



## ADVISORY FOR BREAST IMPLANT IMAGING

### Patient advisory for mammography with breast implants:

1. Your physician has recommended that you have a mammogram. The procedure is currently the best way to detect a cancer of the breast that cannot be detected by breast palpation (manual examination, Breast Self-Examination).
2. Breast implants can interfere with the interpretation of your mammogram because they obscure some of the breast tissue. Techniques that involve displacement of the implants allow for a better examination than with routine views alone. The degree of improvement depends on the type and age of the implant and the amount of scar tissue around the implant.  
To provide adequate displacement of the implant, it is necessary to apply pressure with the mammography machine to the breast and implant. The procedure may be uncomfortable, but it is essential to the examination.
3. While thousands of implant patients have undergone successful mammogram procedures without problems, there have been reports of occasional rupture of the implants that may not be detected immediately and may require surgical replacement. Implants that have been in place for a number of years may be more vulnerable to rupture. Although our technologists are aware of this possibility and take the utmost care in their positioning techniques, you should be aware that there is some risk of rupture occurring.
4. We at The Woman's Imaging Group believe that the benefit of mammography for the detection of breast cancer far exceeds the risk of implant rupture caused by this examination.

**Your signature below indicates that you have read this advisory and have been informed of the possible risk of damage to your breast implant during your mammogram.**

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