

## Breast Cancer Research Saves Lives

If a mammogram saved your life — or the life of someone you love — then you've been helped by breast cancer research.

Each time you fill out the Health Questionnaire during your exam, you can be a part of advancing life-saving breast cancer research.

Make all your mammograms count. Fill out your questionnaire completely every time.

### Contact Us:

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## Participating Mammography Facilities

Brattleboro Memorial Hospital  
Central Vermont Medical Center  
Copley Hospital  
Gifford Medical Center  
Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center  
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital  
North Country Hospital  
Northwestern Medical Center, Inc.  
Porter Medical Center, Inc.  
Rutland Regional Medical Center  
Springfield Hospital  
Southwestern Vermont Health Care  
University of Vermont Medical Center



## Your Mammogram Could Save Lives



With the  
Vermont Mammography Registry

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THE VERMONT  
BREAST CANCER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM  
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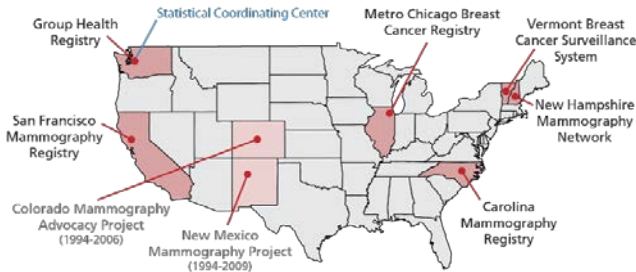
Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium  


When you have a mammogram and fill out our questionnaire, you have a chance to be part of life saving breast cancer research.



## Excellence in Collaborative Research

The Vermont Mammography Registry is part of the Vermont Breast Cancer Surveillance System and a partner of the nationwide Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium (BCSC). Together, we collaborate with leading scientists from across the country to study breast cancer screening and diagnosis. Through this partnership, we can study information about breast health and mammograms from millions of women. And the more women we study, the better our chances of finding new and better ways to prevent and diagnose breast cancer.



If you've had a mammogram at any participating Vermont Mammography Registry facility, you may already be a partner in this life saving research! Each time you come in for a mammogram the information you provide in your health questionnaire does more than give your doctor information needed for your care. It gives you a chance to join the millions of women who opt to share this vital information for breast cancer research.



## 9.6 Million Mammograms and Counting....

The Vermont Mammography Registry (VMR) and our research partners now have information on more than 9.6 million mammograms to include in our research. This vast database of mammograms has contributed to hundreds of published studies on breast cancer screening, with topics including:

- The development of a new predictive model for breast cancer risk using clinical factors and breast density<sup>1</sup>
- Criteria used to identify women at risk of developing breast cancer between mammograms<sup>2</sup>
- Changes in breast cancer screening rates in Vermont<sup>3</sup>

These studies and more have served as a resource to guide health care policy and breast cancer screening guidelines nationwide. Your contributions to our research make this possible!

In addition to this important research, VMR also keeps performance statistics of each participating screening facility in Vermont for quality assurance. This ensures you receive the best care possible.

1. Trice J, et al. "Using Clinical Factors and Mammographic Breast Density to Estimate Breast Cancer Risk: Development and Validation of a New Predictive Model" *Ann Intern Med.* 2008 March 4; 148(5):337-47.
2. Kerlikowske K, et al. "Identifying Women with Dense Breasts at High Risk of Interval Cancers." *Ann Intern Med.* 2015 May 19;162(10):673-81.
3. Sprague B, et al. "Registry-Based Study of Trends in Breast Cancer Screening Mammography Before and After the 2009 U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations." *Radiology.* 2014 Feb 1; 270 (2):354-61.

*"I've filled this questionnaire out before. Why do I need to do it again?"*

Answering these questions are important for two reasons; First, our research depends on having specific information to link to each mammogram we study. Second, some of your answers may change over time.



## Protection of Privacy

Protecting your privacy is a critical part of our research. Federal and state regulations protect our research records. All our research projects are reviewed by the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects to ensure your rights as a research participant are protected.

All the information we collect for research is stored on secure, password protected computer systems. This information is only available to researchers within the Vermont Mammography Registry and the Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium.