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Supplemental Material

Screening-step

written invitation

with appointment time and place, every 24 months

if woman participates

anamnesis and mammography

documentation of relevant medical history, two view mammograms (cc & mlo)

double reading

independent, separated by time or place

if at least one reader recommends consensus meeting

consensus meeting

consensus reading, final judgment by responsible practitioner

if consensus meeting recommends assessment (mammographic, clinical or technical recall)

Non-invasive assessment

clinical assessment, ultrasound, additional mammograms, in rare cases MRT

if non-invasive assessment cannot rule out malignancy

minimal-invasive assessment

ultrasound or mammography guided core or vacuum biopsy

histological assessment

interdisciplinary consensus

meeting
case discussion with final
diagnosis or recommendation of
further assessment and quality
control of diagnostic chain

if malignant finding is confirmed in consensus meeting and treatment is recommended

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surgery and therapy

if surgical or pathological documentation is available

interdisciplinary consensus meeting

tumor documentation and quality control of diagnostic chain

Person

invitation center personnel

established exclusively for organizing the screening invitations, address data is provided by population registries

mammography unit

established exclusively for taking

Location invitation center

radiographer

licensed for taking screening mammograms

radiologist or gynecologist

licensed for reading screening mammograms

screening mammograms, some of them mobile

usually at the doctor's office of reading radiologist or gynecologist

responsible practitioner & radiologist or gynecologist

at doctor's office or assessment center, depending on the organization of the screening unit

responsible practitioner

licensed for providing screening service within a screening unit

assessment unit

during assessment exclusively for screening patients

responsible practitioner or radiologist licensed for

mammography guided core or vacuum biopsy within the screening program

pathologist

licensed for histological assessment within the screening program

responsible practitioner & pathologist

recommended but optional participants: radiologist or gynecologist, surgeon, physicians from breast care center **assessment unit** or breast care center

pathological institute

at doctor's office, assessment center, or breast care center, depending on the organization of the screening unit

breast care center not part of the screening program

responsible practitioner & pathologist

recommended but optional participants: radiologist or gynecologist, surgeon, physicians from breast care center at doctor's office, assessment center, or breast care center, depending on the organization of the screening unit

Fig. 1: Flowchart of the screening chain with responsibilities (person and location)

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