

## \* When will you get your results?

In most cases, you will be given your results on the day. You will also receive a letter with your results shortly afterwards.

Biopsy results may take up to four days because the cells or tissue sample need to be sent to a laboratory for examination. You will be asked to come back to receive your biopsy result.

A copy of your results will also be posted to your general practitioner if requested.

## \* What happens after your assessment?

Women aged 50-69 years should have a breast X-Ray every two years. You will automatically receive a reminder letter when your next breast X-Ray is due.

Depending on your test results, you may be asked to come back before the two year period. You will be notified if this is required.

## \* What if breast cancer is found?

A small number of women will need further specialist treatment because a cancer is found. You will be given information and support to assist you in seeking care and treatment.

A team of specialists will guide you through your Assessment Clinic visit. They understand the anxiety you may be feeling and aim to provide you with timely results.

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For further information call  
13 20 50 (cost of a local call)

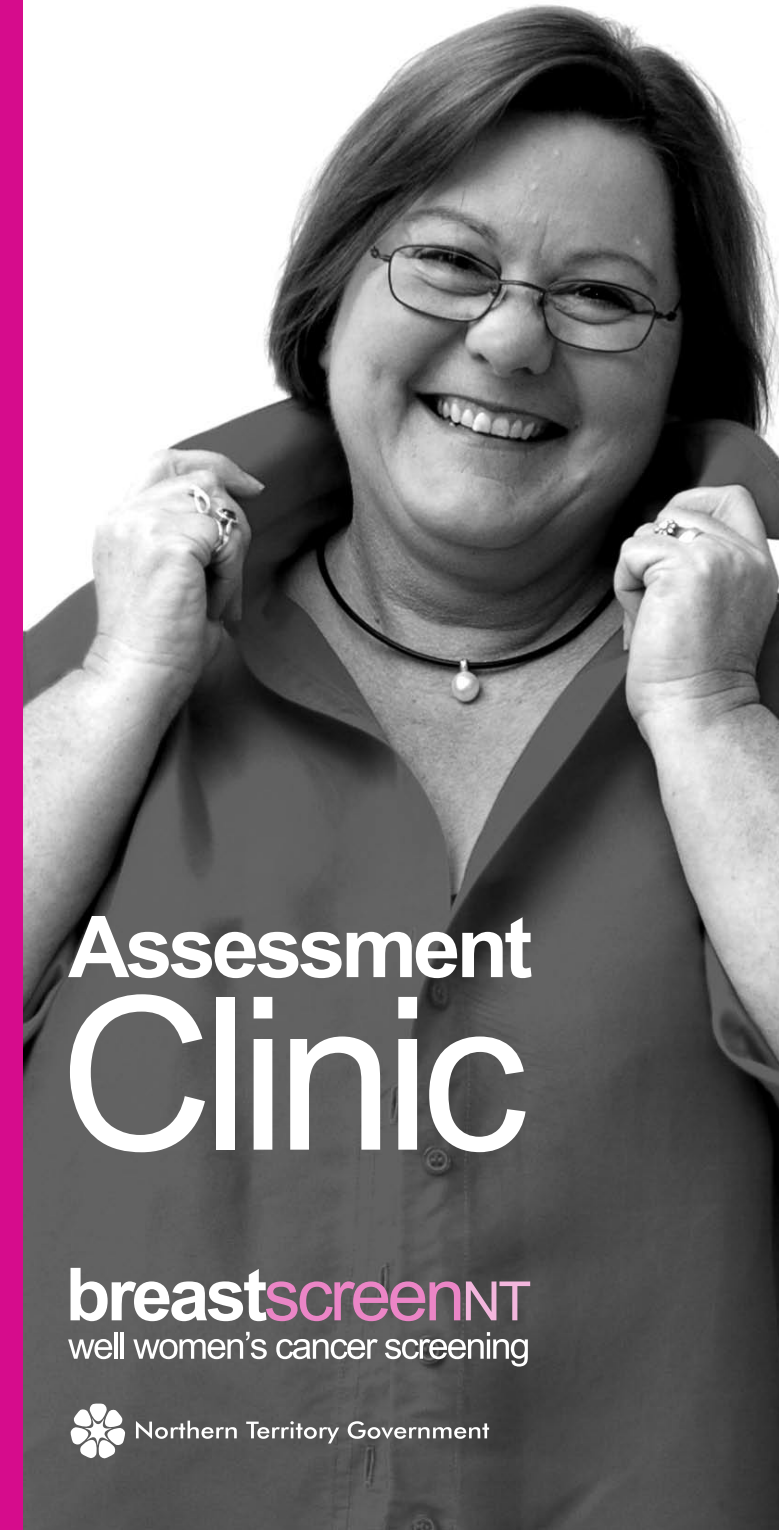
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After a breast X-Ray (mammogram) some women are asked to come to an Assessment Clinic for further tests. This is a free service.

Your consent to the tests is required. You may withdraw your consent at any time.

## \* What happens if you are asked to come back for further tests?

About one in 20 women is asked to come to an Assessment Clinic for further tests. There may be an area on your breast X-Ray that needs further investigation.

About nine out of ten who are asked to come back for further tests will not have breast cancer.

## \* How long will your assessment take?

The length of time you will be at the Assessment Clinic depends on the procedures you require. It is recommended that you allow a day and a work certificate can be provided if required.

A team of specialists are available to answer any questions you may have. You are welcome to bring along a support person and some reading material.

## \* What tests may you need?

You may require one or more tests during your visit to the Assessment Clinic. The tests you require will depend on the results of your breast X-Ray, a review by the specialist radiologist and the type of changes that have been noticed.

## \* Assessment tests may include:

- Clinical breast examination: a doctor will check for any changes in the breast that can be seen or felt.
- Further breast X-Rays: additional X-Rays of your breast may be needed, which will focus on the area of the breast that requires further checking.
- Breast ultrasound: this is a test using sound waves to check your breast tissue, which can confirm whether an abnormality is a fluid filled cyst or a more solid mass of tissue.
- Other tests: in addition to some or all of the above, some women will require other tests such as fine needle aspiration or core biopsy. These tests use a needle to take a small sample of cells and/or tissue from the part of the breast that needs checking. More information about these tests will be given to you at the time.

