## **Ontario Breast Screening Program**

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Screen for Life Cancer screening sees what you can't

Breast

**C**ervical

**Colorectal** 

JANE SAMPLE 123 ANY STREET ANY CITY, ON M1M 1M1

#### Dear JANE SAMPLE:

You were recently sent a letter reminding you that you are due for breast cancer screening and our records show that you have not yet had a mammogram.

Please take time to book your mammogram now. If you have not already done so, please call the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) site where you were last screened (OBSP SAMPLE SITE) at 222.333.4444 ext. 1 or 1.800.555.5555 to book an appointment.

As an agency of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Cancer Care Ontario provides cancer screening programs to the people of Ontario.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Canadian women. As a woman between the ages of 50 and 74, you are encouraged to get screened with a mammogram through the OBSP. Since 1990, the OBSP has provided mammograms to Ontario women ages 50 to 74 through local clinics and hospitals across the province.

A mammogram can find changes when they are too small to feel or see. **Getting** screened regularly is the best way to find breast cancer early and provides the best chance of successful treatment.

Take the time to book your mammogram today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda Rabeneck

Vice-President, Prevention and Cancer Control

Cancer Care Ontario



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#### GET THE FACTS. GET SCREENED.

- Mammograms are recommended for women ages 50 to 74 years old. Even if you feel fine or no one in your family has had breast cancer, it is important to get screened.
- Most women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.
- Most women will have normal mammogram results.
- More than 80% of breast cancers are found in women over the age of 50.
- While screening tests are not perfect, regular mammograms are the best way for women ages 50 to 74 to reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer.
- Talk to your doctor or nurse practitioner about the benefits and risks of screening, or read the enclosed brochure.

# ABOUT THE ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM (OBSP)

To learn more, visit cancercare.on.ca/obsp, or contact us at screenforlife@cancercare.on.ca or 1.866.662.9233 Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you do not want to receive OBSP letters from Cancer Care Ontario, complete the form at www.cancercare.on.ca/screening letters or call us at 1.866.662.9233.

You can change your mind at any time.

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR MAMMOGRAM

Call the OBSP site where you were last screened to schedule an appointment. This information is provided on the front page of this letter. For all site locations, call 1.800.668.9304 or visit cancercare.on.ca/obsplocations.

Ontario women ages 50 to 74 do not need a healthcare provider's referral to book a mammogram through the OBSP.

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