

# Breast Care Clinic



Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Qatar. As a result, in the National Cancer Strategy, a recommendation was made to introduce a call and recall screening service for the country and a one-stop clinic for patients who require further assessment.

The Breast Care Clinic at the National Center for Cancer Care and Research will provide the following:

- Pre-assessment consultation with a nurse
- Consultation with a clinician
- Clinical imaging – mammogram and ultrasound
- Core biopsy
- Recovery
- Arrangement of access to MRI services, as required

The Clinic, situated within the Radiology Department, is led by Corporate Clinical Imaging and will see the following patient groups:

- Patients who require further investigations post screening
- Patients who are symptomatic and have been referred to the Clinic for assessment
- Patients who require further triple assessment or radiological surveillance

Following the launch of the National Screening Program, led by Primary Health Care Corporation, ladies over the age of 45 will be invited to attend breast screening regularly, every three years. Structured screening should ensure more cancers are detected before they become symptomatic.

The Clinic operates a 'triple assessment' model, which comprises of mammogram, ultrasound and core biopsy and clinical examination, if needed. Results will take a few days to come back and patients who required a biopsy will need to be assessed by a clinician after the results are released by the pathology laboratory. If the results come back as normal, patients will be discharged to the National Screening Program for regular screening. Any patients with abnormal results will be booked for follow up with a clinician.

In most instances we expect the results to be normal and once the patient has been assessed, they will be referred back into the call and recall screening program.

In the instances where this is not the case, the patient will be referred to the Breast Multi-Disciplinary-Team, who will recommend the next steps.

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