

# Breast Screening Pathway - Glossary of Terms

**2WW Pathway** – a request from your general practitioner (GP) to ask the hospital for an urgent outpatient appointment for you (within 2 weeks), because you have symptoms suspected to be cancer.

**Clinical fellow** – undertakes research in order to develop the science of medicine and combines specialty training with academic work.

**CNS** - clinical nurse specialists are dedicated to a particular area of nursing: caring for patients suffering from long-term conditions and diseases such as cancer.

**Consultant** - the most senior grade of hospital doctor, responsible for leading a team. Every patient who is admitted to hospital will have a named consultant.

**Consultant radiologist** - a specialist in the medical use of imaging to diagnose and treat disease seen within the body.

**Consultant surgeon** - a specialist in surgery, which is a broad category of invasive medical treatment that involves operating on the body.

**Diagnostic tests** – designed to detect a disease, its outlook and its spread throughout the body.

**Foundation year doctor** - (FY1 or FY2 also known as a house officer) a grade of medical practitioner undertaking the Foundation Programme, a two-year, general postgraduate medical training programme that forms the bridge between medical school and specialist or general practice training.

**Histopathological diagnosis** - histopathology is the diagnosis and study of diseases of the tissues, and involves examining tissues and/or cells under a microscope.

**Mammogram** - an X-ray of the breast. Your breast is placed in between two plates, pressure is applied and the picture (image) is taken.

**MDT** – a multi disciplinary team is a team of health professionals who will provide your cancer care, this will include a radiologist and a surgeon. They have many different areas of expertise.

**One stop clinic** – designed to diagnose cancers early in people who do not have 'alarm symptoms' for a specific type of cancer. Some patients will receive a definitive diagnosis or all clear on the same day, while others will need to undergo further assessment, but can generally expect a diagnosis within two weeks of their first appointment.

**Registrar** – a doctor who works as part of a specialty training programme in the UK.

**Stereotactic core biopsy** – uses a hollow needle to get a sample of breast tissue. Because tissue is taken rather than cells, it gives more detailed information. Several tissue samples may be taken at the same time.

**Tomosynthesis** - is a 3D mammogram. Your breasts are placed as they would be for a normal mammogram, then the arm of the machine moves around you taking pictures (images) as they move.

**Treatment plan** - a detailed plan with information about a patient's disease, the goal of treatment, the treatment options for the disease and possible side effects, and the expected length of treatment.

**Ultrasound** - the doctor applies a jelly to your breast and a probe is used on the breast to create images seen on the screen using sound waves.

## Definitions modified from:

### **BMA**

- [Doctors' titles explained - Toolkit for doctors new to the UK – BMA](#)

### **Breast Cancer Now**

- [www.breastcancernow.org.uk](http://www.breastcancernow.org.uk)

### **Cancer Research UK**

- [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)

### **King's College Hospital website**

- <https://www.kch.nhs.uk/gps/refer-a-patient/two-week-wait>

### **NHS England**

- New 'one stop shops' for cancer to speed up diagnosis and save lives  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2018/04/new-one-stop-shops-for-cancer-to-speed-up-diagnosis-and-save-lives/>

### **NHS website**

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/help-from-social-services-and-charities/care-and-support-plans/>

### **National Cancer Institute**

- [Definition of stereotactic biopsy - NCI Dictionary of Cancer Terms - National Cancer Institute](#)
- [Definition of treatment plan - NCI Dictionary of Cancer Terms - National Cancer Institute](#)