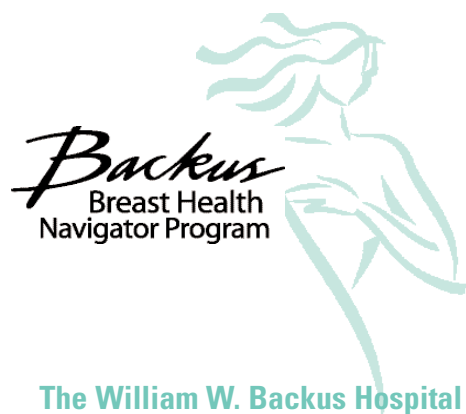


When You Have A Suspicious Breast Screening

Our Breast Health Patient Navigator
Program Can Guide You

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“I Have A Suspicious Breast Screening.

What Do I Do Next?”

It is important to realize that a suspicious finding is NOT a breast cancer diagnosis.

However, further diagnostic tests or procedures are necessary to rule out the possibility of cancer.

Backus Hospital created a Breast Health Patient Navigator Program because we care about women and their health care needs.

The purpose of a breast health patient navigator is to:

- Provide education
- Eliminate barriers to care
- Ensure timely delivery of services and decrease wait time from diagnosis to treatment.

Common barriers to care:

- Financial and economic
- Cultural
- Transportation
- Communication and language
- Bias based on race or age
- Fear

The Breast Health Navigator can:

- Guide you through the health care system
- Help you fill out insurance forms
- Help you find ways to pay for health care if you don't have insurance
- Direct you to health care services for further diagnosis and treatment
- Direct you to local resources and support
- Help you keep track of and find ways to get to your appointments
- Help you get your questions answered
- Help you find more information on breast health care

To reach the Breast Health Patient Navigator, please contact Joyce Kuusela, RN, at 860-425-3870 or jkuusela@wwbh.org.