

**DANA-FARBER'S MAMMOGRAPHY VAN**  
**DANA-FARBER'S MAMMOGRAPHY SUITE AT WHITTIER STREET HEALTH CENTER**

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**To be imaged on the mammography van or at the mammography suite, patients must meet the following criteria:**

- Be age 40 or older
  - If 30 to 34 years old, the patient must have a referral.
    - A PCP may refer a patient due to family history (e.g., If someone were diagnosed at age 44, their child could have their first mammogram at age 34).
    - A surgeon may refer a patient who is scheduled for a procedure (e.g., a breast reduction).
  - If 35 to 39 years old, the patient's health plan may cover their baseline (first-ever) mammogram. Please contact the DFCl staff for confirmation of coverage.
- Be asymptomatic (i.e., not experiencing any breast symptoms such as lumps, focal pain, discharge, etc.)
  - If the patient has symptoms, their primary care provider or the DFCl staff will need to confirm eligibility.
- Have a primary care provider
  - By law, screening mammograms can be self-referred (i.e., an order/referral is not needed for the exam). Please note that if a patient receives a recommendation for additional imaging, they will be required to obtain a diagnostic order/referral from a provider.
- Most recent mammogram should be
  - At least one year ago
    - Routine screening once a year is encouraged. There is some flexibility with this criterion since many health plans allow one screening mammogram per calendar year. Please contact the DFCl staff for confirmation of coverage.
  - A negative or benign result
- Not be pregnant
- Able to stand independently (i.e., without assistance) for at least 10 minutes
  - Patients must be able to stand for the mammogram and climb the steps into the van.

**Exceptions:**

- If the patient's most recent screening was finalized as BI-RADS 0 or BI-RADS 3 more than two years ago and they have not completed follow-up, they can return to routine screening.
- If the patient is breastfeeding/nursing,
  - They must breastfeed/nurse or pump one hour before their screening.
- If the patient had any breast procedures:
  - The patient should be fully healed and not experiencing any discomfort.
  - Patients with breast implants will need two appointment slots.
  - Patients who had a breast biopsy should have a result that states they can return to routine screening.
- If the patient has a previous breast cancer diagnosis,
  - They must have one bilateral diagnostic mammogram post-diagnosis without any findings (i.e., the post-diagnostic mammogram should be BI-RADS 1 or 2).
  - Mastectomy patients - The contralateral breast must be asymptomatic.