# Breast Imaging Ordering Guidelines

## Screening Mammography
- Patient is currently asymptomatic
  - No new problems
  - No pain
  - No mass/thickening
  - No spontaneous clear or bloody nipple discharge
  - No skin changes
- Patient has never been diagnosed with breast cancer

## Diagnostic Mammography
- **BILATERAL Diagnostic Mammogram with Ultrasound if needed**
  - Patient is currently symptomatic
    - Male patients (20 years and older)
    - Female patients (30 years and older)
  - Patient has had breast cancer with lumpectomy
  - Patient presents with clinical breast problem of one breast and is due for her annual exam within 2 months
- **UNILATERAL Diagnostic Mammogram with Ultrasound if needed**
  - Patient is symptomatic
  - Patient has had breast cancer with mastectomy
  - Patient has had a mammogram in the last 10 months and is now presenting with a new symptom.
- Abnormal Mammogram & Short Term Follow-up
  - If the radiologist’s report recommends: “Diagnostic mammogram (Special Views) and/or ultrasound”
    - Order unilateral or bilateral “mammogram with ultrasound if needed” (refer to last imaging report).

## Breast Ultrasound Only
- **If ordering an ultrasound in eHR or Request for Breast Imaging Services form, Mammogram of the same breast should not be ordered separately.**

## Breast MRI
- **Evaluation of Implant integrity**
  - This exam is done without contrast and only evaluates the implant(s).
  - If the referring provider would also like the breast tissue evaluated, “Evaluation for breast cancer exam must be ordered” Clinical notes/problems must also specify that the implant integrity should also be evaluated.

## Evaluation for Breast Cancer
- **Creatinine levels within 6 weeks may be required**
  - This exam will evaluate the breast tissue. This exam is done with and without contrast.
  - If the patient has both breasts, please order a bilateral breast exam regardless if symptom is only on one side.
  - If the patient has had a mastectomy, please order a unilateral exam.

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**NOT PART OF THE MEDICAL RECORD**

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