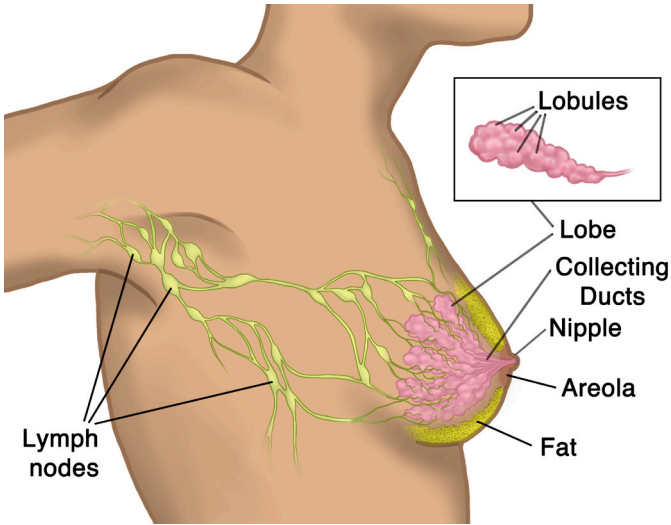


# Breast Cancer Screening

## Questions to Ask Your Doctor



In Wisconsin, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women. Breast cancer affects 1 in 8 women during their lives. It is important to get screened before there are signs or symptoms of breast cancer. Beginning at age 40, start to talk with your doctor about breast cancer screening.

Here are some questions to ask about breast cancer screening. These questions can help you make important decisions about your health.

Also, you may want to bring a family member or friend with you to your doctor appointment. That person can help you ask questions and write down the information that the doctor gives you.

### 1. Am I at an increased risk for breast cancer? What are the possible symptoms?

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### 2. What screening test(s) do you recommend for me? At what age should I have those tests?

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If you are having a mammogram or other breast cancer screening you will want to know:

**3. What's involved in the test? Will it hurt? Is the test safe?**

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**4. Where can I get the test done(s)? Who will do the test(s)? Will I need someone with me?**

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**5. How do I prepare for the test(s)?**

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**6. When will I be contacted with the results? Who will contact me?**

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## Where can I get more information?

The National Cancer Institute provides accurate and up-to-date information about clinical trials, cancer types, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and end of life care.

**Phone:** 1-800-4CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

**Website:** [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)



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