

Breast Imaging Ordering Guide

To schedule an appointment: call 1 - 888 - 909 - XRAY or use the breast imaging fax 443 - 481 - 5355.
This is for reference only. This does not imply protocol standards for all the radiology facilities. Information subject to change.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS	PARAMETERS	ORDER/ PERFORM	SUGGESTED TEXT FOR REQUISITION
ASYMPTOMATIC ANNUAL SCREENINGS	One baseline exam between 35 and 40. Annual after age 40 (12 months since last screening exam; Medicare 11 months since last screening.)	Screening	Screening (baseline, previous done _____.)
IMPLANTS	<i>Same as above (If patient has symptoms, see below.)</i>	Screening	Screening - Implants <i>(When scheduling, identify that patient has implants and is asymptomatic but needs extra time for exam.)</i>
HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER	Lumpectomy	Diagnostic	Diagnostic: Personal History of Breast Cancer- Lumpectomy.
	Mastectomy <5 Years Since Surgery	Diagnostic	Diagnostic: Personal History of Breast Cancer- Mastectomy.
	Mastectomy >5 Years Since Surgery	Screening	Personal History of Breast Cancer.
CLINICAL FINDINGS (Symptoms)	Mass	Diagnostic	Diagnostic Mammogram with Ultra- sound, if needed (identify area of mass.)
	Discharge	Diagnostic	Diagnostic Mammogram with Ultrasound- Discharge (Identify breast.)
	Pain- Localized (non Medicare patient)	Diagnostic	Diagnostic Mammogram, Ultrasound as needed- Pain (identify area of pain.)
	Pain- Localized (Medicare patient)	Screening	(Not recognized by Medicare as diag- nostic reason for mammogram.)
SHORT TERM FOLLOW-UP EXAM	Recommendation of previous exam (6 month follow-up)	Diagnostic	Diagnostic Mammogram, Ultrasound as needed- Post Biopsy Exam.
	Post Benign Biopsy Exam	Diagnostic	6 month follow-up.
UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE- ORDER ULTRASOUND	Symptomatic Breast ONLY (Pain, Mass, Discharge)	Diagnostic	Diagnostic Breast Ultrasound with Mammogram, if needed.
RECOMMENDATION OF ADDITIONAL IMAGING (Callback or Recall Exam)	Mammography (Additional Exam)	AAD will contact patient to schedule this exam. Patient will need a diagnostic referral.	
	Ultrasound		
	MRI	Referring MD responsible for insurance authorization and scheduling of MRI exam.	