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TO: Regional Cancer Programs and All OBSP Sites

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SUBJECT: Screening women aged 75 years and older at Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) sites

The Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) recommends screening with mammography for women at average risk who are between the ages of 50 and 74. At present, there is inconsistency with regard to how OBSP sites manage women aged 75 years and older.

Women aged 75 years and older who decide to be screened in the OBSP must be referred by their primary care provider. These women are encouraged to make a decision regarding risk appropriate screening in consultation with their primary care provider. This approach aligns with the recommendations made by the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.

For women aged 75 years and older who decide to be screened in the OBSP and are referred by their primary care provider, their data will be entered into the OBSP's Integrated Client Management System (ICMS) and they will receive result letters from the OBSP. However, they will not receive recall letters or invitation letters from the OBSP.

Please contact screening@cancercare.on.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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