



Supplementary Breast Cancer Screening

As always, the goal of breast cancer screening is early detection, but not all screening plans fit all patients. Your breasts are as unique as you are, and reasons such as breast density or a personal/family medical history of high risk factors may indicate the benefit of supplementary screening imaging in addition to your annual screening mammogram.

Your provider may recommend the following additional exams:



Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS)

ABUS uses sound waves to create pictures of the inside of the breast, which can help find things that might be hard to see with a regular mammogram. The test is done by a machine that moves over the breast on its own, so it doesn't require the doctor or nurse to move it, hence "Automated". This makes it more accurate for screening and reproducible for comparison vs. other forms of breast ultrasound. ABUS is often used for women with dense breast tissue, which can make it harder for mammograms to show everything clearly. ABUS is non-invasive, does not require contrast and does not use radiation.

To check for insurance coverage:
CPT: 76641-50



Abbreviated Breast MRI (AB-MRI)

Magnetic Resonance Imaging uses magnets and radio waves to create detailed images of the inside of the breast without the use of radiation. This is usually performed with a contrast media (Gadolinium) injection to locate and differentiate areas of concern. This test can find problems that might not show up on a mammogram, especially in women with dense breast tissue and those that may benefit most from the increased sensitivity when performed in conjunction with a mammogram. The "abbreviated" part means it takes less time than a regular MRI, making it a quicker, less expensive and more convenient option for some women.

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