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FOLLOW-UP AFTER TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER

Frequently asked questions

When do I continue to see Dr Ong after all my treatment has finished?

After formal treatment has concluded, Dr Ong would generally like to see his breast cancer patients within 3 months.

Do I need to bring anything before coming to see Dr Ong?

YES.

You will probably require a mammogram, tomosynthesis and ultrasound scans of 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, Spectrum Medical Imaging or Oran Park Radiology.

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 (especially if it is new or out of ordinary)
- 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 at least 5 years and in selected cases, to 10 years.

Sincerely, **DR ANDREW ONG.**



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