



Patient Advisory/Consent for Mammography For Patients with Breast Implants

The following should be discussed with the patient who has breast implants prior to the performance of a mammography examination.

1. Your physician has recommended that you have a mammogram. This procedure is currently the best way to detect cancer of the breast.
2. Breast implants can interfere with the interpretation of your mammogram because they obscure some of the breast tissue. However, new techniques that involve displacement of the implants allow for a good examination. To provide adequate displacement of the implant, it is necessary to apply pressure with the mammography machine to the breast and the implant. This pressure may be uncomfortable, but is essential to the examination.
3. While thousands of implant patients have undergone successful mammography without problems, there have been reports of occasional rupture of the implants, which may not be detected immediately and may require surgical replacement. Although our technologists are aware of this possibility and take the utmost care in their technique, you should be aware of the risk involved.
4. Implants that have been in place for a number of years may be more vulnerable. However, since the risk of an implant rupture is far less than the risk of breast cancer, a mammogram is necessary to protect a women's health.

I have read this advisory and am aware of the possible risk of damage to my breast implant as a result of a mammography examination. I consent to the mammography procedure.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

I certify that the above items have been discussed with the patient. Any questions regarding this mammography have been answered. I believe the patient fully understands the explanation and answers provided.

Technologist Signature: _____ Date: _____