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Screening tests in cancer

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Screening is defined as presumptive identification of unrecognized disease in an apparently healthy, asymptomatic population by means of tests, examinations or other procedures that can be applied rapidly and easily to the target population. Screening tests help determine cancer at an early stage, decide further investigations, and plan treatment. The common cancers are breast, cervical, colorectal, lung,

ovarian, pancreatic, hepatic, thyroid, oral, bladder, prostate and skin cancers. The common screening tests used in these cancers are laboratory investigations and imaging tests. The imaging tests generally performed for cancer detection and treatment planning are X-rays, Mammography, Ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, PET scan and biopsies. .

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