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FOLLOW-UP AFTER TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER

Frequently asked questions

When do I see Dr. Ong after my last post-op appointment?

After the surgery part is completed and issues sorted out, Dr. Ong would generally like to see his treated breast cancer patients 6-12 months after their last post-op appointment with him.

Do I need to bring anything before coming to see Dr. Ong in a year's time?

YES. You will require a mammogram, tomosynthesis and ultrasound scan of the one or both breasts. The request form is obtained from your GP, or Dr. Ong can write one out for you - please obtain the breast scans from either i-Med radiology or Spectrum Medical Imaging.

Should I be having CT scans and bone scans and PET scans every 6-12 months?

There is no scientific data at this stage to show that regular scans every 6-12 months will improve life expectancy in treated breast cancer patients. If you experience the following symptoms please inform your oncologist or Dr. Ong immediately:

- Headaches
- Chest pains/discomfort, shortness of breath or any chest signs or symptoms
- Abdominal pain/bloating/distension
- Alterations in liver function (blood) tests
- Bone or joint pain
- Unexplained weight loss
- New or unusual lumps or bumps particularly in the chest/breast/armpit area.

How long do I have to do this follow-up thing??

Dr. Ong generally follows up his breast cancer patients for 5 years, and in selected cases, to 10 years.

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