Your Journey Through the Assessment Clinic

1. Imaging
2. Clinical Examination
3. Biopsy

| 1. Referral to our assessment clinic | • Woman attends her breast screening appointment.  
                                      • Woman recalled for further assessment to gain more information from her screening mammograms. |
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| 2. Imaging                          | • Further mammograms by a radiographer if appropriate.  
                                      • Ultrasound by a Consultant Radiologist. |
| 3. Clinical examination             | • Clinical examination by a Consultant Radiologist.  
                                      • Medical history will be discussed. |
| 4. Imaging assessed                 | • All imaging will be assessed by one of our Consultant Radiologists and a decision regarding further tests will be made. |
| 5. No tests                         | • Often no tests are required and the patient can return to routine screening. |
| 6. Further tests                   | • Sometimes further imaging may be needed to give more information. e.g. further mammograms/ultrasound imaging.  
                                      • It may be necessary to have a needle biopsy whilst in the department. Results will take approximately one week, therefore further appointments will be necessary.  
                                      • Cysts/abscesses may also be aspirated (drained) whilst the patient is in our clinic. |
| 7. Breast care nurse                | • A Breast Care Nurse will support you with your journey through the assessment clinic and for any results. |
| 8. Return to the assessment clinic  | • Further appointments may be made to re-attend our assessment clinic for tests results. |
| 9. M.D.T.                           | • The examinations you have undergone will be discussed and reviewed at a multidisciplinary team meeting (M.D.T.) to ensure you receive the best care, treatment and advice.  
                                      • The M.D.T. includes Clinicians, Consultant Radiologists, Radiographers, Breast Care Nurses, Pathologists and Oncologists. |

A process called **triple assessment** is used in 2nd Stage Screening to give the radiologist more information from your 1st Stage Screening.