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A multidisciplinary approach to Breast Health

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SCREENING MAMMOGRAM VS DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAM

While the technology is basically the same there are a few key differences between screening and diagnostic mammograms that you should know:

- Screening mammograms are allowed and for by insurance once a year.
- A radiologist (physician) does not need to be present for a screening mammogram: whereas the interpreting radiologist is present to review the diagnostic mammogram.
- Diagnostic mammograms take longer than screening mammograms since the radiologist reviews the images while you are in the office. The radiologist may ask the technologist to take more images of the breasts to evaluate areas of concern.
- In addition to the regular 2D mammogram, the 2D/3D combination tomosynthesis mammogram takes multiple images of breast tissue to recreate a picture of the breast (please see the attached information from the American College of Radiology)

*****PLEASE INITIAL*****

_____ I understand that may be receiving a diagnostic 2D or a diagnostic 2D/3D combination tomosynthesis mammogram today based on what was ordered by my physician. It is not a screening mammogram.

_____ I understand that my service may be applied to my deductible and/or co-pay with my insurance plan.

_____ I understand that I should consult with my insurance regarding coverage of this service should any questions arise.

Patient Name _____

Patient Signature _____

Date _____