

GALACTOGRAM (MAMMODUCTOGRAPHY)

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Patients:

These are the instructions for your scheduled procedure in our Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Scheduling

Your examination has been scheduled for:

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time. When you arrive on the day of your procedure, please come directly to the Diagnostic Imaging/Lab Registration Area. Give the paperwork, sent with you from your physician to the receptionist.

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Purpose

A galactogram is a special type of mammogram which is done after the x-ray dye has been injected into a breast duct through the nipple. It is done to see if there is an abnormality within the duct that may be causing discharge. This procedure is also done to identify a duct with an abnormality prior to removal of it by your surgeon. Most women do not find this procedure painful. It takes about 30 to 45 minutes for the test.

Preparation

- Do not squeeze or "express" your breast or nipple prior to the test.
- Limit your caffeine for 24 hours prior to the test to reduce discomfort with the mammogram.

Procedure

- The radiologist, assisted by a technologist, will cleanse the nipple with antiseptic and express (squeeze) a small amount of discharge to locate the specific duct that has the discharge.
- A very fine blunt metal tube is gently inserted into the duct. A small amount of x-ray dye is injected through the tube to fill the duct. This may cause a sensation of fullness within the deeper portion of the breast.
- A mammogram of the breast is now taken. Some additional mammogram views may be done in order to see the breast ducts in more detail.
- A damp cloth can be used to remove the liquid previously applied. Gauze dressing may be applied.

Results

A report of the radiologist's findings will be forwarded to your doctor. You will be contacted about the results and any further plan of care.