



Mobile No-cost Breast Cancer Screening Program Overview

Welcome, and thank you for partnering with us to improve the health and well-being of New York City women.

Since 1991, the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's (AICF) Mobile, No-cost Breast Cancer Screening Program has provided mobile mammography services to over 90,000 women medically underserved women in New York City.

By partnering with community-based organizations and institutions such as yourself, AICF brings compassionate and certified professionals to provide mammograms, clinical breast exams and breast health education directly to women in their communities.

In a single day, our mobile mammography team can screen up to 40 women. Screening results are mailed out to patients within 8-12 business days. Our Mammogram Bus is equipped with state of the art digital GE mammography equipment that is comparable to those found at most hospitals or radiology centers. AICF contracts with Multi Diagnostic Services, Inc., a licensed, accredited mammography provider, who performs the medical services and operates the mobile mammography equipment.

Our Mammogram Bus is often booked 2 months in advance. Please reach out to Farah Chatila, Outreach Coordinator at farahchatila@americanitaliancancer.org or at 646-981-2897 to inquire about our current available dates. Please note AICF's Mammogram Bus operates Wednesdays through Sundays and screenings are scheduled for an 8-hour time period (9am-5pm).

To request our Mammogram Bus, please return the completed application to Farah Chatila, Outreach Coordinator at FarahChatila@americanitaliancancer.org, by fax to (212) 517-6089, or mail: 112 E. 71st Street, Suite 2B, New York, NY 10021. Upon receipt of your application, Farah will confirm your screening date (via email).

We look forward to working with you to serve the women in your community. As part of our partnerships, we provide other services in addition to our Mammogram Bus:

- **Patient Navigation**
Our compassionate team of Patient Navigators contacts potential patients to schedule, confirm and remind them of upcoming appointments. Our Patient Navigators also offer follow-up services and assistance to women that require post-screening diagnostic testing.
- **Community Outreach**
Our outreach team promotes upcoming screening events throughout NYC. Our goal is to promote your breast cancer screening event to the entire community. AICF will schedule additional appointments for your screening day from this outreach.
- **Health Education**
To promote breast cancer awareness, the importance of early detection and to engage women in your upcoming screening event, we also offer breast health presentations prior to screening events. Please contact Farah Chatila, Outreach Coordinator, FarahChatila@americanitaliancancer.org to schedule a breast health presentation for your organization.

Things to You Should Know About Our Mobile, No-cost Breast Cancer Screening Program

1. No-cost Program

- All are services are at no-cost to patients, or host organizations
- Uninsured Patients (Women currently without health insurance):
 - Are welcomed on our Mammogram Bus and will be enrolled in the New York State Cancer Service Program (NYS CSP), who cover the costs of the screening.
 - NYS CSP may set borough specific quotas – AICF is notified of such quotas on a month to-month basis, and will communicate any changes with the site contact as needed. For more information on the NYS CSP, please call: 1-866-442-2262.
- Insured Patients (including Medicaid and Medicare):
 - All health insurances are accepted.
 - Health insurance companies will be billed for services. Patients will not be billed and will not be charged for co-pays or deductibles.
 - Women **must** bring health insurance card with them on the screening day.

2. Patient Eligibility

The National Cancer Institute recommends that women receive a yearly mammogram starting at age 40, especially for those over age 50.

- Our program is open to women age 40 -79.
- They must live in New York City.
- Have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months.
- Are not pregnant or breastfeeding, and do not have implants

3. Patient Outreach Recruitment

- As a host organization your primary responsibility is to promote the screening day and recruit at least 25 women for a screening. AICF will work with you to develop an outreach strategy that work best for your community.
- AICF will create tailored flyers to advertise your screening event.
 - *Flyers created by host sites must* include our logo and a list of our funders/sponsors and *be pre-approved by AICF prior to distribution.*
- AICF will use its community network to help you promote your screening event and schedule appointments

4. Appointments requirement

- Like any clinic, this is an appointment-based program. Walk-ins are accommodated when possible.
- We have the capacity to screen up to 40 women per screening day.
 - If your organization does not have 25 appointments confirmed 3 weeks before the screening, we reserve the right to cancel or postpone the screening.
- Our Patient Navigators will call your list of patients to confirm their eligibility and medical information; please inform your patients that we will be reaching out to them.

5. Other Host Site Responsibilities

Reserve parking

- Our Mammogram Bus, which requires 40 feet of reserved parking space or 4 car lengths. The passenger side of the vehicle (right side of the vehicle) must open to the sidewalk; the Mammogram Bus cannot park or drive against traffic.
- You must post “No-Parking” signs 48 hours prior to screening day.
 - Your local police precinct’s Community Liaison can assist you with securing no parking signs.
 - If you have a parking lot, please note that the mobile clinic is 7.5 feet wide and 11.2 feet tall, please confirm that the vehicle will fit in your lot.

6. Screening Day Prep

- A designated individual from the organization must be present during the entire screening event.
- Bathroom Access needs to be provided for our Mammogram Bus patients and staff for the duration of the 8-hour screening day.
- An indoor space needs to be provided for patients waiting for their screening, particularly during inclement weather.
- An interpreter needs to be provided for patients recruited by your site that speak a language other than English or Spanish.