Attending or waiving the information consultation

MAMMOGRAPHIE SCREENING PROGRAMM

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Dear Screening participants

You are entitled to a medical information consultation prior to your mammography examination.

This information consultation can give you additional information about the advantages and disadvantages of the early detection of breast cancer through the mammography screening, which is not included in the mammography screening booklet. However, it is not a personal consultation about the individual risks.

If you do not want to attend the information consultation, you can waiver it. If you develop breast cancer, you won't be at any disadvantage in terms of insurance or treatment.

- **Do you not require an information consultation? Then please sign the waiver for the information consultation and hand it in whilst registering.**

- **Would you like more information about the information consultation? We have compiled the most important questions and answers for you. If you still have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.**

Yours, the mammography screening team

What is discussed in the mammography screening programme's information consultation?

The information consultation allows you to obtain extra information prior to the examination which is not in the booklet you received with your invitation.
During the information consultation, a screening physician will explain both how the mammography screening programme's examination works in order to detect early breast cancer and the advantages and disadvantages of the screening. During the information consultation you will have the chance to discuss any questions you have about the mammography screening with the screening physician.

This information consultation does not replace a personal consultation about the early detection of breast cancer from your treating gynaecologist, as you are able to discuss the personal risk factors of developing breast cancer with them.

Will I be at a disadvantage if I don't make use of the information consultation before the mammography?

No. If you don't attend the information consultation before the mammography screening, you won't be at any disadvantage in terms of insurance or treatment.

If you don't want to attend the information consultation, please bring the consultation waiver to the examination.

You should have received the waiver with the invitation to the mammography screening. You will also have the chance to sign the waiver at the screening unit.

You are required to sign it as the doctors are obliged to provide this information and document whether you attended an information consultation or waived it.

Why can't I have the information consultation directly before the examination?

The information consultation should take place in sufficient time for you to carefully consider whether you want to attend the breast cancer screening or not. Therefore, the information consultation will generally not take place directly before the examination. As the x-rays will be taken by professional, qualified radiologists, a doctor is not usually present.

Can I not have the information consultation with my practising physician / gynaecologist / radiologist?

Only physicians who are familiar with the examination procedure can fundamentally provide information about the examination. For example, you would only receive information about anaesthesia from a specially trained anaesthetist.

The information about the advantages and disadvantages of the mammography screening programme can therefore only be provided by physicians with expert knowledge in screenings.

How long does the information consultation last?

The length of the information consultation can vary.
It depends on how many questions you have about the mammography screening programme and the early detection of breast cancer. Normally it doesn't take much longer than the examination itself.

Why can the information consultation take place in a different place to the actual mammography?

The mammography images will be taken by a radiologist and the images can be analysed in different locations by physicians. This also applies to the information consultation prior to the examination, which will be carried out by screening physicians.

Is the waiver for the information consultation only valid for this screening or is it also valid for all future mammography screening examinations?

The waiver is only valid for the imminent mammography examination.

You are entitled to a personal consultation before every screening examination. Therefore, the waiver must be re-signed every two years for each mammography screening appointment, if you do not want to attend the information consultation.

What if I don’t sign the waiver?

The screening physicians must comply with the provisions of the Patients’ Rights Act. This includes providing evidence that a participant, who has not attended an information consultation, has expressly waived the possibility of having a personal consultation before the examination.

If you do not want to attend an information consultation but have not signed the waiver, the examination can not be carried out.

Why do I have to sign the waiver?

You are entitled to a verbal information consultation from a treating physician before every medical procedure (treatment).

However if you would like, you can forego the information consultation prior to the examination.

In this case, the physicians are obliged to document your waiver. Therefore you must sign the waiver for the information consultation. Please bring the enclosed waiver to your examination appointment.

I would like to attend an information consultation. Where can I arrange an appointment?

An appointment for your information consultation prior to your mammography, can be arranged with the central office. You will find the contact details on the mammography screening invitation or you can inquire at the registration desk.

You can search by postcode to find the contact details of your central office online at **www.mammo-programm.de/termin**.

Do you have questions about the mammography screening programme?

We have the answers.

The mammography screening's new FAQ website:

fragen.mammo-programm.de

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