

MAMMOGRAPHY SCHEDULING GUIDE

SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY

DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY

2D DIGITAL

3D TOMOSYNTHESIS

2D DIGITAL OR 3D TOMOSYNTHESIS

WHEN USED?

Screening mammography is performed to detect unsuspected breast cancer in asymptomatic women.

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Diagnostic mammography is performed to further evaluate an abnormal screening mammogram or abnormal clinical findings.

WHO?

Asymptomatic women

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Symptomatic patients

GUIDELINES

Annually for all women of average risk starting at age 40.

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As indicated for symptomatic patients 30 years or older or to monitor radiologic findings of concern.

DESCRIPTION

Standard views consist of two images of each breast.

A series of images are collected from multiple angles for each breast.

Standard views with additional diagnostic views of area of concern, including ultrasound as indicated.

RADIATION EXPOSURE

Low dose radiation exposure.

More images are required, therefore, the dose is higher.

Radiation dose is dependent upon number of images.

INSURANCE COVERAGE?

Covered by Medicare and some private payors. The Affordable Care Act mandates that all insurance plans starting after August 1, 2012 cover screening mammograms without cost to women.

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