Questions to Ask...

to be sure you’re getting your mammogram at a quality facility

Choose a facility that answers YES to these 5 questions.

1. Is the facility accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR)?
2. Does the facility provide mammograms as part of its regular practice?  
   *(Note: The ACR suggests choosing a facility that performs at least 10 mammograms per week.)*
3. Is the person who performs the mammogram a registered technologist?
4. Is the radiologist who reads the mammogram specially trained to do so?
5. Is the mammography machine calibrated at least once a year?

Answers to these questions below will help you prepare for the procedure and the steps that will follow.

1. Is there anything I should do to prepare for my mammogram? Are there any products I should avoid before a mammogram?
2. What will the mammogram show?
3. Who gets the report of my mammogram? Can it also be sent to other doctors who treat me? May I have a copy of the report sent to me?
4. How long will it take to receive the mammography report?
5. What are the next steps if my mammogram shows a problem?
6. What is the best time to schedule a mammogram?
7. Will the mammogram be covered by my health insurance?