

# bevolkingsonderzoek



Voor vroege opsporing van kanker

Ms «NaamVolledig»  
«Straat»  
«Postcode» «Plaats»

City/Town,  
Re: the result of the breast cancer screening examination

Dear Ms <Achternaam>,

You took part in the breast cancer screening programme on [date screening].

## **What was the result?**

We have found an abnormality on the X-rays. Further assessment in the hospital is required.

## **What does this mean?**

It does not necessarily mean that you have breast cancer. About 5 out of every 10 women with this result do not have breast cancer.

## **Further assessment in the hospital is required**

At the hospital, a specialist will determine whether it is breast cancer. This examination takes place at the breast clinic at the hospital (the so-called 'Mammapoli'). It could entail an additional X-ray or an ultrasound scan. In most cases, some cells or a small piece of tissue must also be taken from your breast. This is called a puncture or biopsy. At the hospital, you will be informed about the required examination, and when you may expect the result.

## **What could be the outcome of the examination at the breast clinic?**

- No breast cancer detected. The abnormality on the X-ray is something else. For example, it could be a fluid vesicle (a cyst) or benign calcifications.
- Breast cancer is detected. The specialist at the hospital will discuss with you which treatments are available.

## **What should you do?**

Your GP has been informed of the result and will contact you. If your GP has not yet been in touch with you, you should make an appointment. Your GP can answer any questions about the result. The GP can also provide a referral to the breast clinic at the hospital for further examination. In consultation with your GP you can decide which hospital you may go to for further examination.

## **The follow-up examination is not free**

The follow-up examination at the hospital is not part of the programme. Your health insurance will reimburse the costs of this examination. You may be obliged to pay the costs, or a part of them, yourself. This depends on your excess amount and how much you have already used of this. For questions about this, please contact your health care insurer.

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**You can object**

The specialist at the hospital will receive your results of the population screening, including the X-rays. In this way, the specialist can conduct more focused testing. If you do not agree with that, you can object. You can request a form for this purpose via the information line <telefoonnummer informatielijn> or download it from <website so>.

For more information about privacy, or how to object, visit [www.bevolkingsonderzoekborstkanker.nl](http://www.bevolkingsonderzoekborstkanker.nl).

**After the examination at the hospital**

Did the hospital not detect any signs of breast cancer? You may participate in the screening programme again in two years. You will automatically receive a new invitation.

**Further details**

- For more details about the screening programme go to [www.bevolkingsonderzoekborstkanker.nl](http://www.bevolkingsonderzoekborstkanker.nl)
- The website [www.monitorborstkankerzorg.nl](http://www.monitorborstkankerzorg.nl) helps you to select a hospital. This website combines patient experiences with information about the range of services available at the hospital.
- For further information, go to [www.kwf.nl](http://www.kwf.nl) or [www.thuisarts.nl](http://www.thuisarts.nl)

**Do you have questions about your health?**

You can ask your GP or the specialist at the hospital medical questions.

**Do you have questions about the screening programme?**

Please contact the information line: XXX XXX XX XX on work days between 9.00 and 17.00.

You can also go to [www.bevolkingsonderzoekborstkanker.nl](http://www.bevolkingsonderzoekborstkanker.nl).

Kind regards,

Rad1, radiologist

Rad2, radiologist