

3D MAMMOGRAPHY

What is 3D Mammography?

Breast tomosynthesis, or 3D mammography, is an FDA approved technology in the fight against breast cancer. 3D mammograms are used in conjunction with traditional screening mammography.

The benefits of 3D mammograms include:

1. Earlier detection of small breast cancers that may be hidden during 2D mammography.
2. Greater accuracy in pinpointing size, shape and location of abnormalities.
3. Greater likelihood of detecting multiple breast tumors, which occur in 15 percent of breast cancer patients.
4. Reduced imaging call backs and additional tests.

3D mammography eliminates the complexity of overlapping breast tissue as images are obtained from multiple angles.

More companies are and will be adding 3D mammography coverage to their plans, but a partial list of common carriers covering 3D mammograms at 100% are: Medicare, Lakeland employee (ASR), MESSA BCBS, some BCBS of Illinois, Cigna, and Priority Health. You will need to call your insurance company to verify if 3D mammography has been added to your health plan. If your insurance does not yet cover the 3D portion of your mammogram, the cost to you is \$50.00.

Please mark and initial the appropriate box below:

YES, I want the 3D mammogram and understand there may be an additional charge. _____ initials

NO, I would NOT like to have the 3D mammogram today. _____ initials

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

Technologist: _____