatment.

The Diagnostic Imaging Department offers a wide range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency radiological services including CT (Computerized Tomography), digital mammography, bone density scanning, ultrasound, general radiology and fluoroscopy. We also offer MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) every Thursday.

All exams require an order from your health care provider. Some insurance companies and Medicare Advantage require prior authorization for advanced imaging. Ultrasound, MRI, CT Scan and mammography are usually scheduled in advance.

Before Your Exam - It is helpful to be able to review any previous mammograms. If you are new to the area and have had previous mammograms elsewhere, our radiologist would like to review those images for comparison purposes. Please provide the facility name and phone number so our technologist can contact them to request the images.

What is a Mammogram?

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. A diagnostic mammogram is used to diagnose breast disease in women who have breast symptoms or an abnormal result on a screening mammogram. Screening mammograms are used to look for breast disease in women who are asymptomatic; that is, those who appear to have no breast problems. Screening mammograms usually take 2 views of each breast, while diagnostic mammograms may take more views of the breast. Women who are breastfeeding can still get mammograms, although these are probably not quite as accurate because the breast tissue tends to be dense.

How do you prepare for a Mammogram?

Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your appointment and bring your referral. If you need to reschedule or cancel, call 24 hours in advance. Once you have signed in, the department staff will come to the waiting area to escort you to the imaging area. Please be prepared to provide information on your insurance and medical history.

- Tell us if you are or may be pregnant or are breastfeeding.
- Let us know if you have breast implants or if you have had a breast biopsy.
- To minimize your discomfort, schedule your exam 2 to 3 days after the end of your period when your breasts will be less tender.
- Do not wear perfume, powder, deodorant, or lotions on the breast or underarm area.



How Does it Work?

For a mammogram, the breast is compressed between 2 plates to flatten and spread the tissue. Although this may be uncomfortable for a moment, it is necessary to produce a good, readable mammogram. The compression only lasts a few seconds. The entire procedure for a screening mammogram takes about 20 minutes.



What to Expect Upon Arrival

You will be asked to complete a medical questionnaire. A member of our staff will escort you to the exam room.

The Exam

In the exam room, you will undress from the waist up and put on a gown.

The technologist will review your medical history and any symptoms you've been experiencing related to your breasts.

In the exam room, the technologist will position you standing at the mammography machine and place your breast over the receptor.

The machine applies moderate compression to your breast for a few seconds to obtain the clearest image. Two X-ray views are usually taken of each breast.

The technologist will view your images on the computer screen in the room, just to assess the image quality.

In some situations, the radiologist may request additional X-rays or an ultrasound (sonogram) to further evaluate your breasts.

After The Exam

You may get dressed and leave immediately after your test and resume your normal activities. The radiologist will review your mammogram. The report of the exam will be electronically sent to your provider within 24 hours.