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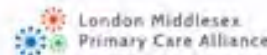
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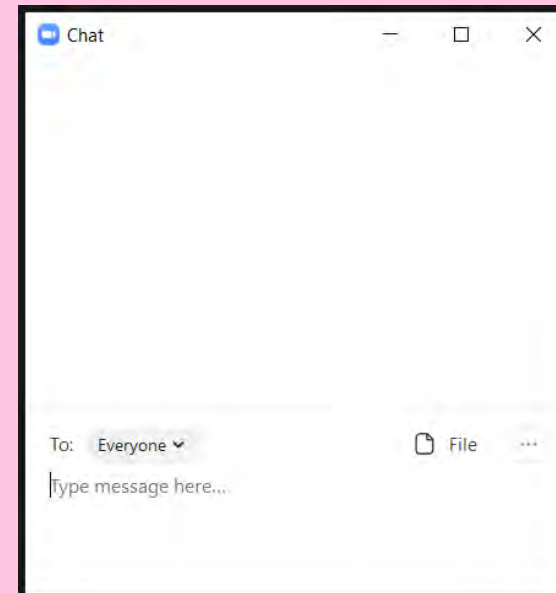


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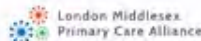
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# Welcome

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Dr. Vineet Nair

# LMPCA Town Hall

Agenda Item	Presenter
Referral Process: Breast Care Centre	Heather Medaglia, Coordinator, Breast Care Centre
Breast Imaging Presentation	Dr. Ilaint Ben Nachum
Breast Cancer Update	Dr. Muriel Brackstone
Question & Answer	Dr. Vineet Nair, LMPCA
Closing	Dr. Dan Pepe, LMPCA

# Referral Process: Breast Care Centre

Heather Medaglia

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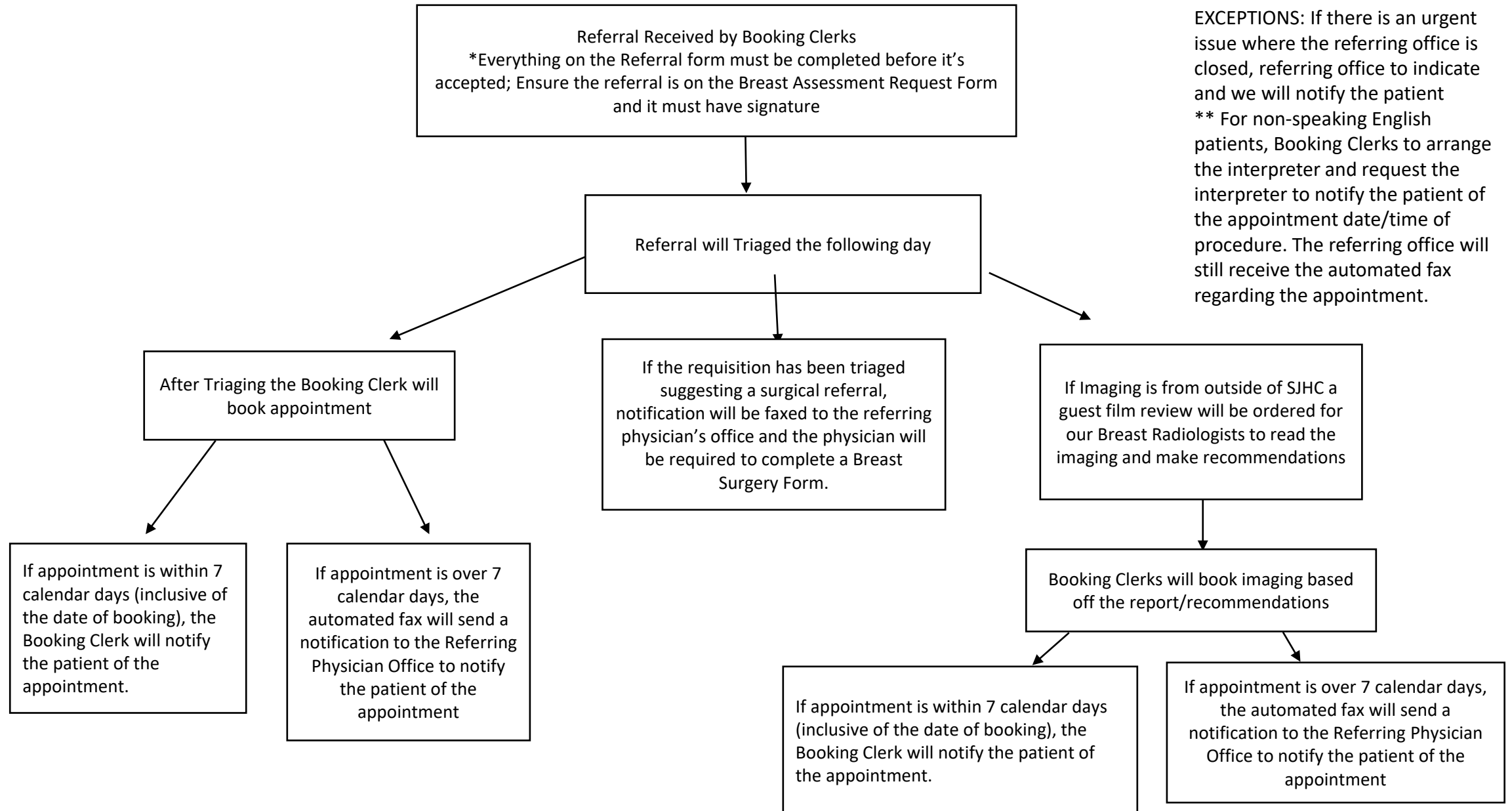
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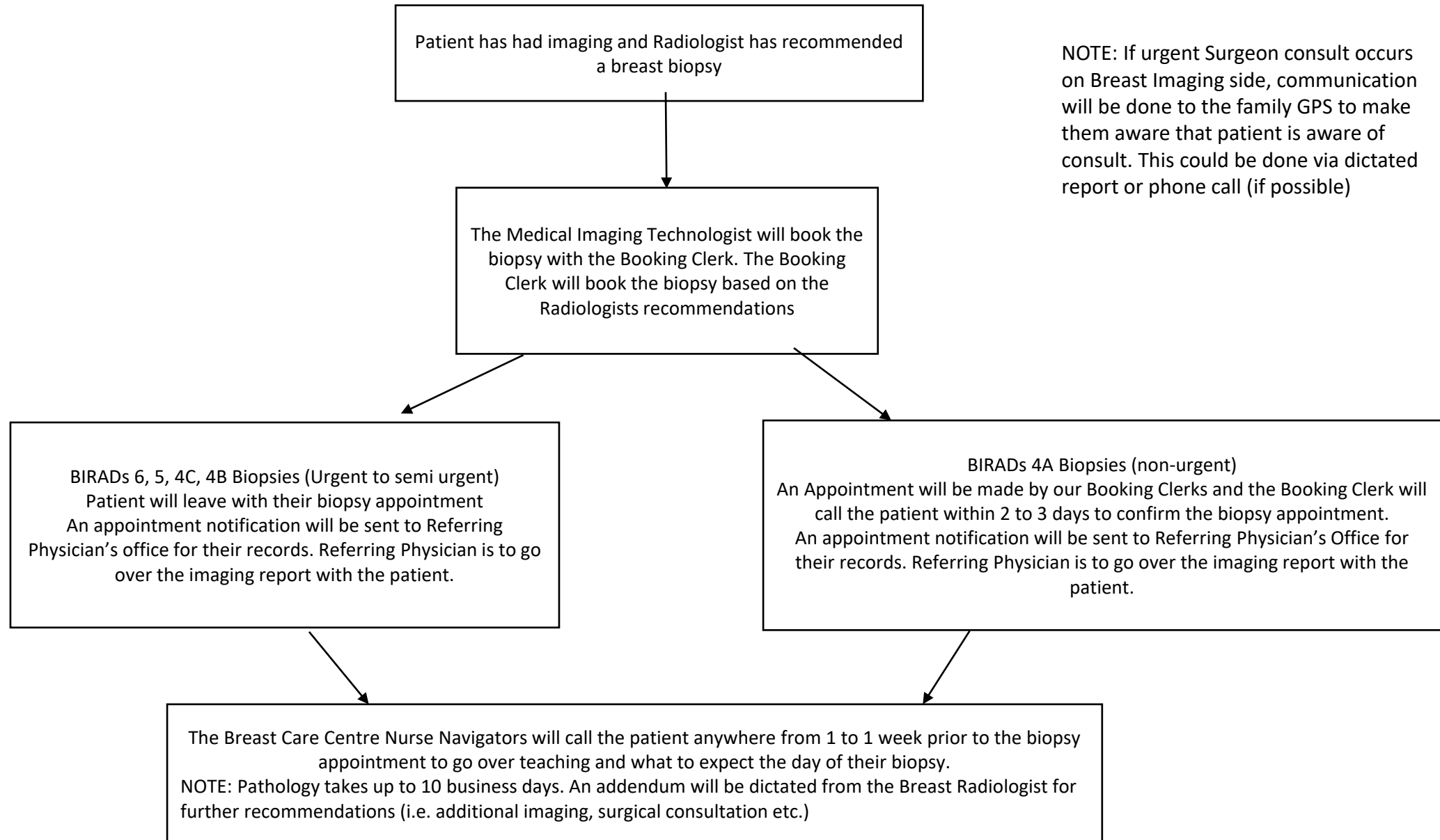


# Breast Imaging Referral Process



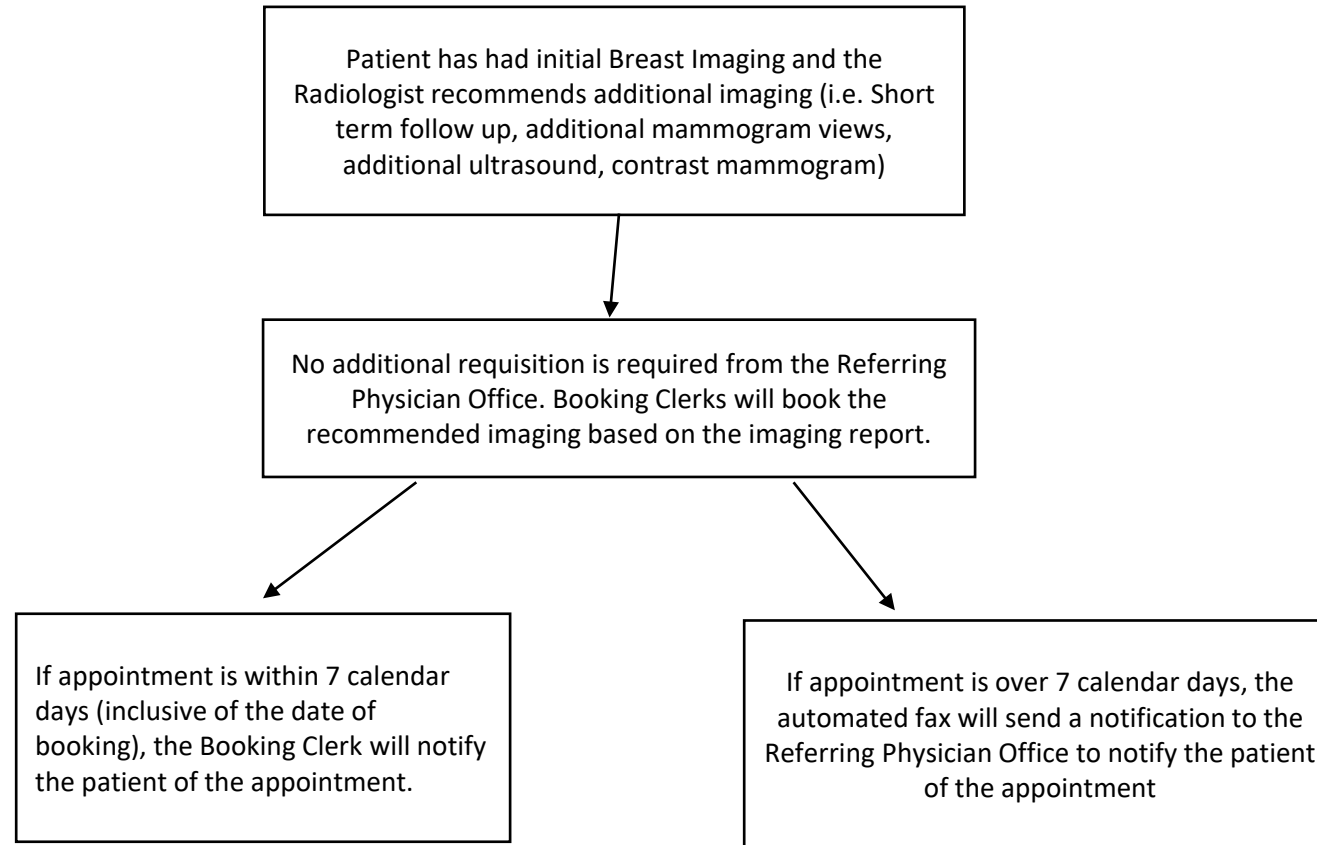
**EXCEPTIONS:** If there is an urgent issue where the referring office is closed, referring office to indicate and we will notify the patient  
\*\* For non-speaking English patients, Booking Clerks to arrange the interpreter and request the interpreter to notify the patient of the appointment date/time of procedure. The referring office will still receive the automated fax regarding the appointment.

## On Site Breast Biopsy Booking



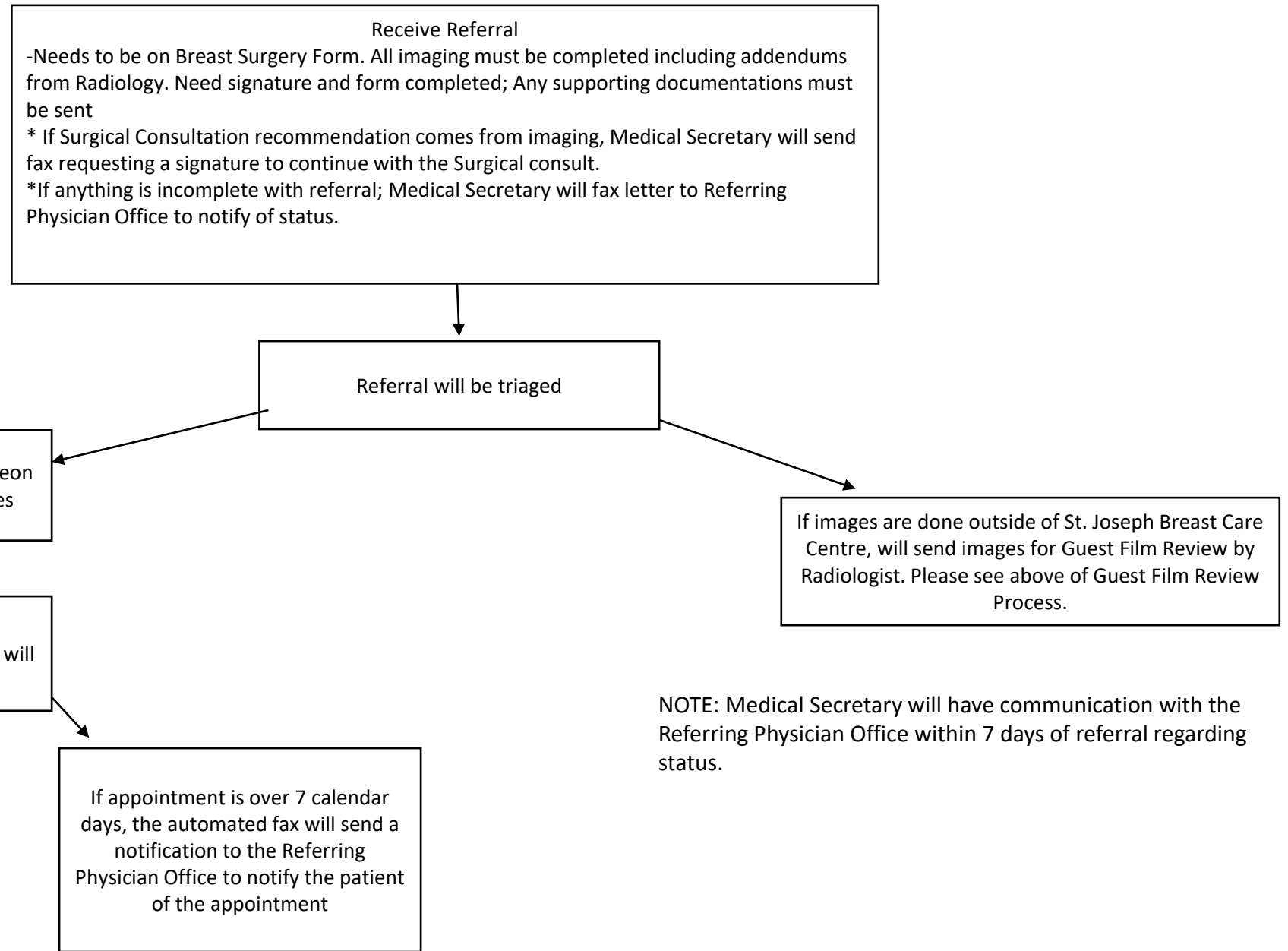


## Breast Assessment- Additional Imaging Required



NOTE: For Contrast Imaging, creatinine is needed for patients who is over the age of 70 or who has Diabetes. The Creatinine needs to be done within 6 months of the test. The Referring Physician Office to fax results to the Breast Care Centre.

## Breast Surgical Clinic Referral Process



# Breast Imaging Presentation

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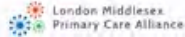


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# London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance (LMPCA) Town Hall Meeting

## Breast Imaging Presentation

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Radiologist, Western University

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- The dense breast statement - where are we at ?
- Identifying high risk patients
- Breast Care Imaging Guidelines:

Who will be offered MRI and CEM for assessment?

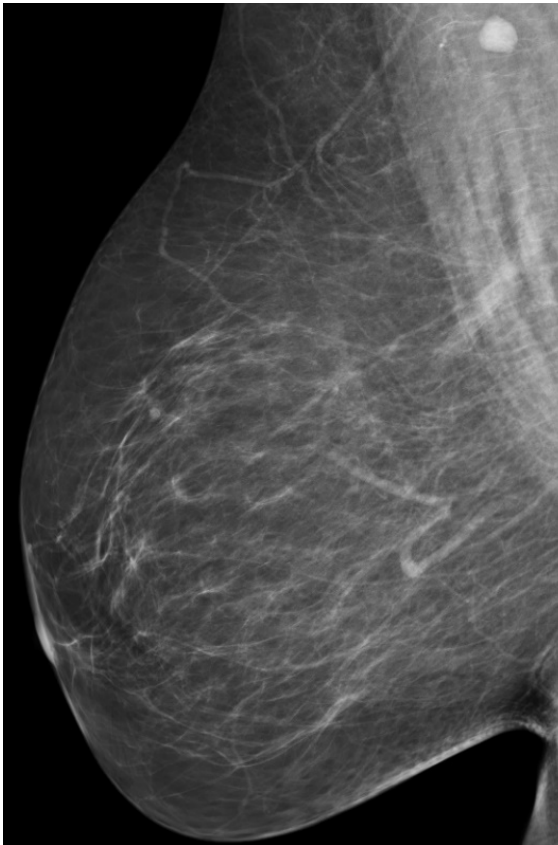
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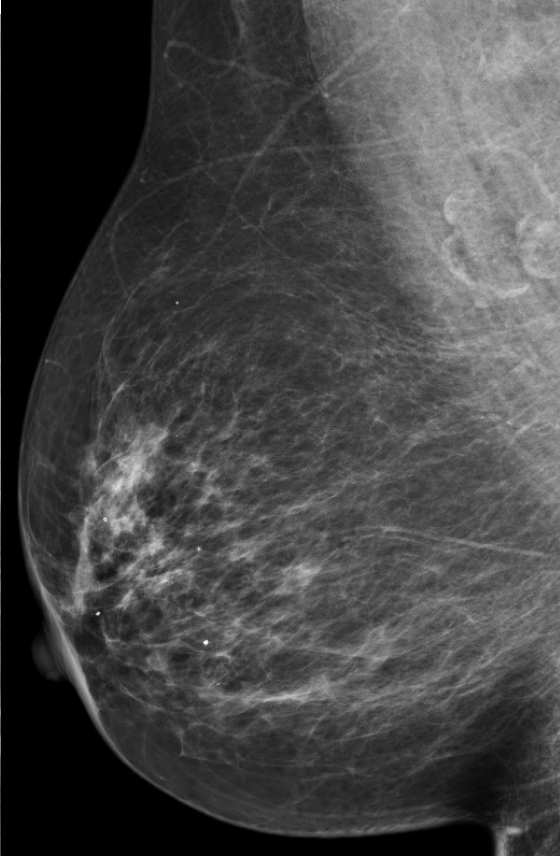
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Determined by the chance that a mass can be obscured by fibroglandular tissue as an indicator for breast cancer risk

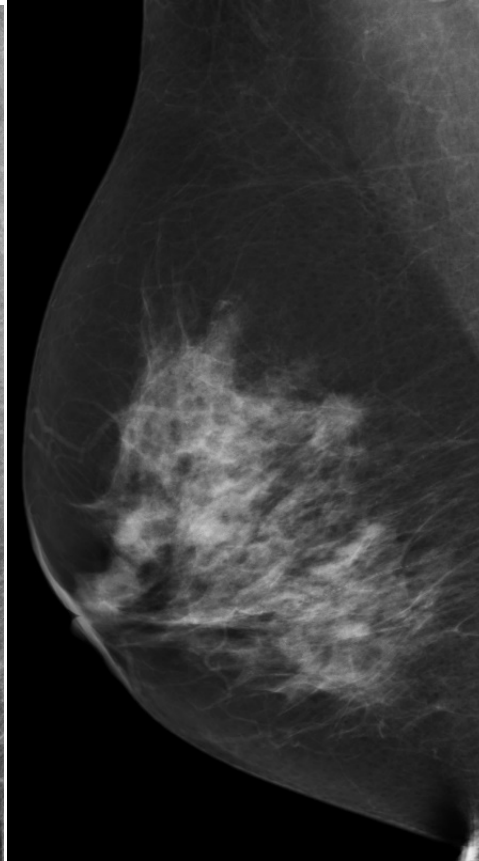
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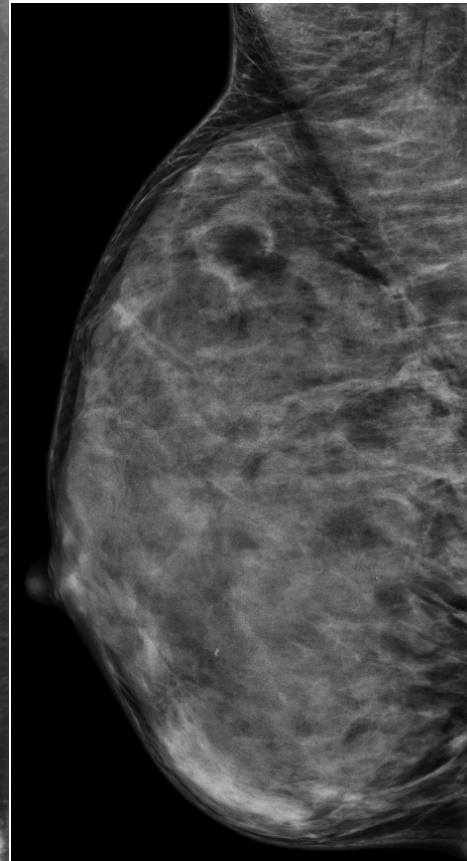
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**C**



**D**



# BREAST DENSITY

**A** - *The breast are almost entirely fatty.*

**B** - *There are scattered areas of fibroglandular density.*

**C** - *The breasts are heterogeneously dense, which may obscure small masses.*

**D** - *The breasts are extremely dense, which lowers the sensitivity of mammography.*



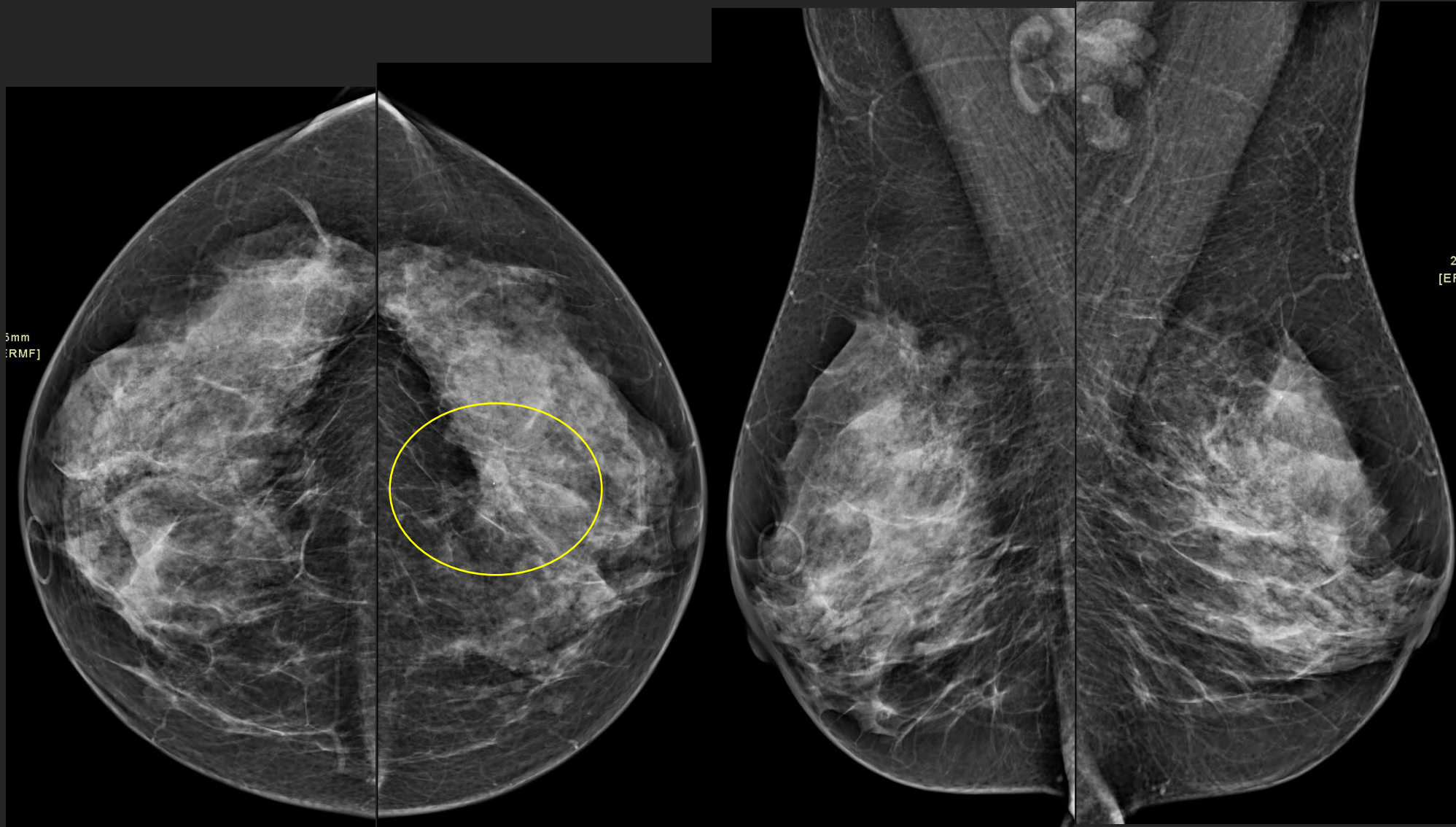
# BREAST DENSITY AND MASKING

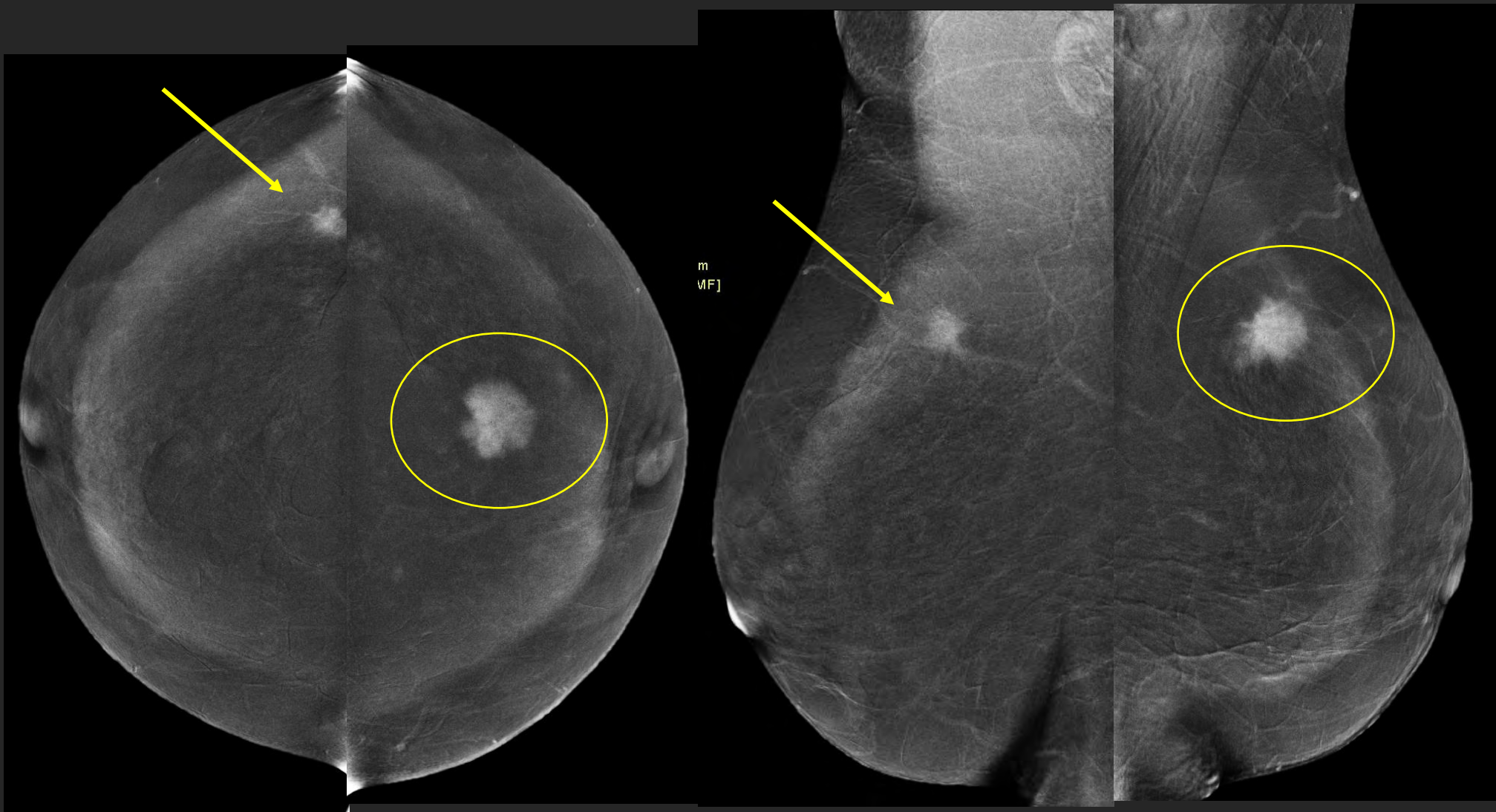
- Increased breast density → Lower cancer detection rate
- Dense breasts - Cancers detected on screening:
  - larger
  - more likely lymph node positive
  - higher stage
  - more often multifocal or multicentric
  - higher rate of mastectomy
- Increased breast density → Increased risk of **interval cancers**





62 y  
Screening Mammogram





# BREAST DENSITY AND BREAST CANCER RISK

Risk Factor	Relative Risk
Postmenopausal obesity	1.1-2.0
Increased breast density	2.1-4.0
First-degree relative who developed breast cancer at an age less than 50 years (2 or more first-degree relatives)	2.5-4.0 (~8)
BRCA mutation	10-20







Canadian Association of Radiologists  
L'Association canadienne des radiologistes



Canadian Society of Breast Imaging  
Société canadienne de l'imagerie mammaire

## CAR/CSBI Position Statement on Mammographic Breast Density and Supplemental Screening

June 2019

Recently, there has been increased media coverage on mammographic breast density, as well as North American legislative change. Most US states have adopted breast density legislation and Canadian provinces are starting to discuss similar legislation. Additionally, Health Canada recently approved an automated breast ultrasound system. For these reasons, the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) and the Canadian Society of Breast Imaging (CSBI) have provided the following position statement on Breast Density and Supplemental Screening.

Breast density is determined by mammography alone and cannot be detected through physical examination. Over 40% of women have dense breast tissue,<sup>1,2</sup> defined as heterogeneously dense (ACR C) or extremely dense (ACR D).<sup>3</sup> Dense breast tissue is an independent risk factor for the development of breast cancer and decreases the likelihood of breast cancer being detected on screening mammography, potentially leading to delayed diagnosis.<sup>4-7</sup>

Breast density should be reported by the radiologist on all screening and diagnostic mammograms.<sup>3</sup> This may be included within the radiology report, results letter, or both.

The current CAR Breast Imaging and Intervention Guideline indicates that breast ultrasound is not appropriate for screening the general population.<sup>8</sup> This does not preclude supplemental screening breast ultrasound for the subpopulation of patients with mammographically dense tissue (ACR C and D). The CAR and CSBI acknowledge that there are challenges with providing supplemental screening for this subpopulation. Handheld ultrasound is operator dependent and time consuming, while access to experienced breast sonographers and radiologists, as well as funding, may remain challenges for some time to come.

Supplemental screening breast ultrasound is not recommended for women at high risk for breast cancer, defined as a lifetime risk of 20-25% or greater. Breast MRI screening is recommended for these high-risk women, regardless of breast tissue density. In average-risk women, supplemental screening breast ultrasound has been shown to increase detection of small node negative cancers as well as decrease the interval cancer rate.<sup>9-11</sup> However, discussion with the patient is encouraged, particularly regarding the increased probability that she may experience a false positive recall, and that she could require a needle biopsy for findings that may not turn out to be cancer.<sup>9-11</sup> When considering supplemental screening breast ultrasound, breast density should be placed in context with other risk factors and risk reduction strategies.



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Ultrasound should not be used as a primary screening modality. Mammography remains the primary modality for screening women of all breast densities with mortality benefits of 40-60% among those who participate regularly, as demonstrated in recently published, long-running studies.<sup>12, 13</sup> Screening mammography should be optimized with high-quality digital mammography, as this has been shown to increase sensitivity in women with mammographically dense tissue.<sup>14</sup> Annual mammography can be considered for all women with extremely dense breast tissue (ACR D) who participate in screening as it may decrease the number of interval cancers.<sup>1</sup>

### KEY POINTS

1. Dense breast tissue is an independent risk factor for the development of breast cancer and decreases the likelihood of breast cancer being detected on screening mammography.
2. Breast density should be reported by the radiologist on all screening and diagnostic mammograms.
3. Supplemental screening breast ultrasound may be considered for patients with dense breast tissue (ACR C & D density categories).
4. When considering supplemental screening breast ultrasound, breast density should be placed in context with other risk factors and risk reduction strategies.
5. Mammography remains the primary modality for screening women of all breast densities.
6. Supplemental screening breast ultrasound should not replace breast MRI screening for women who have a high lifetime risk of breast cancer.
7. Annual mammography can be considered for all women with dense breast tissue who participate in screening.

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# What is added to our reports?

It is important for your patient to understand the following about increased breast density (BI-RADS category C and D):

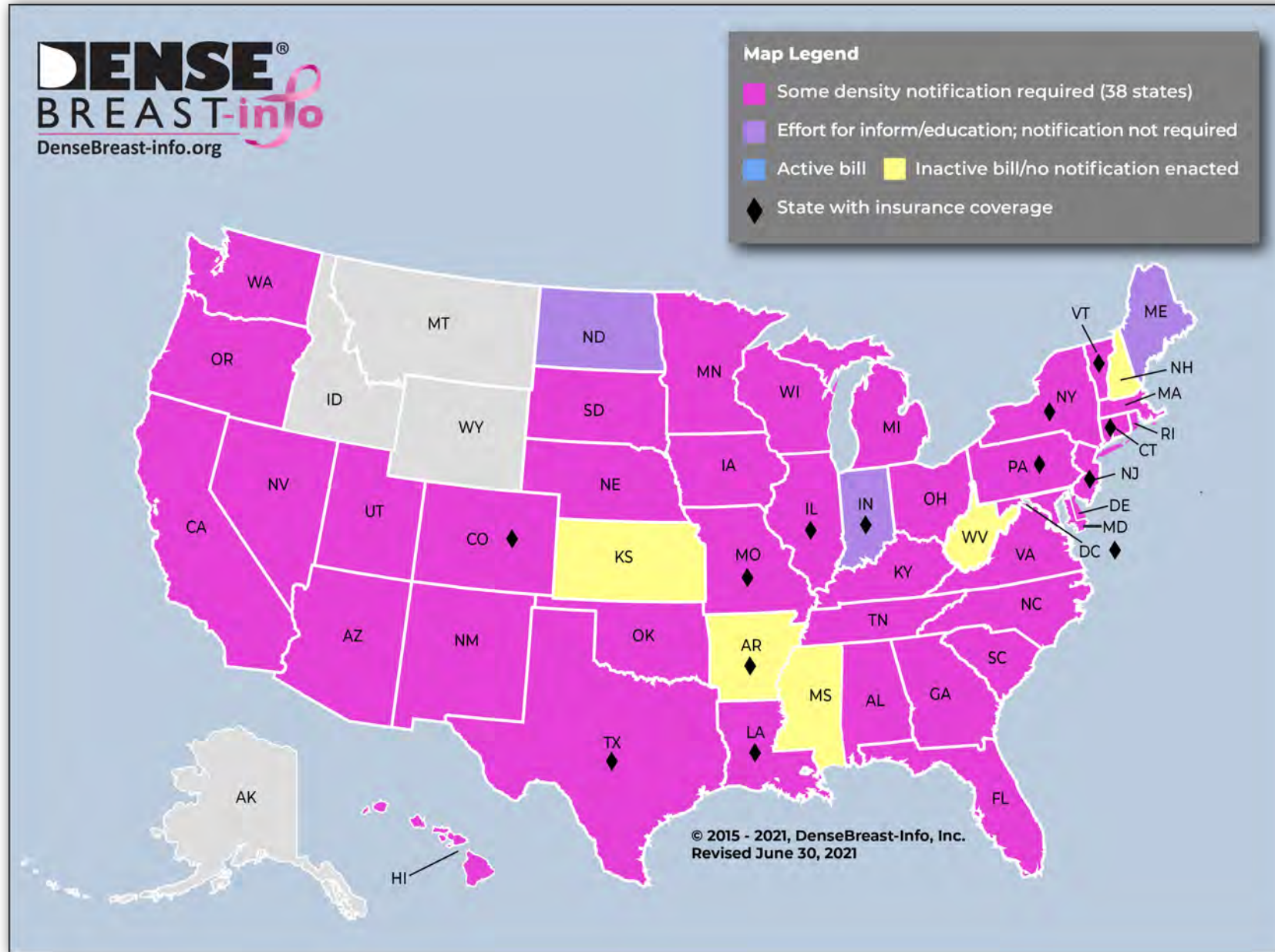
1. Greater breast density results in lower sensitivity for mammography and higher likelihood that cancer will be missed.
2. The assessment of breast density is subjective and, therefore, variable.
3. Density itself is a risk factor. Women with dense breasts have approximately 1.5 times higher risk than the average woman.
4. Note the breast density can be affected by age and weight and therefore can change over time.
5. Annual screening mammogram is recommended. Starting age needs to be tailored to the patient age and her risk factors.

\*[Note that supplementary screening for dense breast alone is currently not approved by OHIP. ]





# What's happening across the border?



# INCREASED BREAST DENSITY - WHAT CAN WE DO?

## Supplemental screening:

- Tomosynthesis – **TMIST trial**
- Contrast enhanced mammography – **CMIST trial**
- Screening US – hand held or ABUS (Automated breast US)
- Abbreviated MRI – **EA1141 study**
- Supplemental screening - **currently not covered by OHIP !**





# INCREASED BREAST DENSITY - WHAT CAN WE DO?

## Identify High risk patients:

- Strong family history
- Increased breast density

## High risk OBSP:

- Refer if you suspect your patient's lifetime risk is high (>25%) based on family/personal history and breast density.
- Referral forms for the OBSP are available at <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/guidelines-advice/cancer-continuum/screening/breast-cancer-high-risk-women>



# IBIS Breast Cancer Risk Evaluation Tool

Personal factors

Woman's age: 40 Menarche: ? Height (m):

Nulliparous: ☐ No prior biopsy / no proliferative disease  
Parous: ☐ Prior biopsy, result unknown  
Unknown: ☒ Hyperplasia (not atypical)  
Age First Child: 3 Atypical hyperplasia  
Lobular Carcinoma in Situ (LCIS):

Ovarian cancer: ☐

Mammographic density (age 40+):  
a. Scattered fibroglandular density  
b. Scattered fibroglandular density  
c. % Volpara  
d. % VAS  
e. BI-RADS

Mother: Ovarian: ☐ Bilateral: ☐ Breast cancer: ☒ Age: 50  
Sisters: Number: 0 Ovarian: ☐ Bilateral: ☐ Breast cancer: ☐ Age:

Paternal Gran: Ovarian: ☐ Breast cancer: ☐ Age: ?  
Maternal Gran: Ovarian: ☐ Breast cancer: ☐ Age: ?

Measurements

Patient

Calculate Risk

Risks

	Personal	Population
10-yr risk	2.0%	1.6%
Lifetime risk	15.7%	12.9%

OK

Print Preview

	Personal	Population
No BRCA	99.17%	99.68%
BRCA1	0.34%	0.12%
BRCA2	0.49%	0.20%





# INCREASED BREAST DENSITY - WHAT CAN WE DO?

## St Joseph's Breast Care Center:

- When do we offer MRI screening?

We are trying to identify intermediate risk women:

- Premenopausal women with increased breast density and significant strong family history (first degree relative, premenopausal)
- Premenopausal women with increased breast density and personal history of breast cancer

- When do we offer ABUS?

- Not approved by OHIP for supplemental screening
- We offer to women with challenging mammograms (increased breast density, challenging positioning)
- Inability to tolerate mammogram (Lynch syndrome)



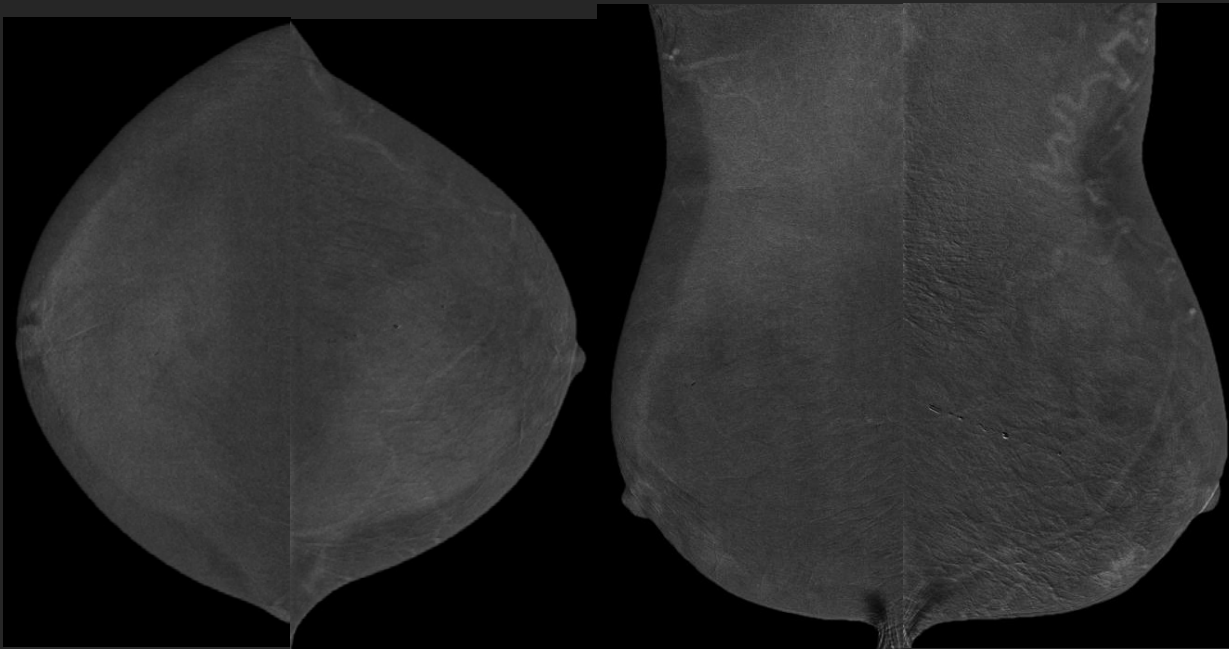
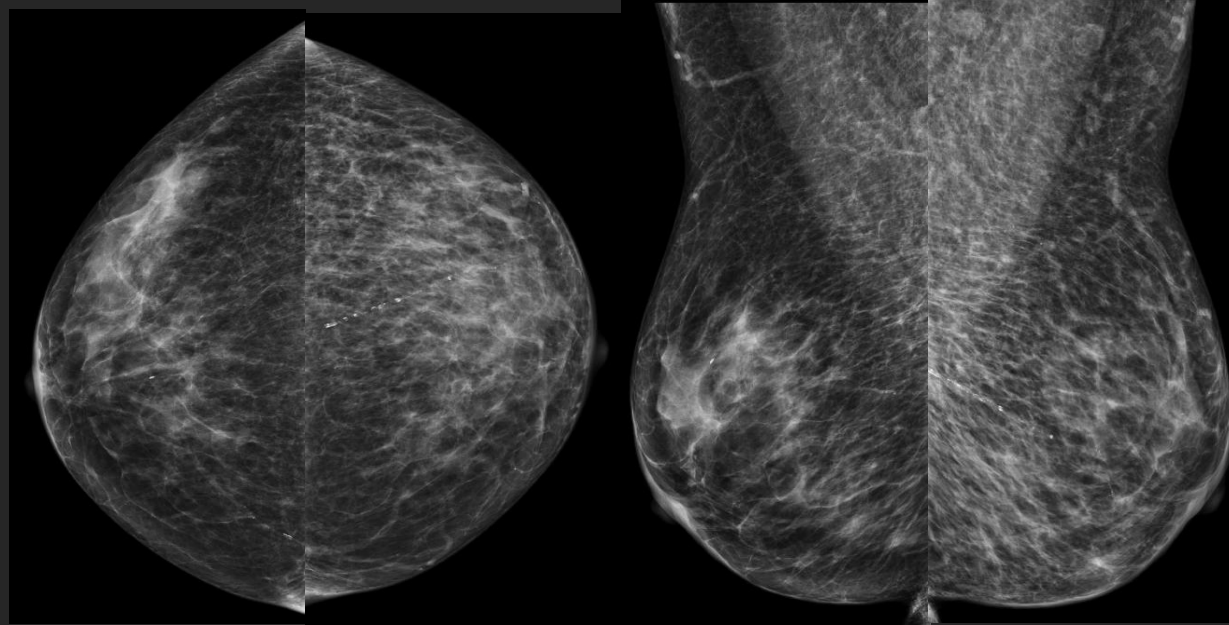
# Breast Care Imaging Guidelines - Screening

- OBSP - >50y biannual, annual for > 75% breast density
- OHIP under 50y (dense breast, strong family history)
- High risk OBSP - annual 2D mammography and MRI (30-69y)
- High risk due to family history - screening mammography starts 10 years earlier than the affected relative in the family (>30).
- Screening US can be offered if the patient is not able to have mammogram due to physical condition.





# Screening prior to renal transplantation!



# Patients reluctant to have a mammogram

- We cannot offer screening US or MRI if the patient declines mammography.
- Our new alternative is **Patient Self Compression**
- Pre medication for pain
- Let us know before the patient arrives...we will be prepared!



# Breast Care Imaging Guidelines – call back

## Call back:

- Tomosynthesis (3D)
- additional views
- $\pm$  Targeted Ultrasound
- Contrast Enhanced Mammography or MRI for suspicious findings or as problem solving tool





# Breast Care Imaging Guidelines – symptomatic patients

AGE	<30	>30
Pain – clinically significant*	Targeted US	Mammogram (2D+3D)
Palpable lump by patient	Targeted US	Targeted US followed by mammogram (2D or 2D+3D or CEM)
Palpable lump by physician	Targeted US	Mammogram followed by Targeted US
Nipple discharge	Targeted US	Mammogram (2D + 3D) $\pm$ surgical consult

\* Clinically significant pain – focal and noncyclical

- Pregnant/lactating – we start with US
- Age <18 – pediatric surgeon referral before imaging



# Information we need in order to schedule the appropriate exams:

- Is there a new clinical concern in either breast?
- Specify the concern: palpable lump, nipple discharge, nipple inversion, pain etc.
- Is it palpable lump by patient or by physician? (different protocol)
- Palpable lump - Indicate where the palpable lump is located
- Pain – is it focal or diffuse?
- Is there a concern of Implant rupture?
- Are the implants silicone or saline?



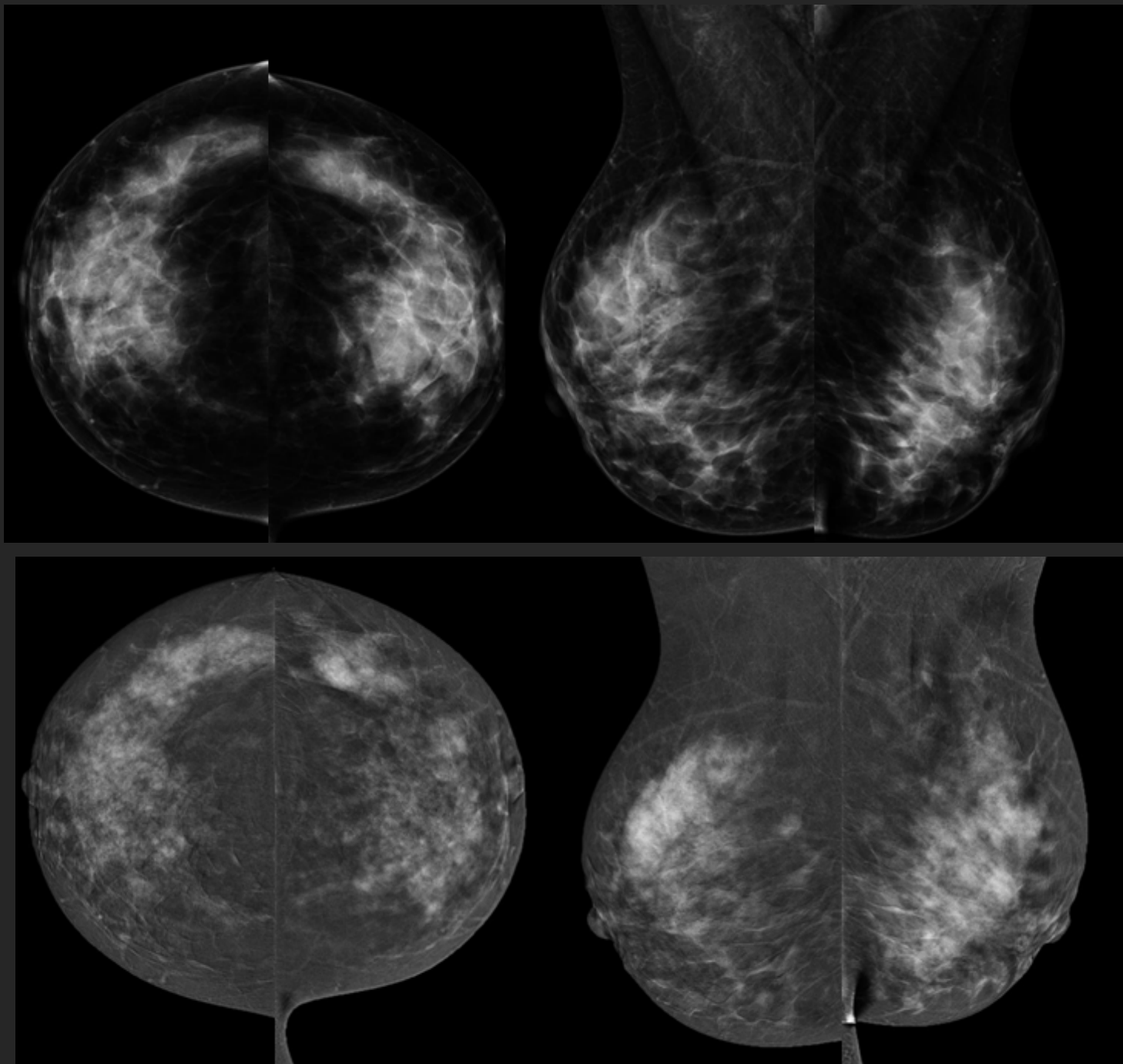
# Scenarios where additional imaging exam is not indicated

- This patient has had recent breast imaging and the Radiologist notes that further breast imaging is not required. If you are still clinically concerned then you may consider a referral to the breast surgery clinic.
- Ultrasound is not required for diffuse pain, skin rashes or itchiness.
- MRI / CEM is not indicated for breast pain, diffuse breast nodularity, difficult breast exam, fibrocystic changes.



**Call back from OBSP  
Screening**

**Multiple calcifications in  
the Left breast –  
Benign pathology**



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# Summary

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- ✓ Mammography remains the primary modality for screening women of all breast densities.
- ✓ Supplemental screening - **not covered by OHIP**. We have limited resources!
- ✓ Good communication will help us choose the appropriate imaging assessment.
- ✓ Efforts to identify high risk patients!
- ✓ The future → personalized screening based on a woman's individual risk profile.



# Thank you!

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# Primary Care Town Hall Breast Cancer Update

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Surgical Oncologist, Medical Director Breast Care Clinic





# Agenda

- Breast Exam – When am I required to do one??
- Updates in Genetic Testing – Who is eligible??
- Updates in Benign Breast – nipple discharge / breast pain
- Management of the Axilla



# Disclosures

- None



# Breast Exam

- **Average Risk Non-Cancer Patient** – **Not required** in addition to mammo screening (every 2 years; annually if dense on mammo)
- **Elevated Risk Non-Cancer Patient** (One first-degree relative) – **Not required** in addition to mammo (mammo every year)
- **High Risk Non-Cancer Patient** (several relatives/gene positive) – **Is required** (annually as part of physical exam) (with annual mammo/MRI)
- **Prior Breast Cancer Patient** – **Is required** (with annual mammo if breast remains) – Once per year if following with oncologists, twice per year for first 5 years if no one else is following
- **BiRADS 3 on imaging** – **Is required** every 6 months during imaging follow-up (2 years)
- **Palpable finding or Pain** – sent for mammo – **Is required** - \*\*RE-EXAMINE to ensure no ongoing concern\*\*

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## We Don't Know Your Pre-Test Level of Concern..

### IMPRESSION:

Sonographically benign.

### FYI:

You have referred your patient to the Breast Care Centre at St. Joseph's Health Care. The chief complaint indicated that a palpable abnormality had been detected. Breast imaging has now been completed.

There was no imaging abnormality in the palpable region. As a result, no further investigations or visits to the Breast Care Centre have been scheduled for your patient.

There are several published case series in the literature regarding patients with a palpable abnormality and no imaging abnormality in the palpable area, of which, after two years of follow-up there was only one missed cancer in over a thousand patients.

Thus, these negative imaging results should be highly reassuring to you and your patient.

The Surgeons and Radiologists at the Breast Care Center would ask that you please re-examine your patient. If, in the rare event that on repeat clinical breast exam you feel there is a highly suspicious abnormality that was missed on imaging, please send a new referral for the patient to meet with a surgeon.

## Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer

- 1. Personal history of breast cancer  $\leq 45$  years of age.**
- 2. Personal history of breast cancer  $\leq 50$  years of age with limited family structure (e.g. adoption).**
3. Personal history of breast cancer  $\leq 50$  years of age with a second primary breast cancer.
4. Personal history of triple negative breast cancer  $\leq 60$  years of age.
5. Personal history of male breast cancer at any age.
6. Personal history of epithelial ovarian cancer, including fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer at any age.

# 2021 Hereditary Cancer Testing Eligibility Criteria

Version 1.0: May 3, 2021

7. **Personal history of breast** or ovarian cancer **any age with  $\geq 1$  close relative(s)<sup>1</sup> with:**
- a. Breast cancer or ovarian cancer (in families with 2 breast cancers, one must be diagnosed  $\leq 50$  years of age)
  - b. Triple negative breast cancer  $\leq 60$  years of age
  - c. Male breast cancer any age
  - d. **Pancreatic** adenocarcinoma any age
  - e. **High risk prostate<sup>2</sup>** cancer any age
  - f. Two or more close relatives with breast cancer or prostate cancer at any age

<sup>1</sup>Close relatives typically refers to FDR/SDR on the same side of the family

<sup>2</sup>High risk prostate cancer can be confirmed with evidence of one or more of the following features:  
T3 (or higher), Grade Group 4 or 5, lymph node involvement, PSA  $\geq 20$ .



# 2021 Hereditary Cancer Testing Eligibility Criteria

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- Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancers (Lynch, polyposis, gastric, etc.)
- **Hereditary Prostate Cancer**
- **Hereditary Pancreatic Cancer**
- Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours (GISTs)
- Familial Melanoma
- Hereditary Renal Tumour Syndromes
- Pheochromocytoma/Paraganglioma
- Soft Tissue/Sarcoma



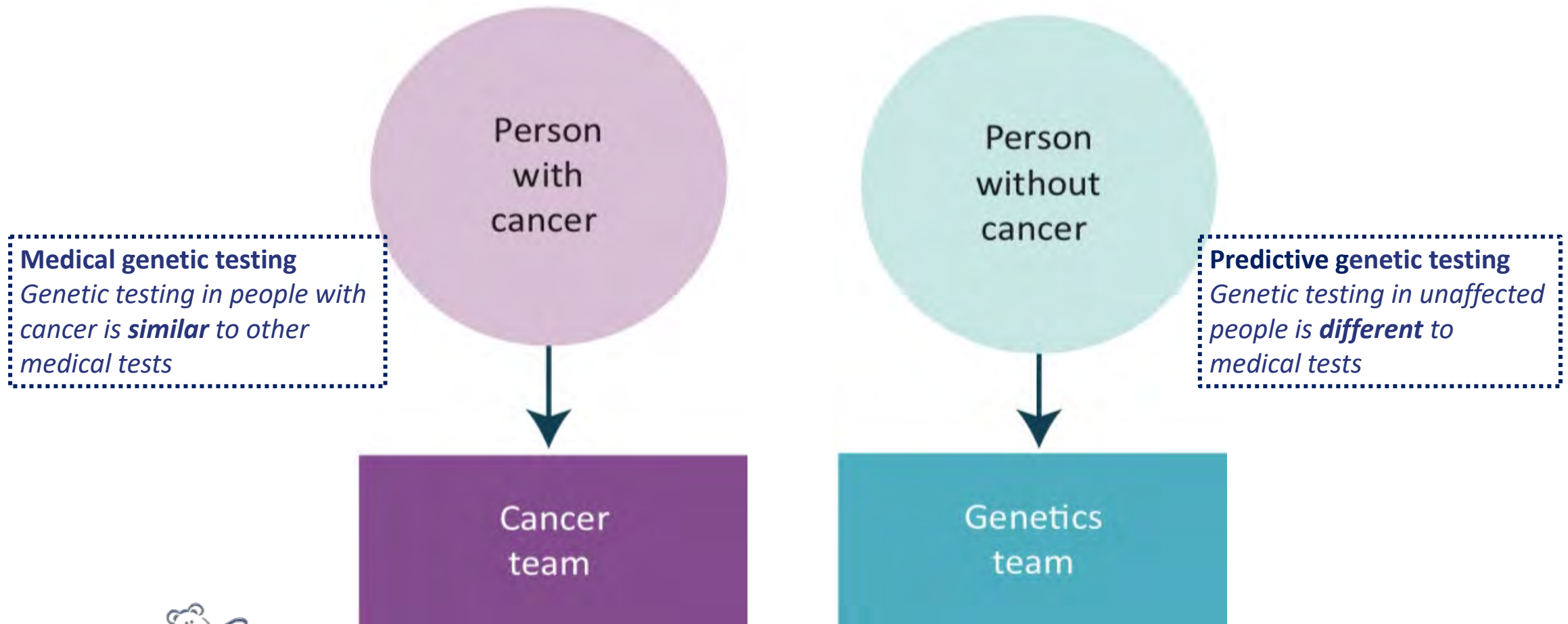
Many more patients are now eligible for genetic testing

# Hereditary Cancer Testing – Summary of Genes (76)

Provincial Hereditary Cancer Testing Gene List				
AIP	APC	ATM	AXIN2	BAP1
BARD1	BMPR1A	BRCA1	BRCA2	BRIP1
CDC73	CDH1	CDK4	CDKN1B	CDKN2A
CHEK2	CTNNA1	DICER1	EGFR	EGLN1
EPCAM	EXT1	EXT2	FH	FLCN
GALNT12	GREM1	HOXB13	KIT	LZTR1
MAX	MEN1	MET	MITF	MLH1
MLH3	MSH2	MSH3	MSH6	MUTYH
NBN	NF1	NF2	NTHL1	PALB2
PDGFRA	PMS2	POLD1	POLE	POT1
PRKAR1A	PTCH1	PTEN	RAD51C	RAD51D
RB1	RECQL	RET	RNF43	RPS20
SDHA	SDHAF2	SDHB	SDHC	SDHD
SMAD4	SMARCA4	SMARCB1	SMARCE1	STK11
SUFU	TMEM127	TP53	TSC1	TSC2
VHL				



# Mainstreaming (aka Oncology-based testing): A New Paradigm of Genetic Testing





# Nipple Discharge

- 43 yo female presents to your office with nipple discharge
- What do you want to know about the nipple discharge?
  - Unilateral vs. bilateral?
  - Multi duct?
  - Colour → milky, yellow, clear, brown, bloody
  - Spontaneous vs. occurs with manipulation
  - Any other breast symptoms?



## Nipple Discharge:

- 43 yo female presents to your office with nipple discharge
  - Unilateral
  - She can't tell if there is more than one duct involved
  - Spontaneous
  - Bloody/clear in colour
  - No other breasts complaints
- You complete a breast exam and try to see if you can express any nipple discharge



# Nipple Discharge: Types

Types of nipple discharge:

- Lactation
- Physiologic/Galactorrhea
- Pathologic/suspicious
  - Most Commonly: Duct Ectasia, Papilloma

# Nipple Discharge: Types

## Features of Nipple Discharge

### Physiologic

Bilateral  
Multiple ducts  
Manual manipulation  
Non-bloody  
Reproductive Age  
Normal exam/imaging

### Pathologic

Unilateral  
Single duct  
Spontaneous  
Bloody  
Non-reproductive age  
Associated mass or abnormal imaging

# Nipple Discharge: Work Up

## Work up for Nipple Discharge

Physiologic  
\*Hyperprolactinemia\*

Pathologic

Prolactin  
TSH

Bilateral Mammogram  
+/- Targeted subareolar US  
(Ductogram rarely used)  
+/- MRI if the above are  
negative and high risk



# Nipple Discharge: Causes

## Causes of Nipple Discharge

### Physiologic \*Hyperprolactinemia\*

Medication-related (antipsychotics, antidepressants, verapamil, metoclopramide, domperidone)  
Tumours (pituitary adenoma, ectopic prolactin ie. lung cancer)  
Hypothyroidism  
Chest wall injury, surgery or burn  
Renal insuff(↓ prolactin clearance)

### Pathologic

Duct ectasia  
Intraductal Papilloma  
Malignancy

\*\* Referral to breast surgeon



# Nipple Discharge: Malignancy Risk

- Risk of Malignancy
  - Most often benign
  - Occurs in 10 to 15 % of benign breast disease
  - Occurs in 2 to 3% of malignancy
    - Usually DCIS





# Nipple Discharge: Case

- Back to our case ... 43 yo female with unilateral, spontaneous bloody nipple discharge
- Now what do you want to do?
  - Imaging: Mammo (normal); retroareolar U/S if pt not wanting excision (papilloma)
  - Diagnosis: Papilloma
  - Referral for surgical consultation



# Breast Pain

- Common – 7 out of 10 women experience it
- No evidence that breast pain leads to increased risk breast CA
- Cyclical Breast
- Non-Cyclical Breast
- Non-Breast (chest wall)



# Cyclical Breast Pain

- Can be exacerbated by smoking; May be related to change in breast shape/size
- Typically associated with period cycle; Settles after menopause; Common onset early 40s
- **Treatment Options:**
  - Bra Fitting (may want to wear more supportive bra and sports bra at night)
  - Anti-inflammatory (Motrin/Aleve), Voltaren gel on breast
  - Take oral contraceptive continuously (if post-menopausal, change hormone therapy combination tablet); Flax Seed Supplement; Evening Primrose Oil
  - Can consider Tamoxifen (5 mg daily)



# Non-Cyclical Breast Pain

- Can be Unilateral or Bilateral
- Commonly onsets around peri-menopausal time as well
- Can occur in armpit
- Can be caused by surrounding chest wall (arthritis/strain/exercise)
- Can be first site of pain for Fibromyalgia
- **Treatment Options** – Try same as non-cyclical breast pain



# Chest Wall Pain

- Physical Examination is Really Helpful
- Most Pain elicited when examining lateral chest wall or medial sterno-chondral junctions
- **Treatment Options:**
  - Anti-inflammatories as above
  - Pain clinic if not resolving





# Management of the Axilla

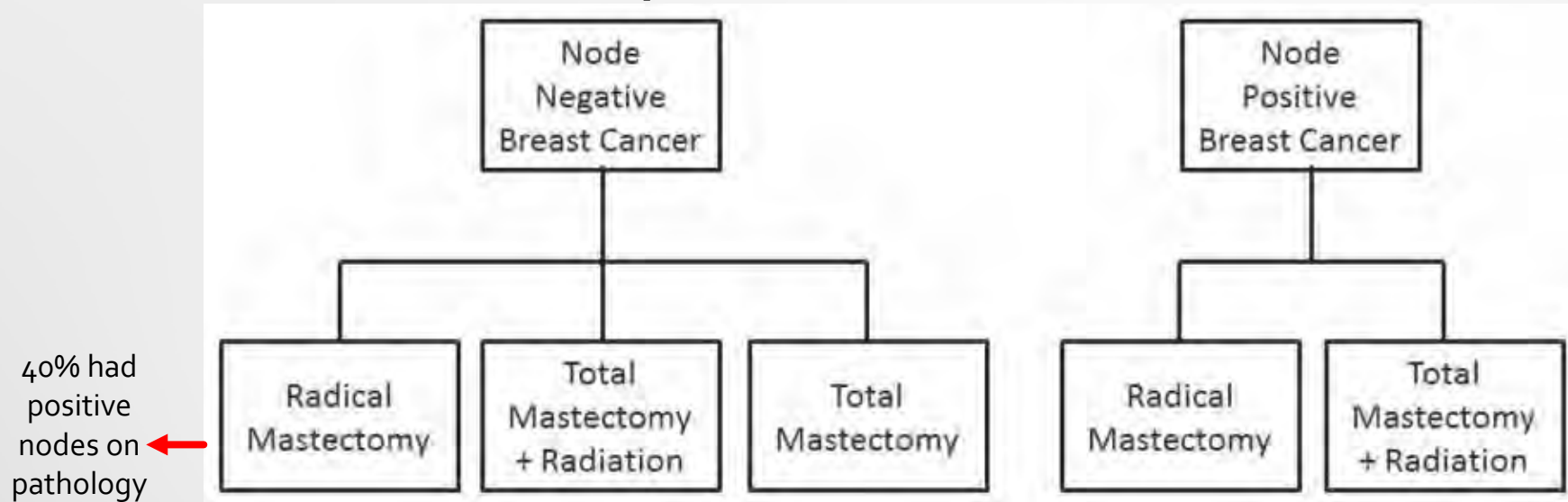
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## Management of the Axilla in Early-Stage Breast Cancer: Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) and ASCO Guideline

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# Paradigm Shift from Halsted – Stratified by **Clinical** Nodal Status



**Fisher B, et al. NSABP-B04 Trial (2002)**

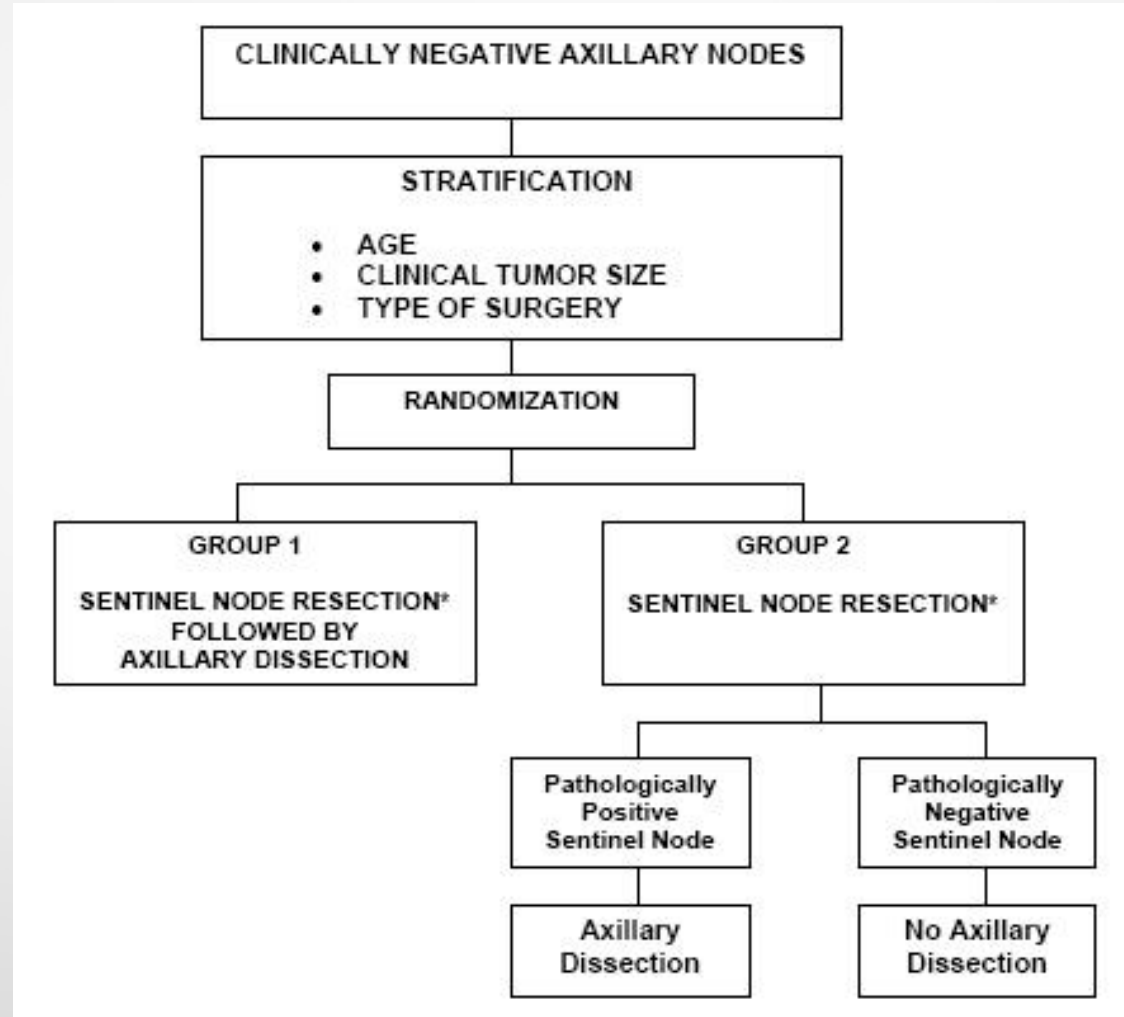
Set up as two parallel trials. (N=1665)

No significant difference in disease-free survival, relapse-free survival, distant disease-free survival, or overall survival between the groups categorized by node status.

Locoregional recurrence rate differed.

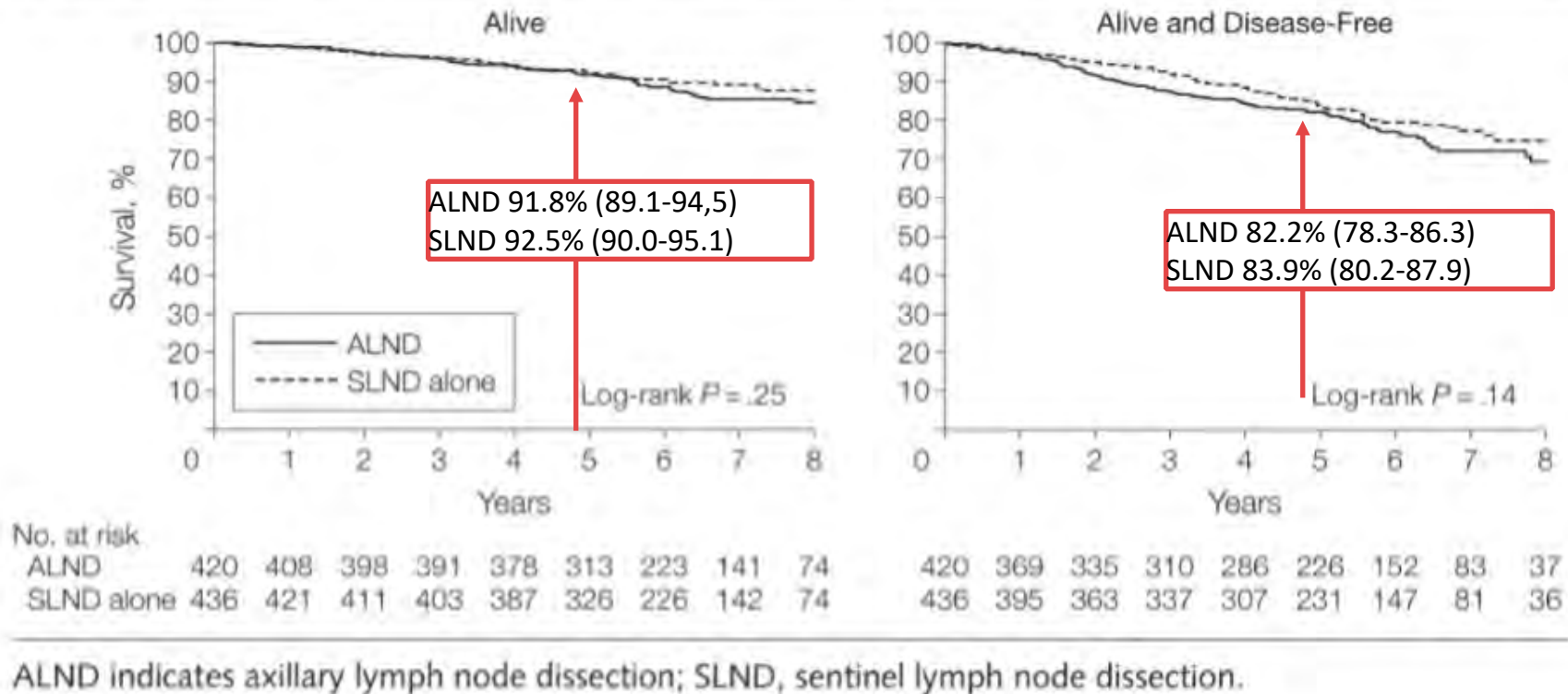
# Introducing Axillary Sampling:

- NSABP B32 (N=5611)
- Comparing **clinically node neg** pts with neg SLN to ALND versus none
- SLN + Arm that had Pos Nodes = ALND;
- **+Nodes NEVER UNTREATED**
- **Tc99m +/- Blue Dye**
- **Validated SLN Technique (lower FNR with more SLN)**



# ACOSOG Z011 – RCT for Node + (ALND vs Not) + Rads

**Figure 2.** Survival of the ALND Group Compared With SLND-Alone Group



Giuliano et al, JAMA, 2017

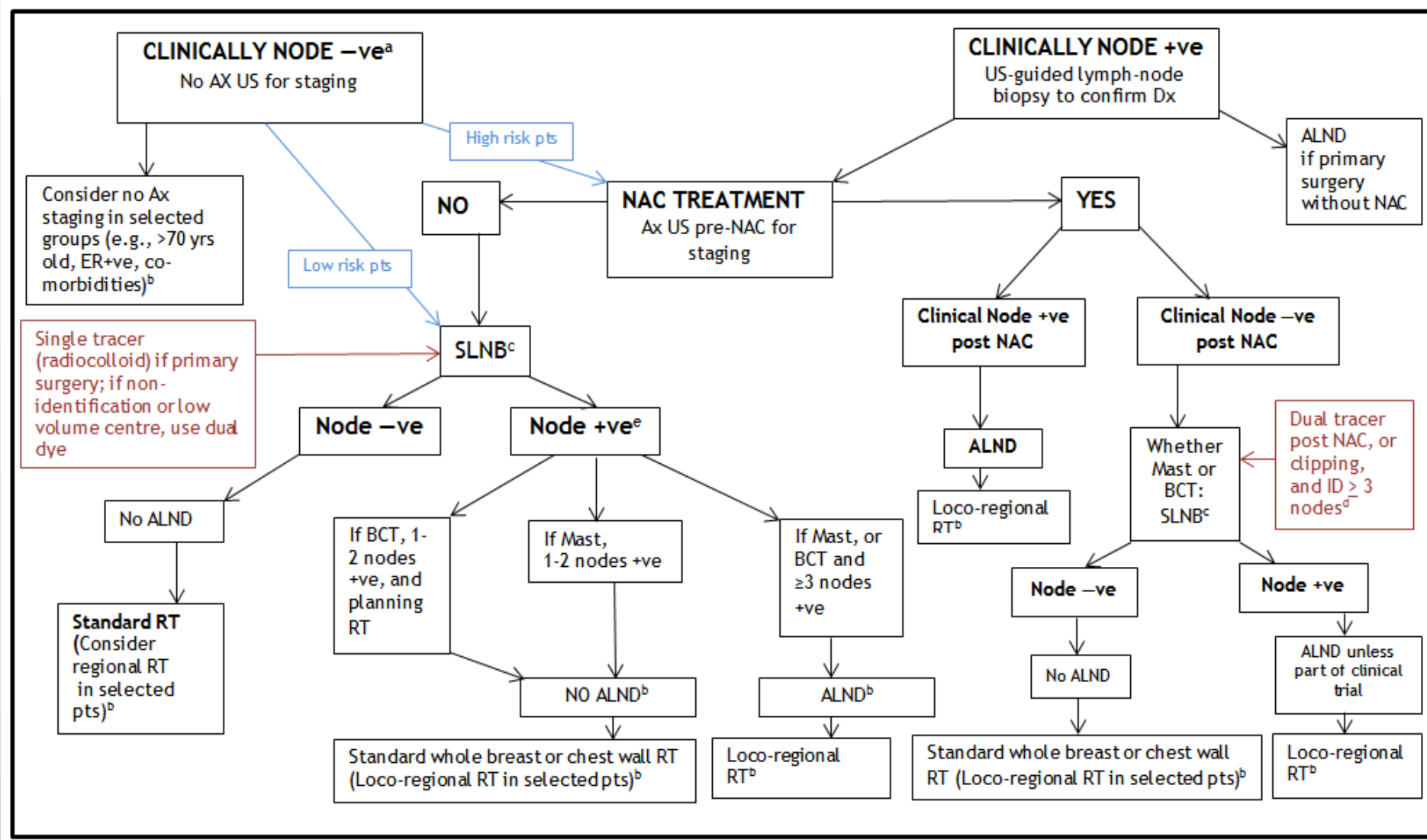
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# What is the Benefit of Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy?

- Downstage Breast = Avoid resecting all original disease (in breast as well as in axilla), **resect LESS breast tissue = Increased Breast Conservation, same survival**
- Downstage Axilla = **Avoid completing axillary dissection** if restaging is NEG on Sentinel node
- Can participate in Surgical Trial if restaging nodes are POSITIVE and Radiation Trial if restaging nodes are NEG

# Regional Recurrence Rates with or without Axillary Dissection in Node positive patients after NAC and SLN

- 161 pts post NAC with residual node positive disease on SLN
- Single institution retrospective review
- 5.6% regional recurrence, majority in level 1&2 nodes
- Whether patients had SLN or ALND did not predict survival
- Lymphedema rates were 25% (ALND) versus 9% (SLN/Rads)







# Current Thrust of Breast Oncology

- **De-escalation of Systemic Treatment**
  - Oncotype DX/Mammaprint – genomic recurrence risk scores
  - Avoid Chemotherapy if risk score is low
  - Ongoing Trials to avoid Radiation if complete response to Chemotherapy
- **Increasing Breast Conservation**
  - Oncoplastic Surgery
  - Improve patient Quality of Life
- **Reducing Axillary Dissections**
  - Reduce lymphedema rates



Questions??

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH



## BREAST IMAGING AND SURGERY TOWN HALL

Thursday, October 28, 2021  
7:00-8:30 pm

Featuring (from St. Joseph's Health Care London):

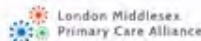
- Dr. Muriel Brackstone, Medical Director, Breast Care Program
- Dr. Ilanit Ben-Nachum, Radiologist
- Heather Medaglia, Coordinator, Breast Care Centre

Learn more about:

- The dense breast statement- where are we at
- Identifying high risk patients (OBSP)
- Who will be offered with breast MRI screening? ABUS? MRI? CEM?
- Breast Exam: When is it useful/required
- Updates: Genetic Testing (eligibility); Benign Breast (discharge and pain)
- Management of the Axilla

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/9k6khpjx>



# THANK YOU!

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