

PHYSICIAN ALERT

Ordering mammography and breast ultrasound

View and download the new form at www.dsmanitoba.ca/medical-practitioners/reference-material or call Diagnostic Services Manitoba's Client Services at 1-866-633-1787

1. New form to request mammogram and breast ultrasound tests

- Use new **Manitoba Provincial Breast Imaging Consultation Request** form
- You can download the new form at www.dsmanitoba.ca or ask your EMR vendor to download.
- Use the new provincial form for requesting mammography or breast ultrasound.
- The new form is accepted at any site in Manitoba that performs breast imaging services.
- To order a breast MRI, continue to use the same imaging requisition you have used in the past.

2. What is Direct Referral?

- The Primary Care Provider (PCP) requests a mammogram or breast ultrasound by sending the request form to the appropriate site shown below.
- **If the radiologist recommends more imaging or image-guided biopsy, patients will be referred directly for the next test. This may be at the same or a different location.**
- The Primary Care Provider will be informed of all appointment dates and receive copies of imaging and pathology reports along the way. Reports will include diagnostic findings, information on the next steps and level of suspicion if concerning.

3. What should you tell the patient?

- Please inform patients at the time of original referral that they may be booked for additional imaging or biopsy procedures quickly, possibly before final results or reports are returned to the PCP.
- The responsibility to disclose test results remains with the PCP.
- The speed of this process may require you to accommodate patient requests for appointments on short-notice.
- Periodic follow-ups (e.g. surveillance mammograms) or a Breast MRI must be ordered by the PCP. These tests will not be directly referred.

4. Processes for BreastCheck and Surgical Consultation at Breast Health Centre remains the same

- Patients who are directly referred by BreastCheck for follow-up and who subsequently need additional imaging or biopsy will be directly referred by the diagnostic centre.
- Primary Care Providers who have given permission to Breast Health Centre will continue to have patients referred directly for surgical consult.

Diagnostic Centre	Mammography	Breast Ultrasound	Biopsies		Breast MRI Use MRI request form only
			Ultrasound Guided	Stereotactic Guided	
Manitoba X-Ray Clinic	✓				
Radiology Consultants of Winnipeg	✓	✓			
Breast Health Centre		✓	✓	✓	
Health Sciences Centre	✓				✓
St. Boniface Hospital					✓
Boundary Trails Health Centre	✓	✓	✓		
Brandon Regional Health Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thompson General Hospital	✓	✓			