

Breast Imaging Technologies:
Cancer Detection & Personalized Medicine



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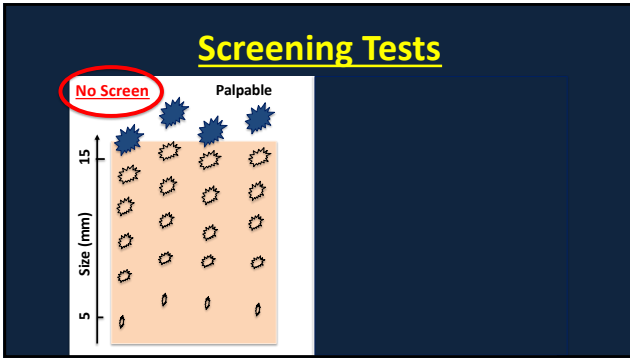
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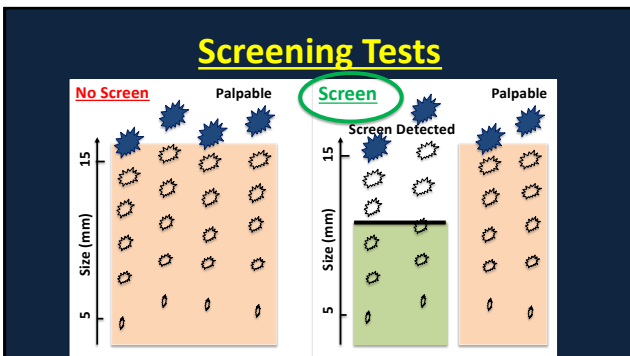
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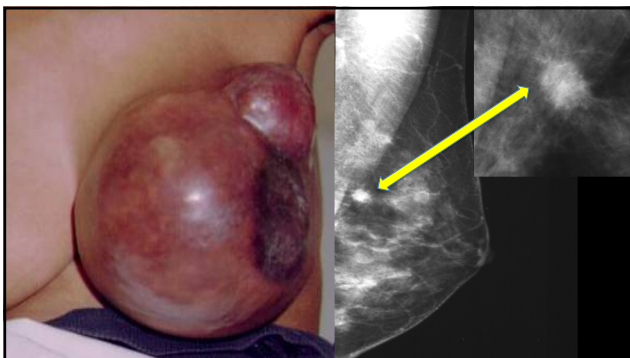
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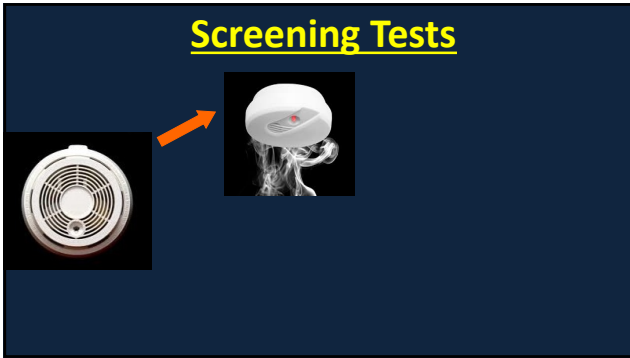
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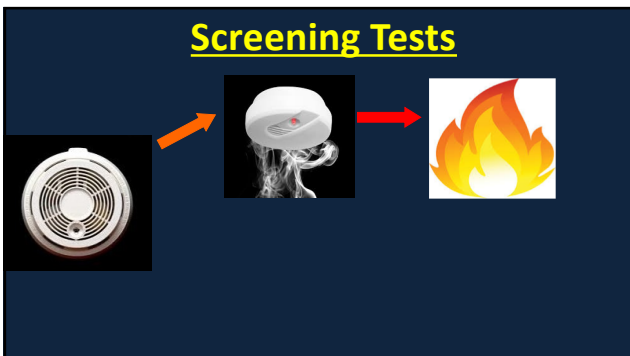
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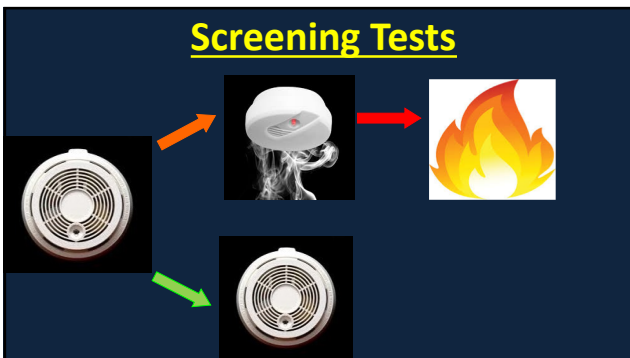


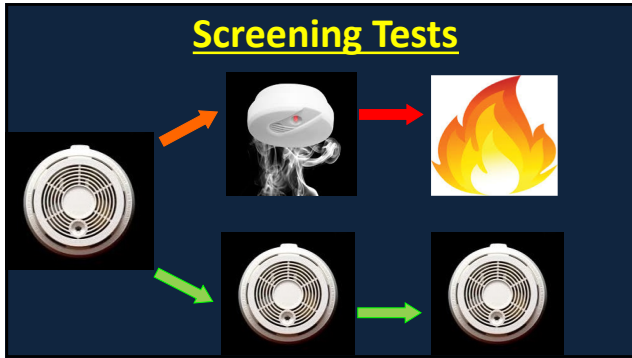
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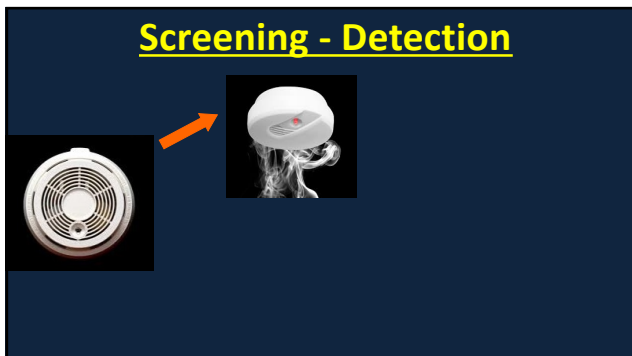


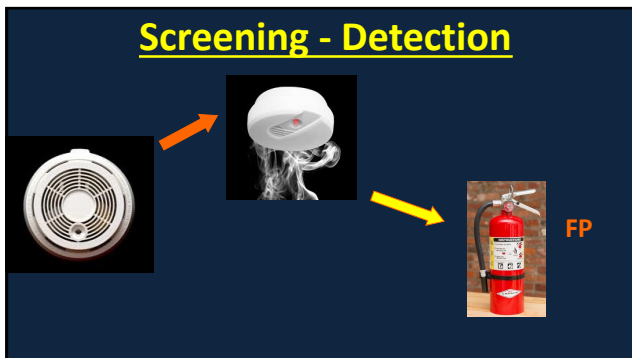


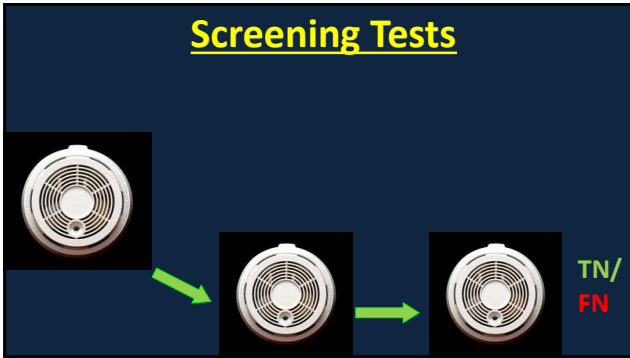


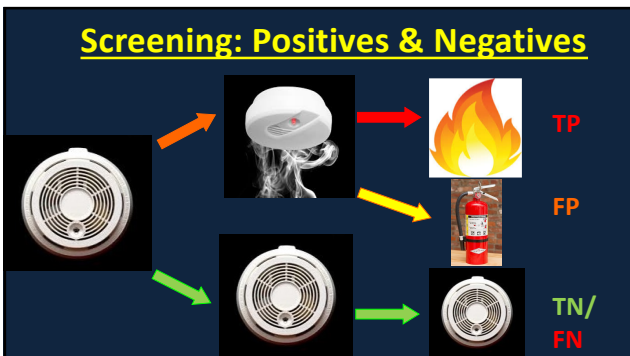


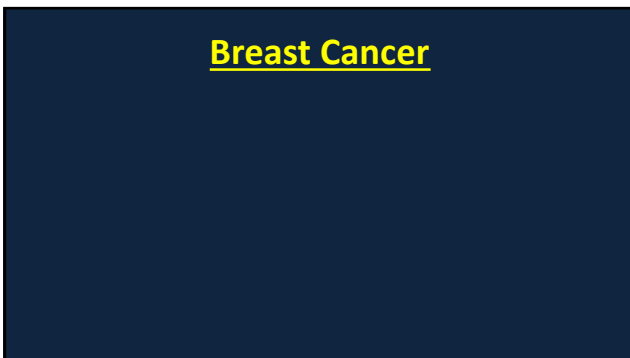












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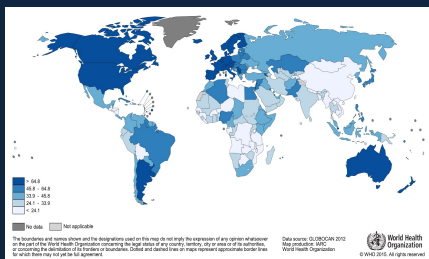
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Incidence: World Health Organization



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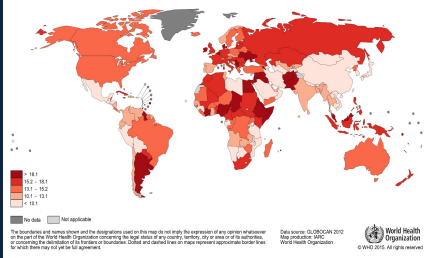


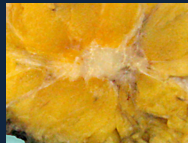
Table 1. Estimated New Female Breast Cancer Cases and Deaths by Age, US, 2017

Age	In Situ Cases		Invasive Cases		Deaths	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<40	1,610	3%	11,160	4%	990	2%
40-49	12,440	20%	36,920	15%	3,480	9%
50-59	17,680	28%	58,620	23%	7,590	19%
60-69	17,550	28%	68,070	27%	9,420	23%
70-79	10,370	16%	47,860	19%	8,220	20%
80+	3,760	6%	30,080	12%	10,910	27%
All ages	63,410		252,710		40,610	

Estimates are rounded to the nearest 10. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
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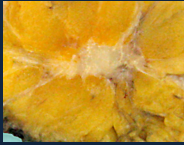
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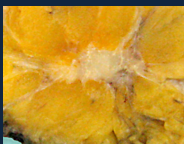
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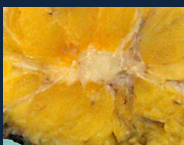
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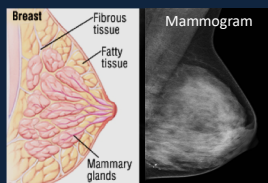
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 - Personal
 - High-risk lesion on prior biopsy
 - Family



Mammography

What is a Mammogram?

- A specific type of breast imaging that uses low-dose x-rays to detect cancer



How is a Mammogram Performed ?

- 2 views of each breast

Craniocaudal –
CC View

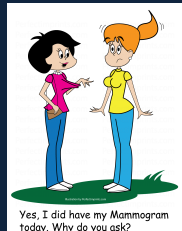


Medial
Lateral
Oblique –
MLO View



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 - Most benefit if screened yearly
 - Confusion with different recommendations
 - Read the disclaimers/articles carefully

ACR Appropriateness Criteria 2017
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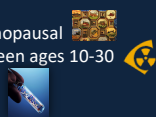
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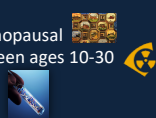
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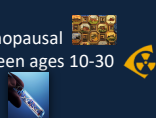
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- **BRCA mutation**
 - If MRI is unavailable, mammogram **beginning at age 25**
 - Annual breast MRI with contrast **beginning at age 25**
 - Annual mammogram & MRI with contrast at **ages 30-75**



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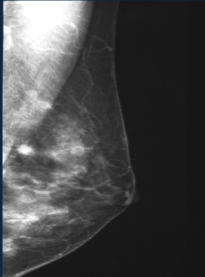
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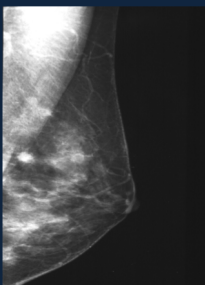
30% Even for women 50+, skipping a mammogram every other year would miss up to 30% of cancers.



<http://www.mammographyadvantages.org/facts.aspx>

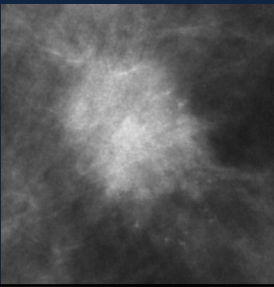
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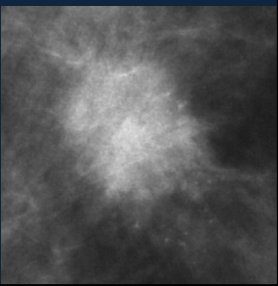
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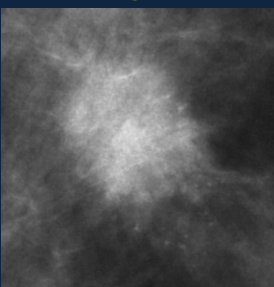
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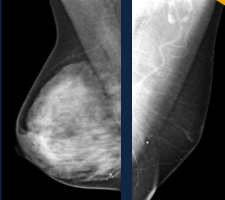
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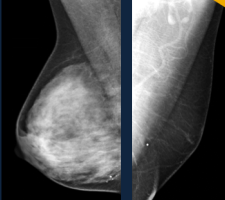
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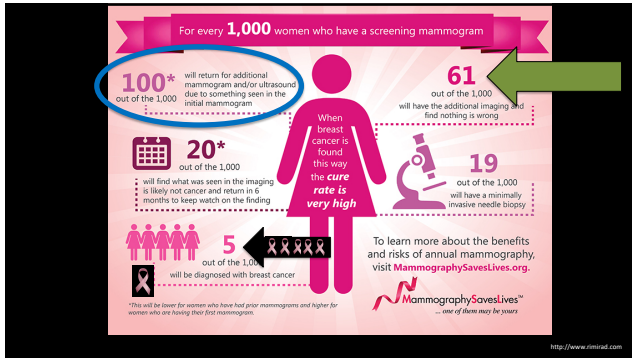


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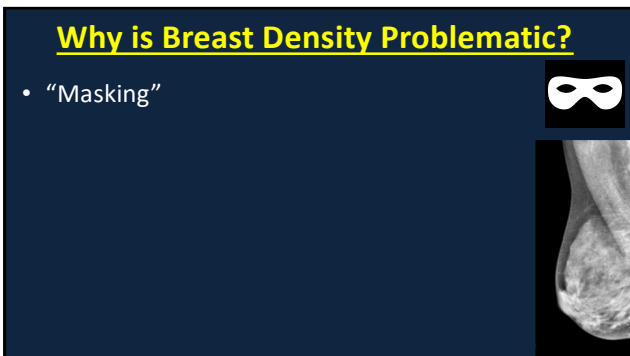
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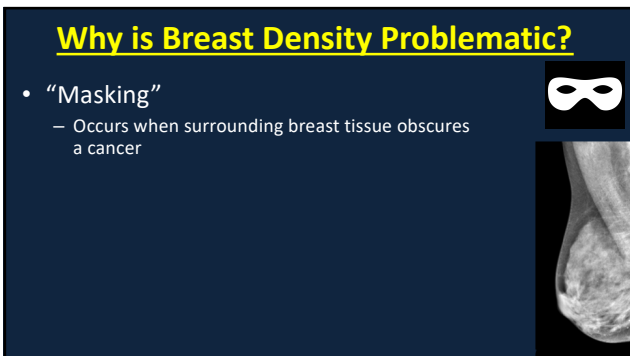


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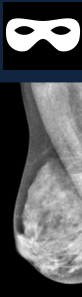






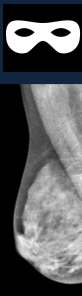
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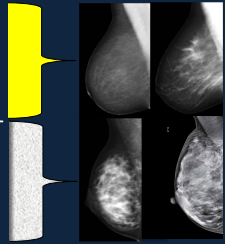
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Boyd NF, et al. NEJM 2007



Breast Density Distribution

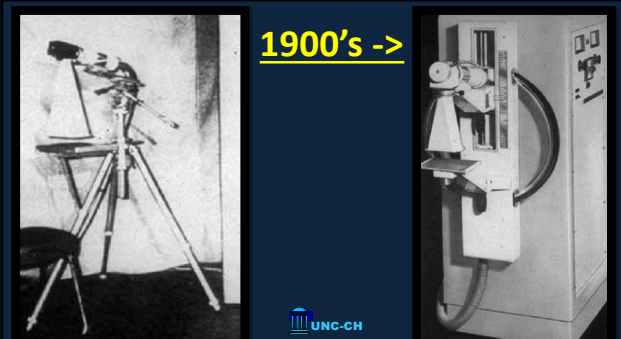
- **Fatty:** 10.5% (10%)
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The bar chart shows four categories of breast density: Fatty (yellow, 10.5%), SFG (orange, 42.9%), HG (grey, 38.7%), and ED (white, 7.3%). To the right are four mammogram images showing different density levels.

Pisano E, et al. NEJM. 2005


1900's ->



The image shows two pieces of early mammography equipment. On the left is a hand-cranked device on a tripod. On the right is a more complex, cabinet-mounted device with a control panel. The UNC-CH logo is visible at the bottom.

Xeromammography

- Image recorded on paper rather than on film!



The image shows a xeromammography setup on the left and a resulting xerographic image of a breast on the right. The xerographic image has labels: 'Skin on skin surface', 'Skin, subcutaneous fat', 'Glandular and adipose tissue', 'Nipple in profile', and 'Glandular structure'.

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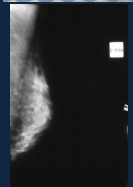
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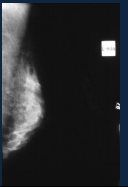


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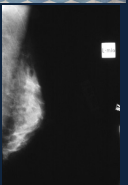


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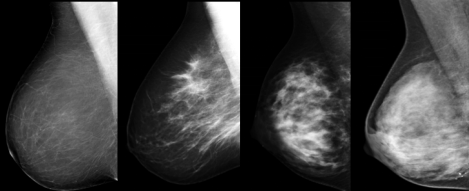
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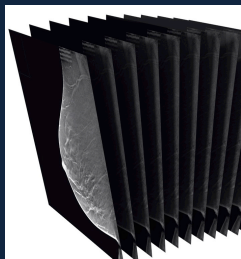
ACR BI-RADS Breast Patterns

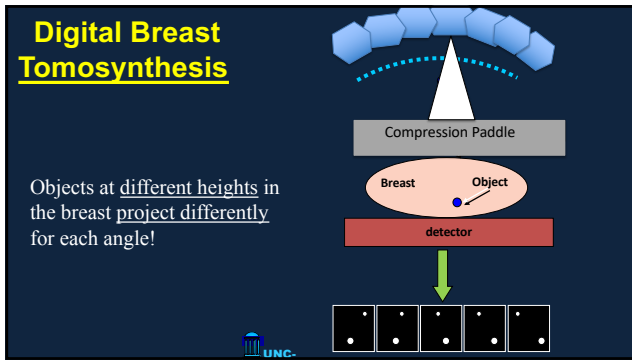
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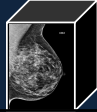
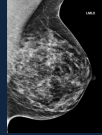
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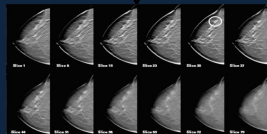
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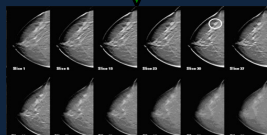
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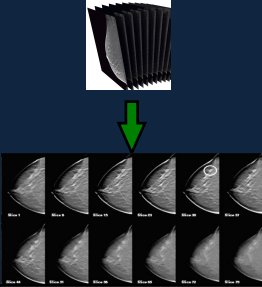
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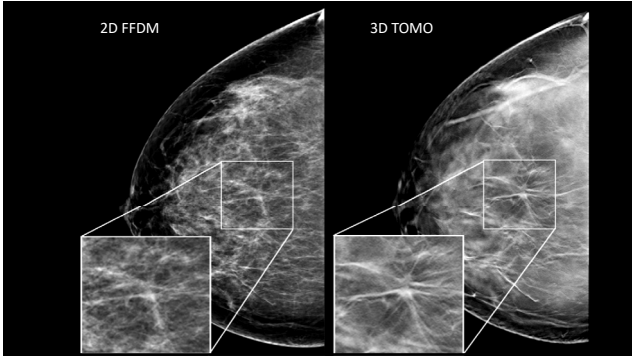
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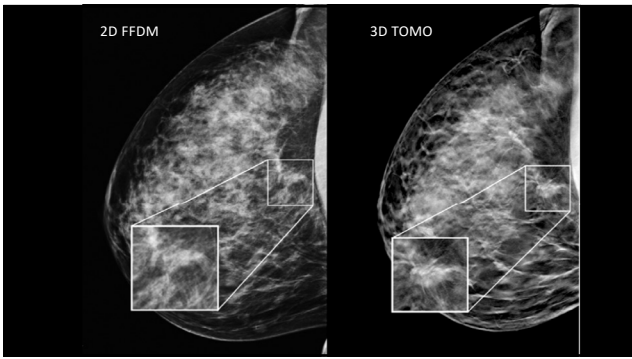


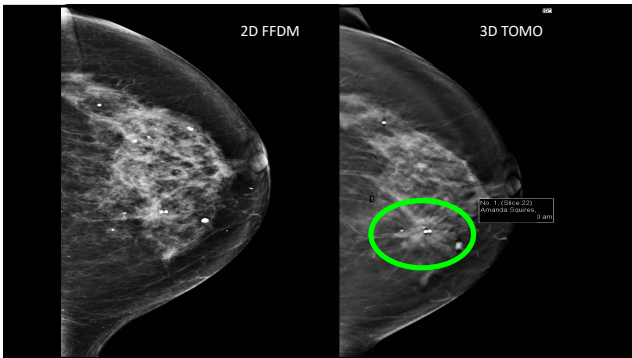
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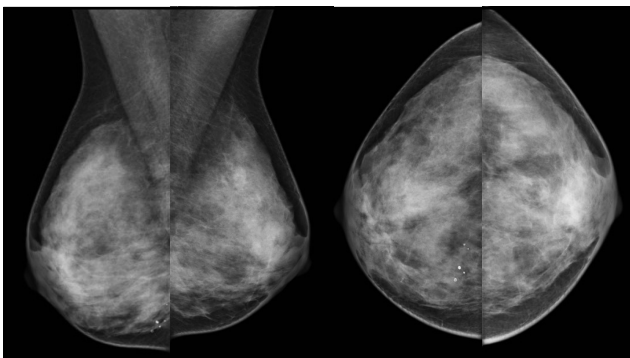
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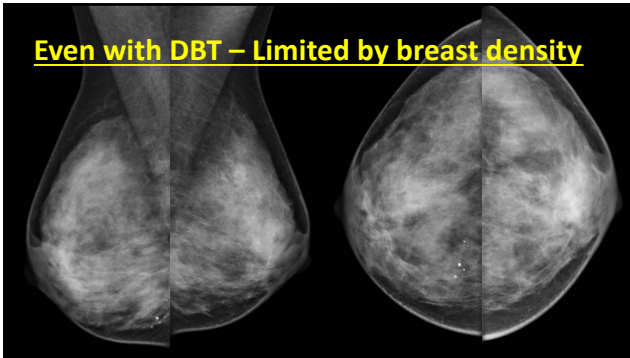
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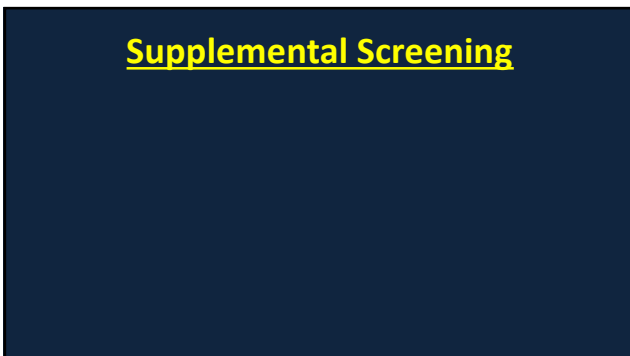
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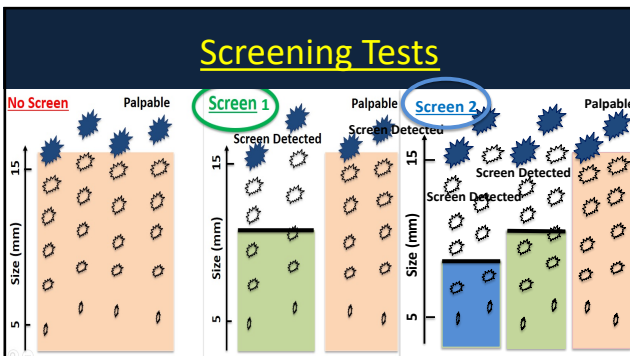
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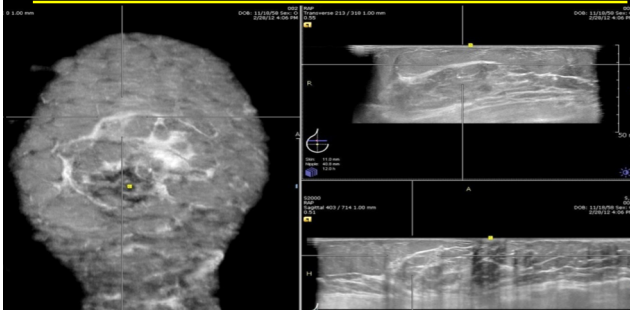
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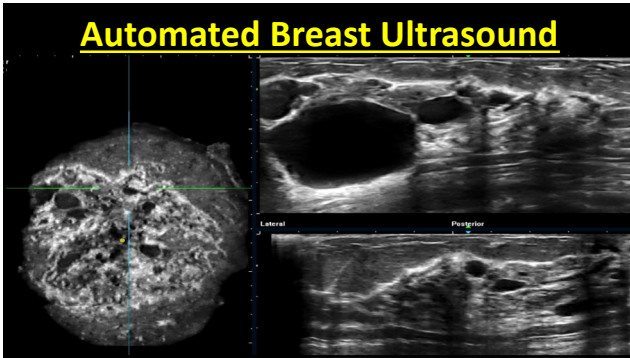
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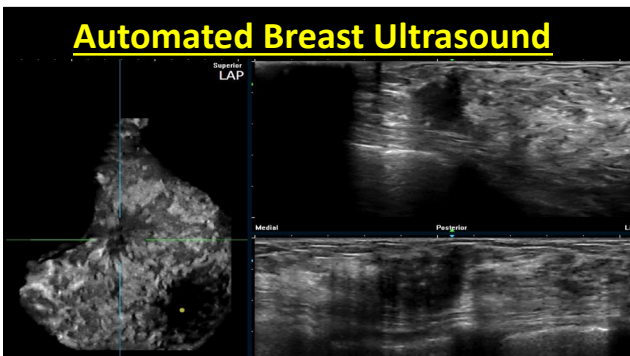
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Supplemental Ultrasound Screening

- Reality:
 - As tomosynthesis becomes more readily available it continues to replace screening US

Poll Question 3

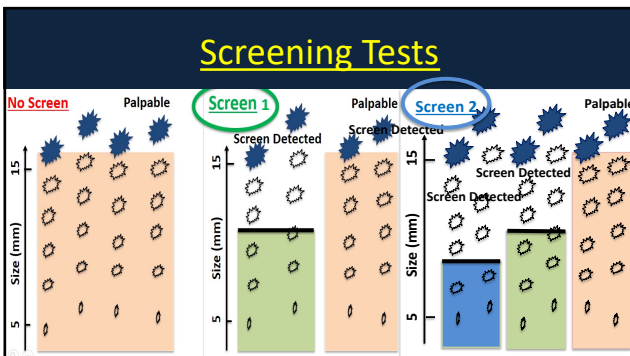
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Breast MRI

Screening Tests




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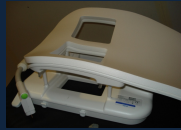
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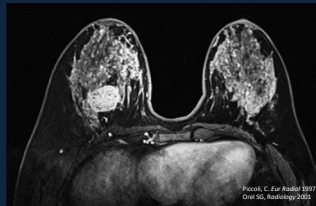
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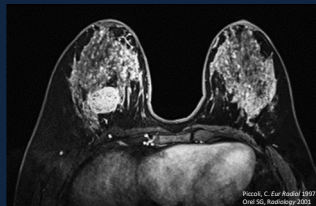
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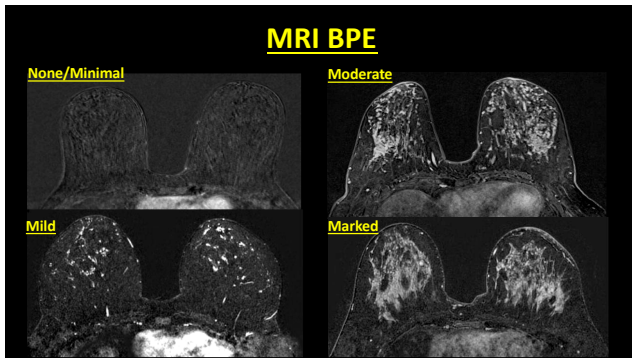
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Breast MRI - Gadolinium

- **Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF)**
 - Rare condition associated with gadolinium contrast medium given to patients with severe renal (kidney) disease
 - Debilitating disease resulting in skin contractures & internal organ damage
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 - Currently, there are no known adverse effects from these very small amounts of retained gadolinium.

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- Recommended to scan during 2nd week of the menstrual cycle!!
 - To decrease background

Screening Breast MRI

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- Not recommended at the current time in the asymptomatic general population of women
 - False positives

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ACR Appropriateness Criteria 2017:
<https://acsearch.acr.org/Doc/70510/Narrative/>

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 - There is insufficient evidence to support the use of MRI for screening women of average risk

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 - Recent studies support the use in certain populations:
 - Personal history of breast cancer
 - Lobular carcinoma in situ/atypical ductal hyperplasia

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
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 - MRI & mammography combined sensitivity = 92.7%
 - US & mammography combined sensitivity = 52.0%

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MRI Screening

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- Radiation therapy to the chest between 10 to 30 years of age

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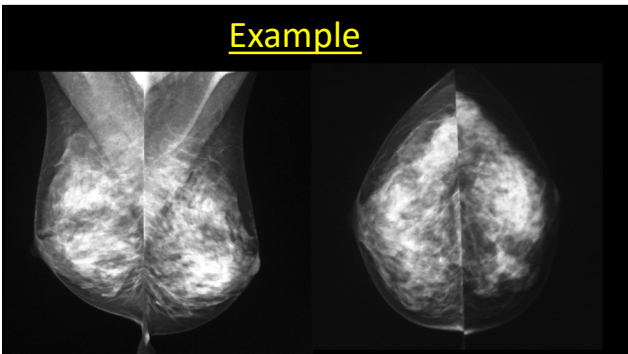
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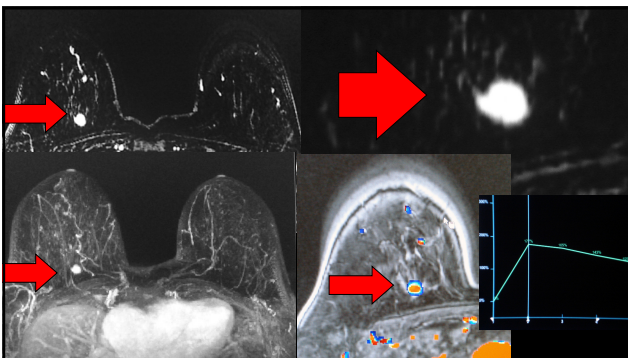
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 - BRCA mutation:
 - Annual breast MRI beginning at Age 25
 - Then, annual mammography & MRI starting at age 30

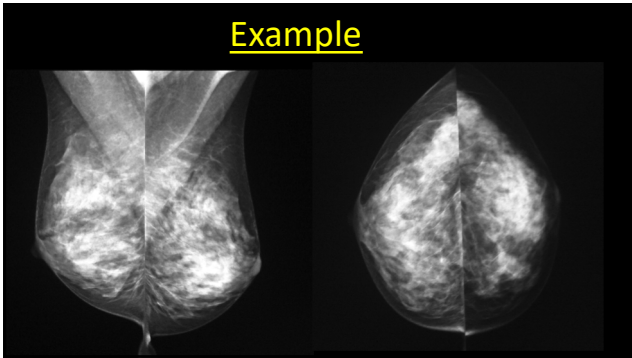


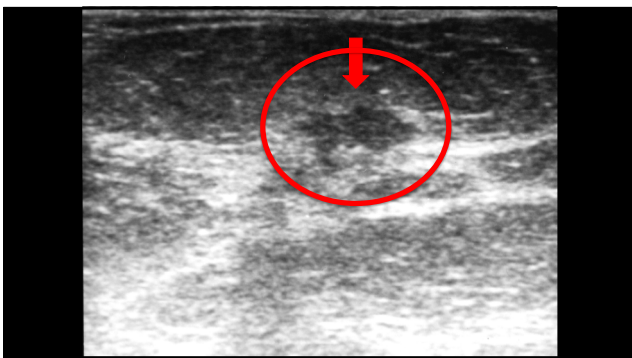
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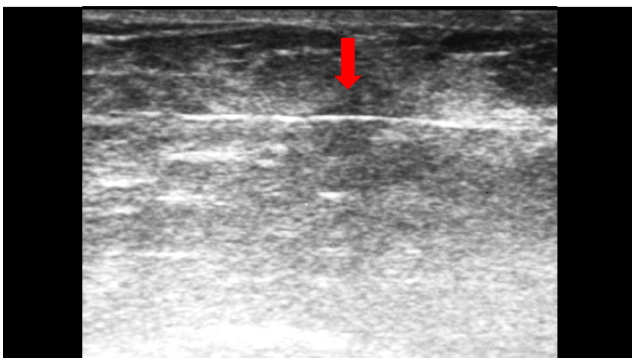
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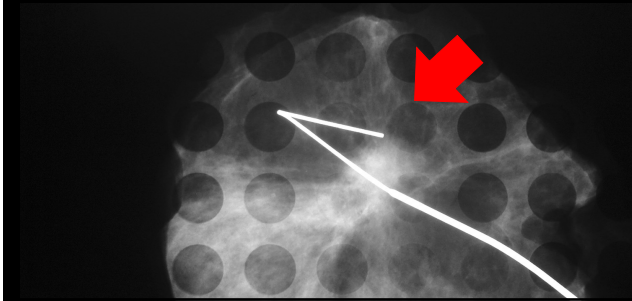








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- High sensitivity and lower specificity
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Kuhl K. Br J Radiology 2017
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Abbreviated Breast MRI (ABBI)

- Standard breast MRI protocols time-consuming & expensive
- **ABBI**
 - 3-5 minutes
 - Increase efficiency
 - Less images to interpret
 - Lower the cost
 - Diagnostic accuracy comparable to that of the conventional full MRI protocol in some studies
 - ? Use for general population?

Kuhl E. et al. Radiology 2017
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Chen C. ACR 2017

Poll Question 4


- The screening recommendation for a 45-year-old, BRCA positive, high-risk patient is:
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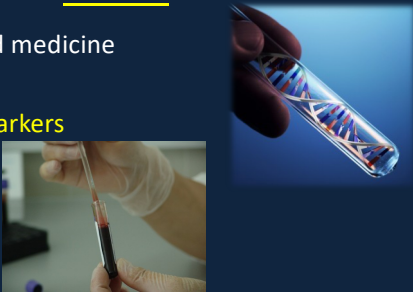
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Thank You!

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