

# Digital mammogram

## Quick Facts

**Your mammogram will be taken on new digital mammography equipment.**

**However, you may not notice a difference!**

The mammogram process will look and feel the same. The difference is in the image, not in how the image is taken. (Think of a regular vs. digital camera—you still point and shoot, but the pictures are stored on a memory card rather than on film.)

**Why did Screen Test replace their film screen mammogram units with digital equipment?**

Film screen is becoming obsolete technology. To ensure that Alberta women continue to have access to the most current, coordinated services, an update to digital was necessary. Although you may not see the differences, digital mammography means better mammograms and services:

- Images can be immediately retrieved and displayed
- Images can be transmitted to other sites
- Images can be altered, enhanced, and viewed with greater contrast resolution
- Digital images can be easily stored
- Imaging is improved for dense breast tissue

The most important thing about mammograms remains the same: You need to come back for the next one! Regular mammograms can save lives.