

YOUR GUIDE TO

CONTRAST ENHANCED MAMMOGRAPHY

You have been referred by your Doctor for a Mammogram. When the Mammographer takes you through for your examination, she will ask you some detailed questions regarding your symptoms and personal/family history. Depending on your answers, either a Standard Mammogram or a Contrast Enhanced Mammogram will be recommended. Contrast Enhanced Mammography can be a valuable tool in imaging the breast for selected patients.

If a Contrast Enhanced Mammogram has been recommended, you will be asked to complete a contrast consent form to ensure it is safe to proceed with the contrast and also to give your consent. The contrast will be administered into a vein in your arm using a cannula (small thin plastic tube). After the contrast has been administered, a series of mammography images will be taken. The images will then be checked by our Radiologist. The procedure should take no more than 30 minutes.

Please note that if a Contrast Enhanced Mammogram is recommended, but you do not wish to have the contrast, you may still proceed with a Standard Mammogram.

An extra charge of \$55.00 will be added to your final account to cover the cost of contrast administration if you choose to proceed with a Contrast Enhanced Mammogram. The extra charge is not rebateable by Medicare or your Private Health Fund.

If you have any questions, please ask your Mammographer when they call you for your examination.

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