


Digital Mammography

Providing a better image



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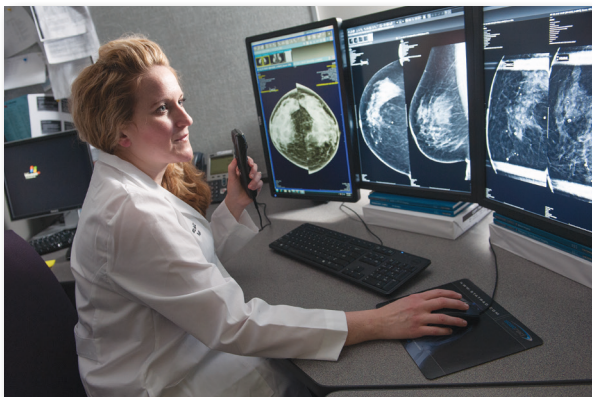
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"We're proud to offer leading-edge digital mammograms in a way that's quick and convenient. We understand waiting can cause worry and anxiety, so our goal is to always provide fast, accurate results."



- Kristin Booth, DO, board-certified radiologist





The waiting is over. Get a better image — *faster*.

You may dread regular screening mammograms, but they could help save your life by detecting breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages.

At McLaren Lapeer Region, we're proud to offer less-wait digital mammography, with significant advantages compared to traditional analog mammograms.

When you choose us for your digital mammogram, you can expect your appointment to last only about 20 to 25 minutes, with **results available within 24 hours**. What's more, should your mammogram indicate a potential problem and you require follow-up imaging, these tests can be scheduled the very next day, which means less waiting, as well as less stress and anxiety.

Our digital mammography machine was made possible by a grant from the McLaren Lapeer Region Foundation.





The benefits of digital mammography

- **Better overall accuracy and lower radiation dosage**

Digital mammograms can take more views of each breast than analog mammograms, and they use about 25 percent less radiation.

- **Enhanced interpretation**

Mammograms can be extremely difficult for radiologists to interpret. Digital mammograms, however, are stored electronically. They can be analyzed by computers, as well as by radiologists.

- **Image-manipulation capabilities**

Analog mammogram images cannot be altered. Digital mammogram images, by contrast, can be manipulated digitally for better clarity and visibility.

- **Easily storable and transmittable**

Analog mammograms produce bulky sets of films that must be stored and revisited. Digital mammograms are stored on computers, easing image accessibility. Digital images can be sent electronically to other health care professionals for analysis, if need be.

Digital mammography is significantly better than analog mammography for women under age 50, women of any age with very dense breasts, and women who are premenopausal or perimenopausal.



Our digital mammography process

1. Arrive for your scheduled screening mammogram. This appointment generally lasts from 20 to 25 minutes, and results are available within 24 hours following the appointment.
2. Most often, results are negative. However if your results are positive, indicating a possible problem, you will be called within 24 hours to schedule additional imaging (a diagnostic mammogram and, if required, an ultrasound) the following day.
3. The diagnostic mammogram is read during your follow-up appointment, so you will receive these results very quickly. If diagnostic imaging indicates problems, the radiologist will consult with you to discuss further recommendations and a referral if one is needed.

To schedule your less-wait digital mammogram today,
call (810) 667-5990.

