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The Basel breast cancer screening programme will start in July 2014

Dear Mrs. «Nachname»

Breast cancer is the most frequent form of cancer in women. Each year in Switzerland some 5,400 women develop breast cancer, and 8 out of 10 of them are over 50 years of age. Early detection is of great importance because it increases chances of recovery and makes less aggressive treatment possible. International studies have shown that an X-ray breast examination (mammography) is the most reliable method for early diagnosis of breast cancer.

In order to detect breast cancer as early as possible, the Basel breast cancer screening programme will start in July 2014. Ten other cantons have already established similar screening programmes. In this quality-controlled programme, the Basel Cancer League is offering all women aged between 50 and 69 years the opportunity of having a screening mammography every two years. It goes without saying that participation is voluntary.

You will receive a personal invitation for your mammogram between July 2014 and July 2016. The invitations will be sent at staggered intervals, which means that about 1,000 women aged between 50 and 69 years will receive invitations each month. It is possible that friends, neighbours and colleagues may be invited either before or after you.

Further information on breast cancer screening and the programme schedule is enclosed. More detailed information is also available on our homepage www.mammografiescreeningbasel.ch. We can also provide further information about the screening programme from Monday to Friday from 9:00h to 12:00h on telephone 061 319 91 70 (this is also available in German, French, Italian, Spanish and Turkish).

Yours sincerely



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