

Program Consent Form



Client declaration

I have read the information **‘What am I consenting to and why?’**, or someone has read it to me in a language I understand.

I have had the opportunity to ask questions of BreastScreen Tasmania staff and I have received the information I need.

I consent to joining the BreastScreen Tasmania Program and to receiving correspondence and reminders, including by email and text message if I have provided those details.

Client name:

Signature:

Date:

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Withdrawal of consent

You can withdraw from the BreastScreen Tasmania Program at any time by telling us you no longer wish to receive invitations and reminders. Your withdrawal from the Program applies from the date you advise us.

Under the Archives Act 1983 (Tas) we are required to keep the information we have collected about you.

You can rejoin the Program at any time.

Interpreter / responsible person

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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Relationship to client

What am I consenting to and why?

You are being asked to join the BreastScreen Tasmania Program. This consent form covers: BreastScreen Tasmania contacting you and the collection, use, and disclosure of your information. Please note that if you do not consent to join the BreastScreen Tasmania Program by signing the Program Consent you will be unable to have your screening mammogram performed by BreastScreen Tasmania.

1. BreastScreen Tasmania will contact you about breast screening

BreastScreen Tasmania will send you correspondence and reminders including via email and text message if you provide those details. When you provide your email address for use, you acknowledge that the privacy and security of email systems cannot be guaranteed.

2. BreastScreen Tasmania will store your personal details and your mammograms

Your personal details are stored by BreastScreen Tasmania, i.e., name, date of birth, address, email address, phone number, country of birth, Indigenous status, language spoken, Medicare number.* Your screening mammograms are stored to compare with your future mammograms. This helps the specialist doctors reading your mammograms to detect any changes.

**If you don't bring your Medicare card, you consent to BreastScreen Tasmania looking up your Medicare number online.*

3. BreastScreen Tasmania may exchange information with health care providers

BreastScreen Tasmania will provide your mammogram and test results to your chosen GP and any specialist responsible for your breast health. BreastScreen Tasmania may contact your health care provider/s for information regarding your breast health, such as previous X-rays and/or test results you have had elsewhere. The information we collect and keep helps us provide the best service for you and improve the BreastScreen Program.

4. BreastScreen Tasmania will provide de-identified information for monitoring and evaluation

BreastScreen Tasmania reports de-identified information (information that does not include details that identify you, such as name or address) to the national BreastScreen Australia Program and government organisations such as the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare for monitoring and evaluation. As BreastScreen Tasmania is a government funded service, we are required to provide this information to fulfil national and Tasmanian reporting requirements.

The information we collect about you is important – and essential to providing you with the best service. Your personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas) and may be accessed by you on written request. Your personal information will not be shared or used without your consent unless permitted by law.

For more information, please call 13 20 50 or ask at your local BreastScreen Clinic.

The BreastScreen Tasmania Program

BreastScreen Tasmania is part of the national BreastScreen Australia Program and offers a free screening mammogram to Medicare-eligible women over 40 every two years.

Coming to BreastScreen Tasmania for your appointment tells us you consent to having your screening mammogram: you will not need to sign a consent form each time. If you have breast implants or need to come back for any further tests, you may be asked to sign a consent form on the day.

Your screening mammogram

A screening mammogram is a low-dose X-ray that allows specialist doctors called radiologists to look for changes in breast tissue.

About 1 in 7 women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

Mammograms are the best test available to find breast cancer early, before any symptoms can be felt. Regular breast screening can detect around 90% of breast cancers, but there are a small number of cancers that cannot be seen.

During a screening mammogram, the X-ray machine compresses the breast for a few seconds so that the best possible picture can be taken. You can tell your mammographer to stop at any time. She can then reposition you or reschedule your mammogram.

Screening mammograms use a very low dose of radiation. Research shows that the benefits of having a screening mammogram far outweigh any possible risks from radiation.

A screening mammogram is not an investigation of breast symptoms: diagnostic tests, including a physical and ultrasound examination, are not performed. If you notice any persisting new or unusual changes in your breasts you must see your doctor, even if your screening mammogram is normal.

Most women have no evidence of cancer on their screening mammogram. About 1 in 20 women are asked to come back for further tests because an abnormality is found on their screening mammogram. Most abnormalities are not cancer.

Your results will be sent to you and your general practitioner (GP) in about two weeks.

You can find more information about breast screening on our website: www.health.tas.gov.au/cancerscreening – and BreastScreen staff are always available to answer your questions.