

## Mammography screening programme

### What is it?

As part of the mammography screening programme, you will be invited to have a breast mammography examination every 2 years.

### Why should I participate?

Breast cancer is the most common cancer amongst women. A mammogram can detect the smallest changes in the breast tissue. This means that breast cancer can be detected when it is still very small - that is, before you can feel it. The earlier breast cancer is detected, the better it can be treated and the higher the chances of complete recovery.

### Who may participate?

All women at the age of 50 or older and who live in the cantons of Basel-Stadt or Baselland are eligible to take part.

### How much does it cost?

The costs are paid by the health insurance, even below the annual deductible rate. You only pay the deductible of 10%, i.e. around **20 francs**.

### Where can I do the examination?

#### Basel-Stadt:

Bethesda-Spital  
Universitätsspital  
IMAMED Basel  
St. Claraspital  
Zentrum für Bilddiagnostik

#### Baselland:

Kantonsspital Baselland Liestal  
IMAMED Liestal  
IMAMED Reinach

### How can I participate?

**Registration by phone:** If you have not yet received an invitation, make your appointment by phone **061 319 91 70**. We speak German, French, Italian, English, Turkish and Spanish.

**Registration via website:** If you have already received an invitation, you can also make your appointment online via the website at <https://www.screening-mammo.ch/termin-vereinbaren>. To do so, you will need the reference number at the top right of your invitation letter.

### How does the examination work?

The examination is carried out by specially trained female specialists. During the examination, each breast is pressed together between two plates. This can be a little painful, but only takes a few seconds. After the examination, the images are evaluated by two doctors.

### How will I know the result?

You will be informed about the result by post within 8 working days after the examination.

**Good news:** For most women, the examination shows that everything is fine. It is important that the examination is repeated every 2 years. You will receive an invitation again punctually after the 2 years.

**Further examinations:** About every 10th woman is advised to have a further examination (e.g. an ultrasound) because something was unclear during the examination. For the vast majority of women, the further examination reveals that everything is fine and there is no cause for concern. The costs of the further examinations are paid by the health insurance, but are not exempt from the deductible rate.

