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BREAST IMAGING  
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# SBI 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Breast Imaging Historical Timeline

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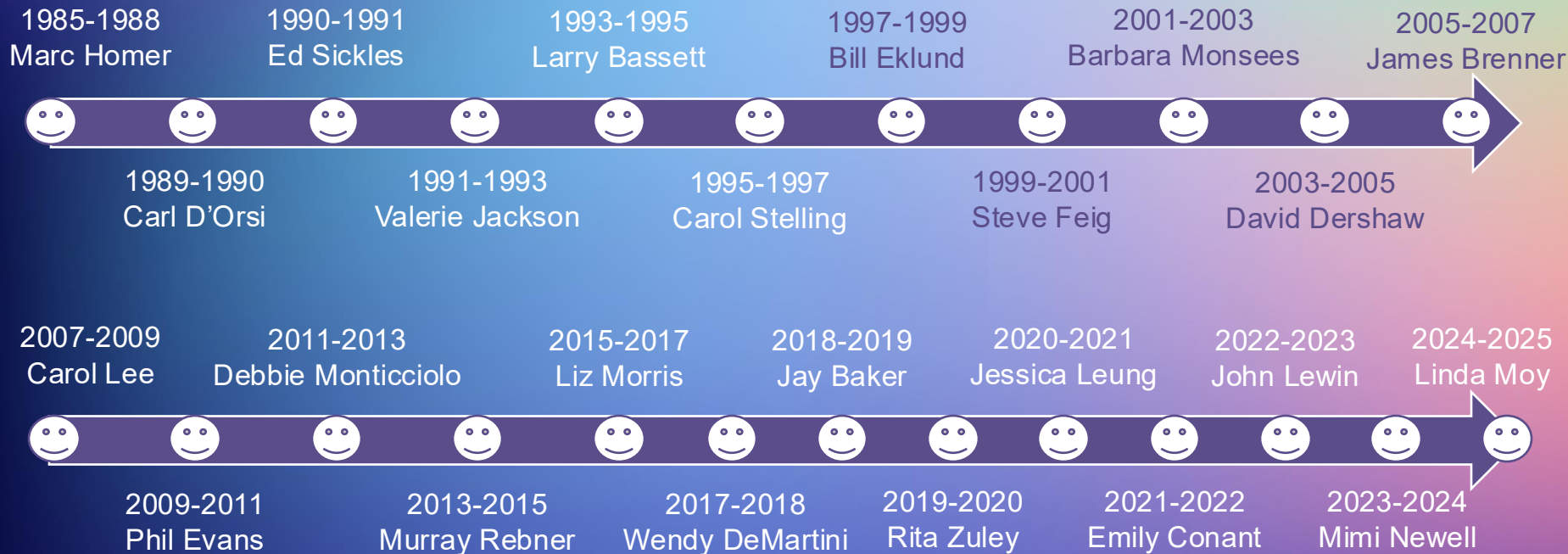
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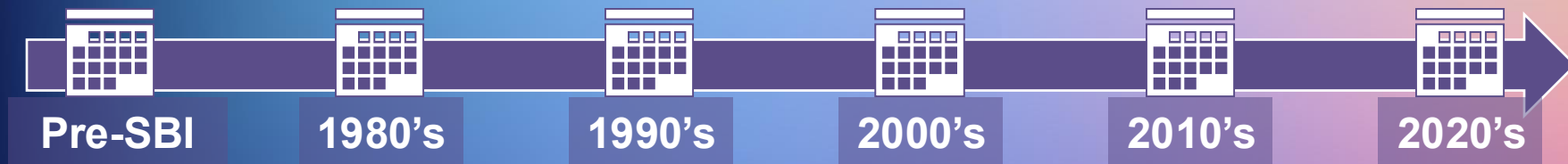
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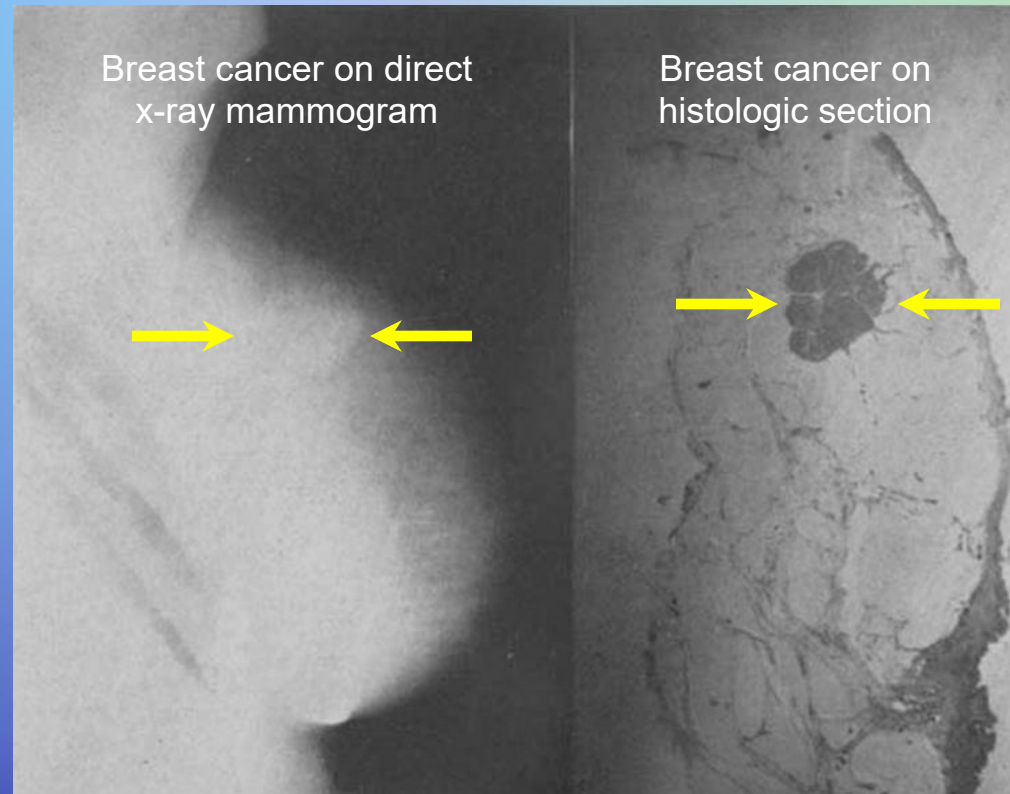
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## Chronologic Timeline



# Direct X-Ray Mammogram

## 1934: INNOVATION



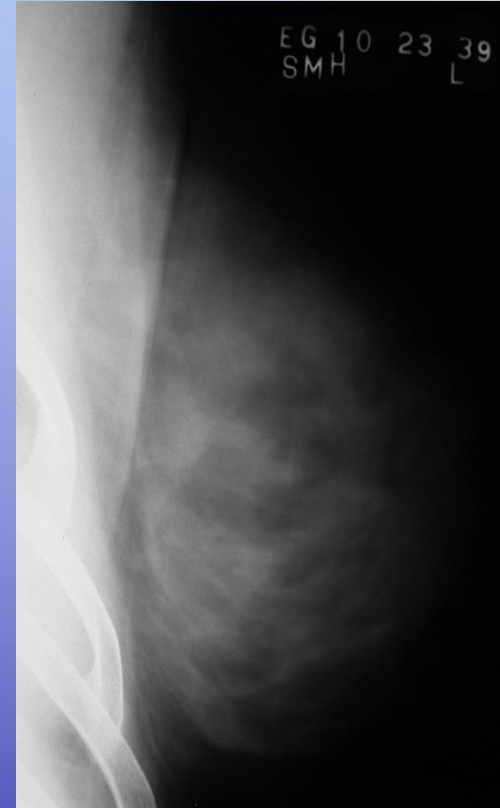
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# Warren Direct X-Ray Mammogram

## 1939: INNOVATION

1939 Direct exposure mammogram  
(lateral view)  
From files of Dr. Stafford Warren

*Courtesy of Dr. Larry Bassett, UCLA*



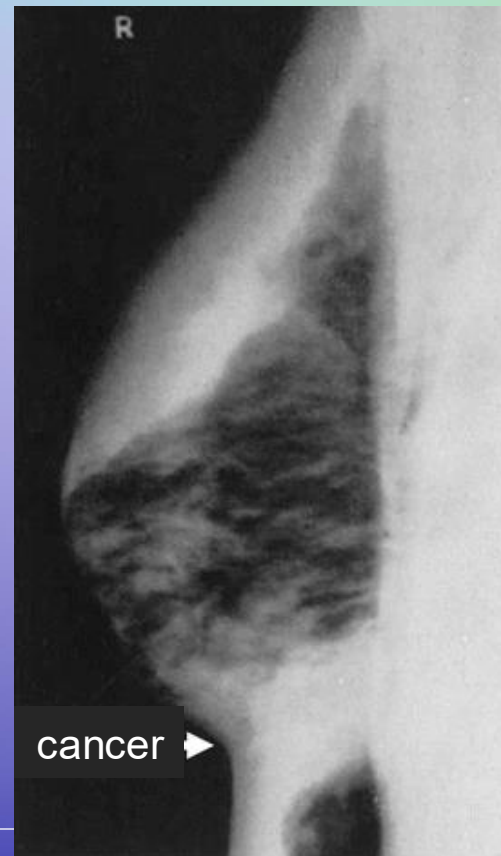
# Carbon Dioxide Insufflation

## 1939: INNOVATION

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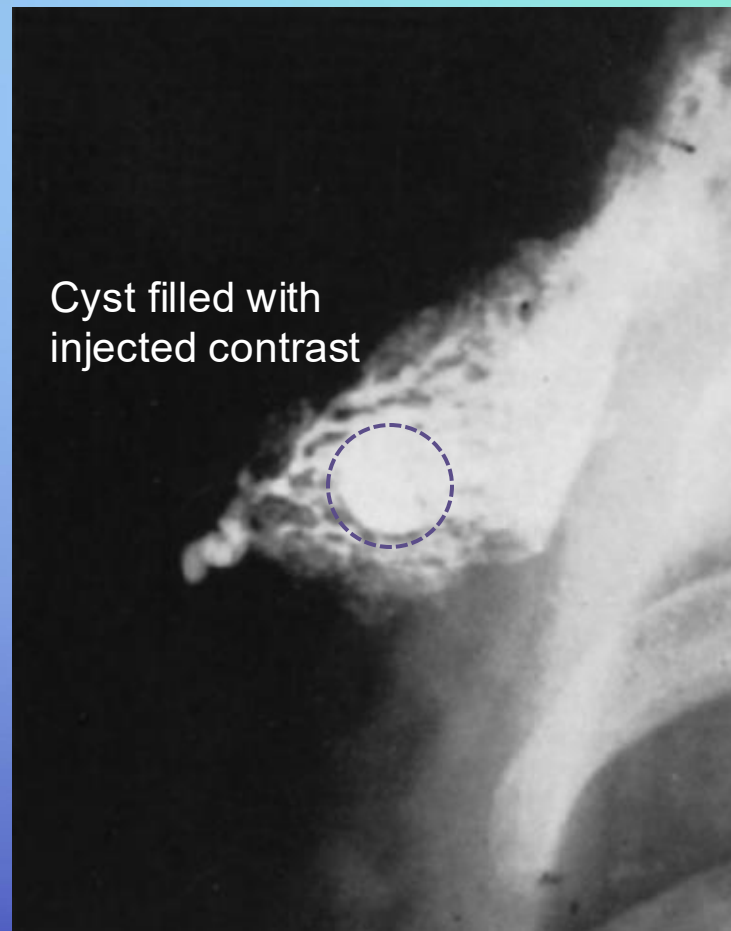


# Ductogram

## 1939: INNOVATION

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# Egan's Mammographic Positioning

## 1960: INNOVATION

From Egan RL. Experience with mammography in a tumor institution.  
Evaluation of 1,000 studies. Radiology. 1960;75:894-900.



Fig. 1. Positioning for the crano-caudad view. Identification marker is kept on the axillary side of breast for localization of the mammary quadrant.

Fig. 2. Oblique or lateral position. The cardboard film-holder is supported on a small wood block.

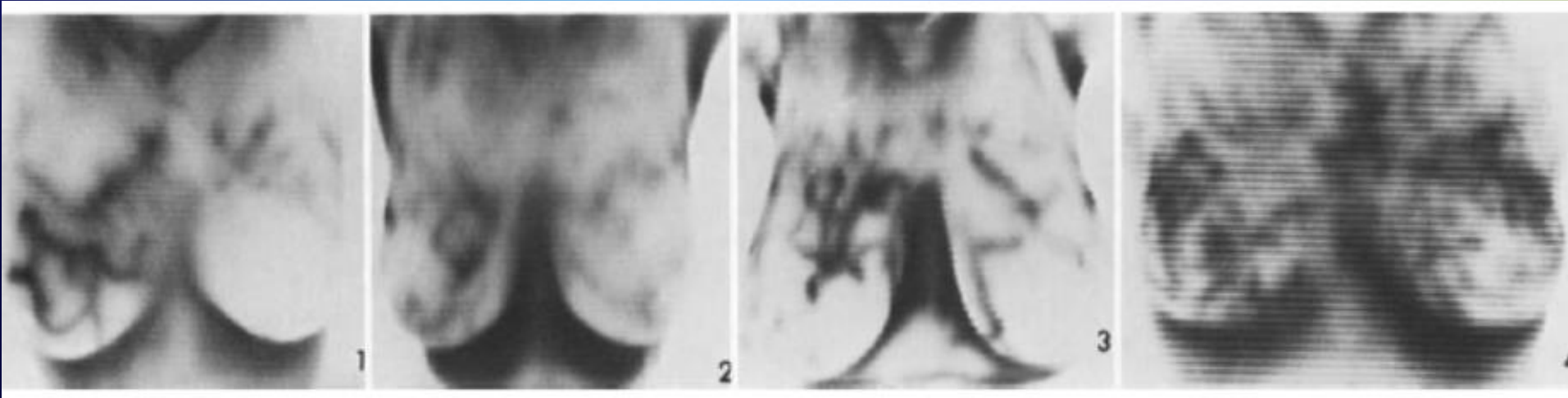
Fig. 3. Axillary view. The central beam is centered to the apex of the axilla and also parallel to the retro-mammary space. This arm position provides maximum visualization of the axilla as it reduces the number of skin folds without superimposition of the scapula. Factors: 54 kv, 300 ma, 40 inches, three and a half seconds; in obese patients the distance is reduced to 30 in.

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# Thermography

## 1977: INNOVATION?



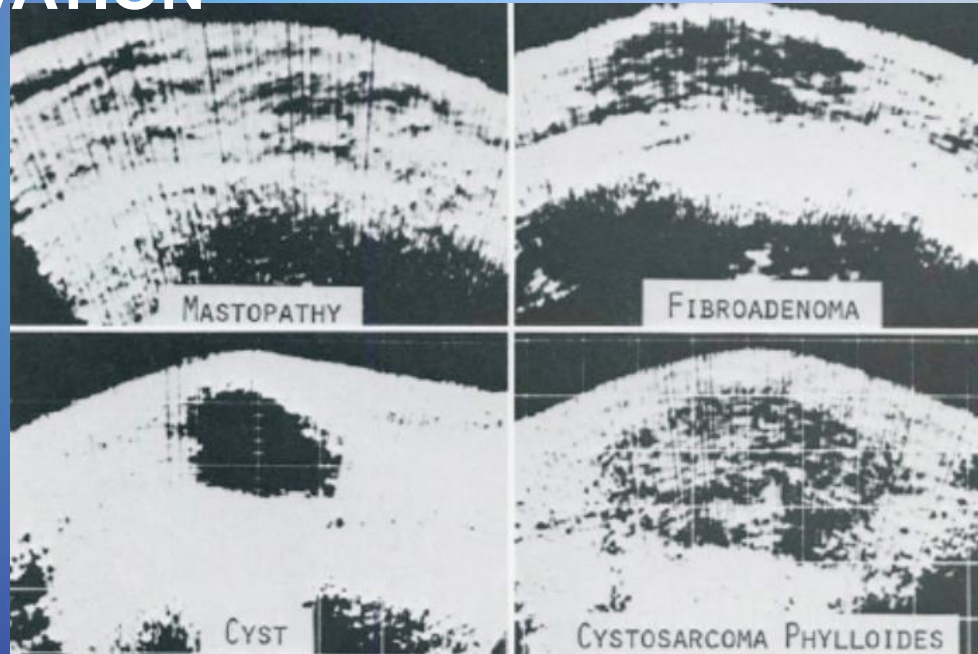
Positive thermograms in 4 women. Thermography ultimately proved **insensitive** as a screening exam.

From: Feig SA, Shaber GS, Schwartz GF, et al. Thermography, mammography, and clinical examination in breast cancer screening. Review of 16,000 studies. Radiology. [1977;122\(1\):123-7.](#)

Published in: Bonnie N. Joe; Edward A. Sickles; Radiology, 2014, 273, S23-S44. 2014 by [the Radiological Society of North America, Inc.](#)

# Ultrasound

## 1977: INNOVATION

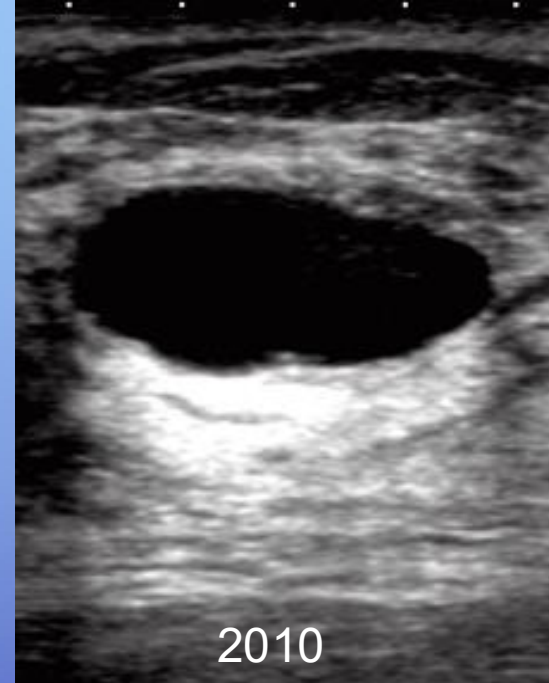
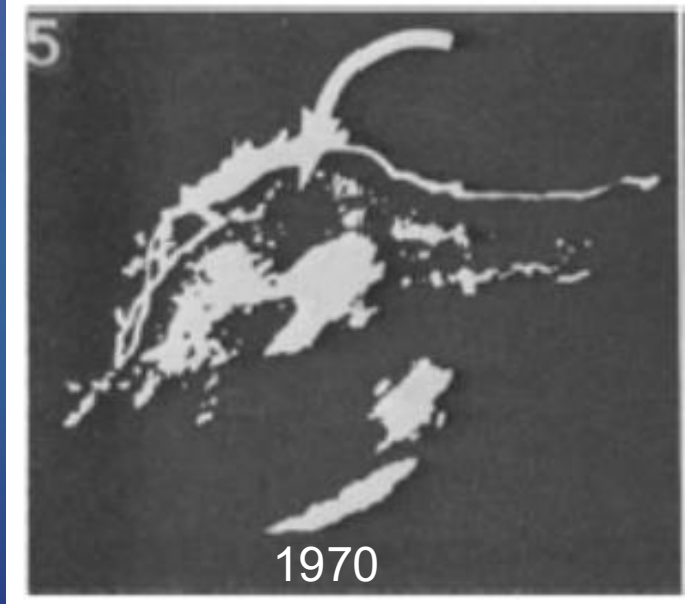


From: Kobayashi T. Gray-scale echography for breast cancer. Radiology. [1977;122\(1\):207-14.](#)

Published in: Bonnie N. Joe; Edward A. Sickles; Radiology, 2014, 273, S23-S44. 2014 by the [Radiological Society of North America, Inc.](#)

# Ultrasound of a Breast Cyst

1977: INNOVATION

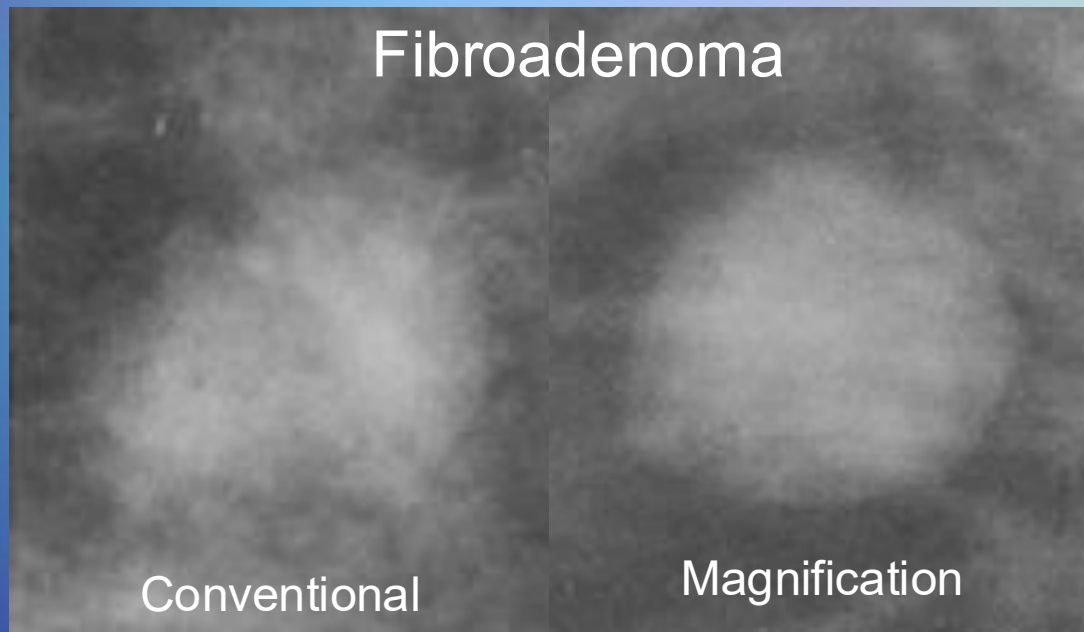


From: Damascelli B, Musumeci R, Orefice S. Sonar Information About Breast Tumors. Radiology. [1970;96:583-6.](#)

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# Magnification Improves Quality

## 1979: INNOVATION



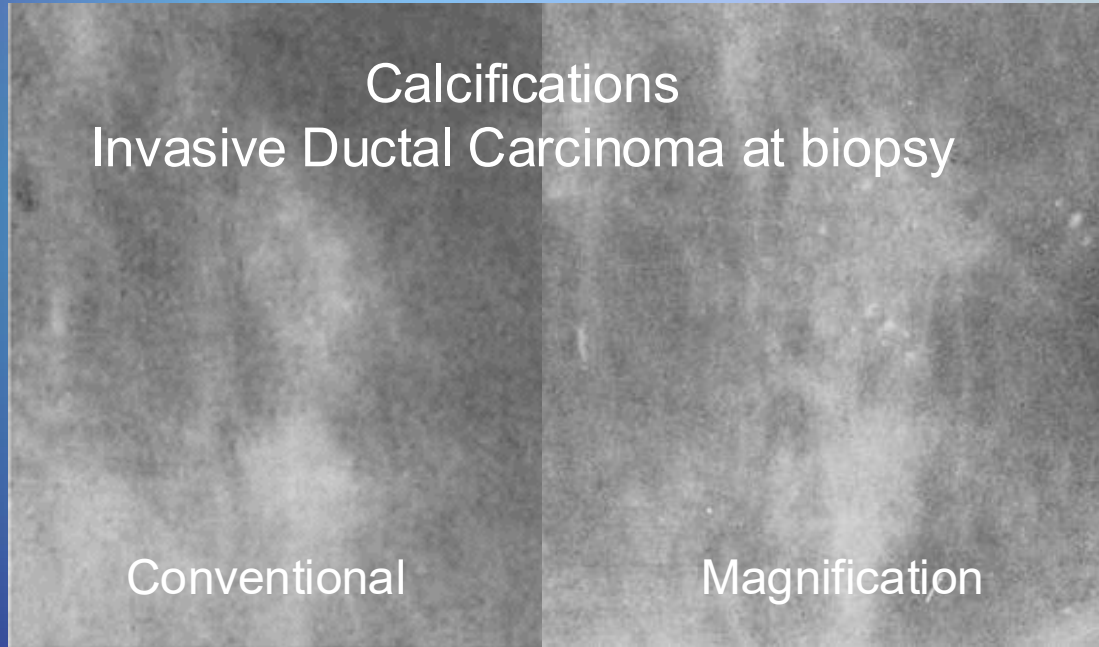
From: Sickles EA. Microfocal spot magnification mammography using xeroradiographic and screen-film recording systems. Radiology. [1979;131\(3\):599-607.](#)

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# Magnification Improves Quality

## 1979: INNOVATION

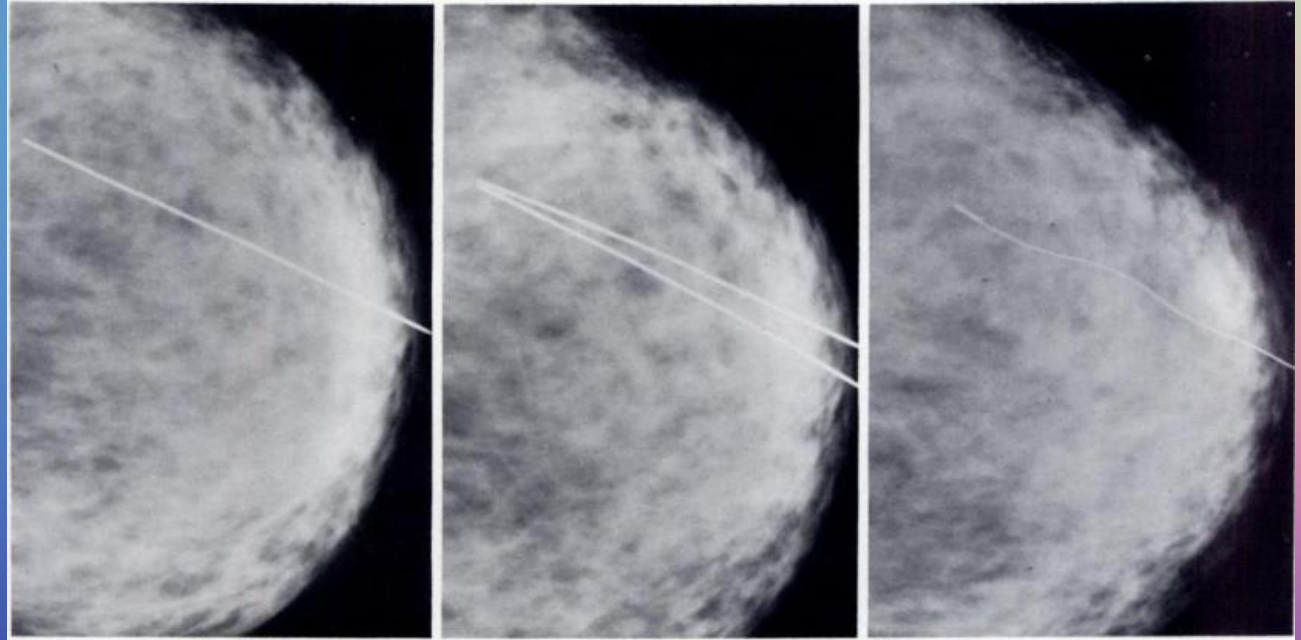


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# Freehand Needle Localization

## 1980: INNOVATION

- Iterative approximations to get close to target
- Risk of pneumothorax (needle pointing towards chest wall)

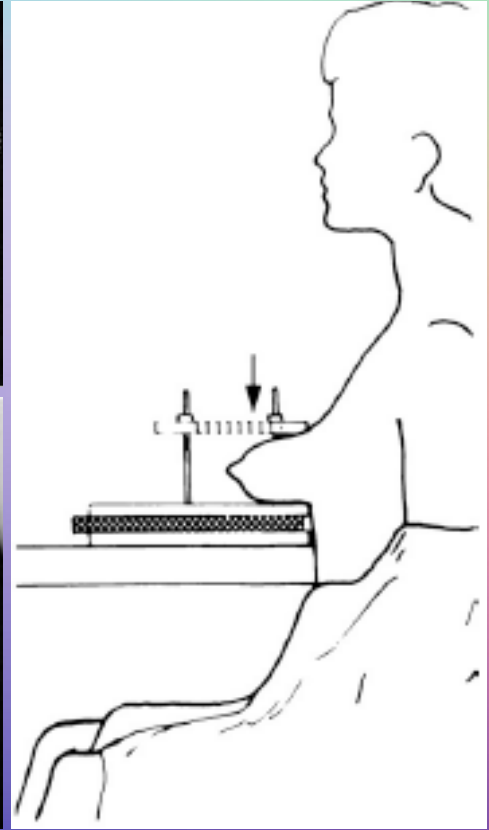
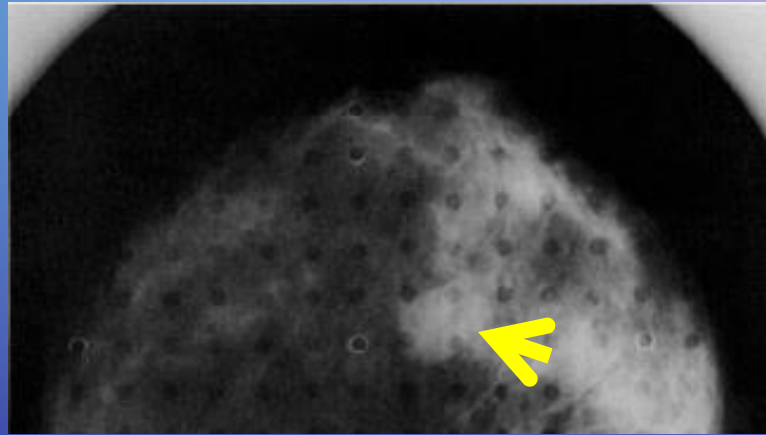
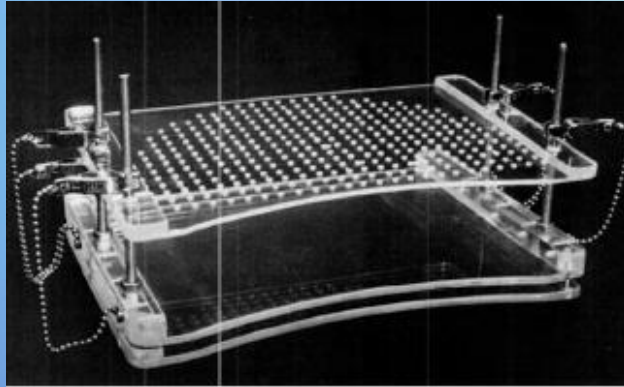


[Stephenson TF, AJR. 1980;135: 184-186.](#)

# Grid Localization

## 1983: INNOVATION

1-2 needles placed into grid openings closest to target (arrow) based on mammographic image



From: Goldberg RP, Hall FM, Simon M. Radiology [1983;146\(3\):833-839](#).

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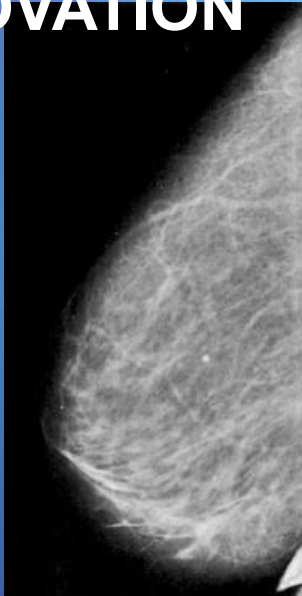
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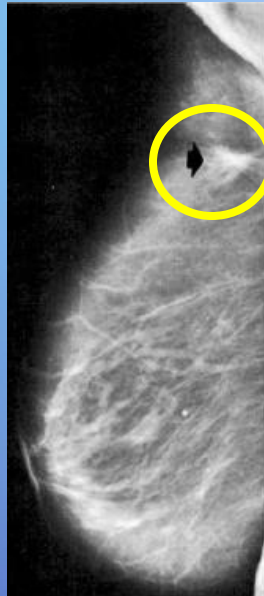
# The Oblique View

## 1983: INNOVATION

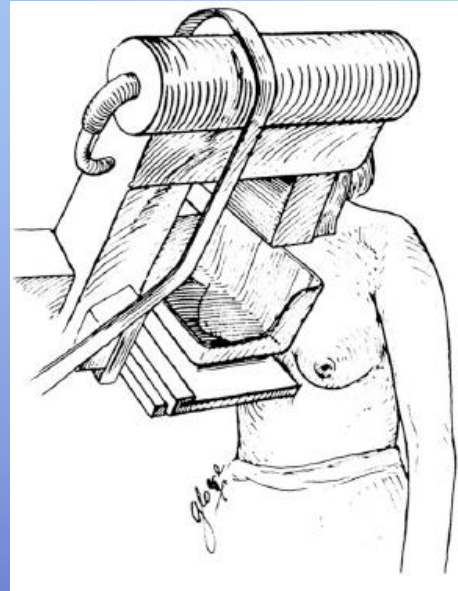
From: Bassett LW,  
Gold RH. Breast  
radiography using  
the oblique  
projection.  
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[1983;149\(2\):585-7.](#)



Cancer missed  
on lateral



Cancer seen  
on MLO view



Positioning for  
oblique view

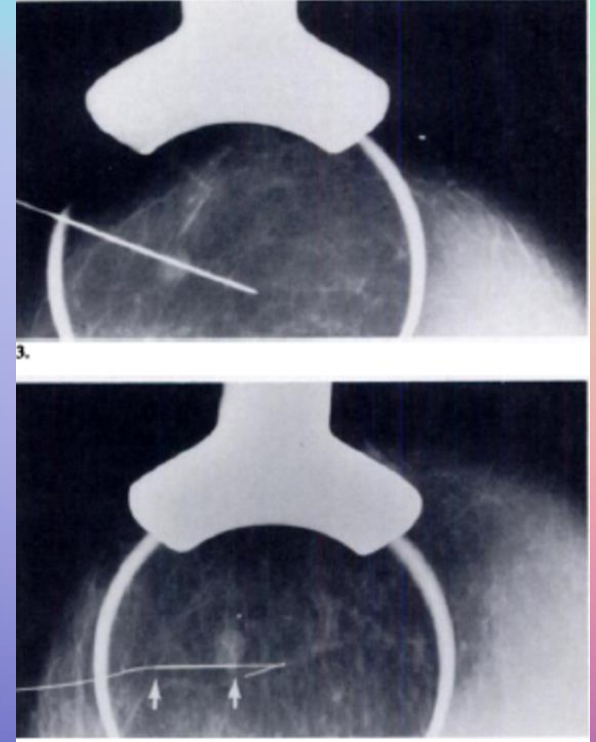
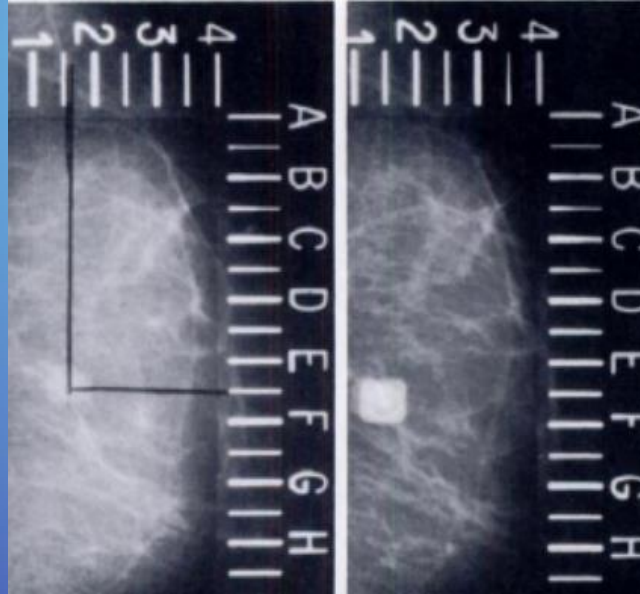
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# Grid Localization

## 1985: INNOVATION

System allowed for repositioning of needle before wire deployment

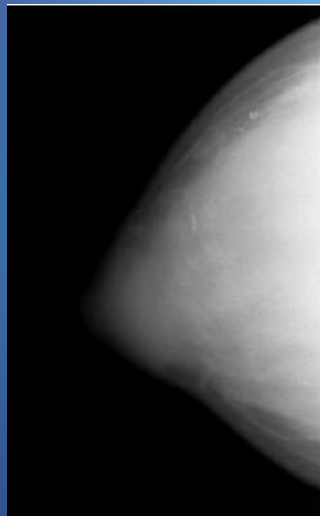
From: Kopans DB, Lindfors K, McCarthy KA, Meyer JE. Spring hookwire breast lesion localizer: use with rigid-compression mammographic systems. Radiology. 1985;157(2):537-8.



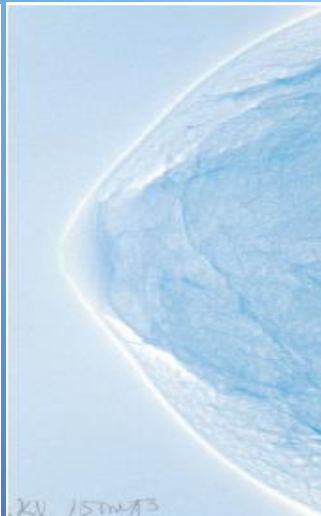
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# Evolution of 2D mammography

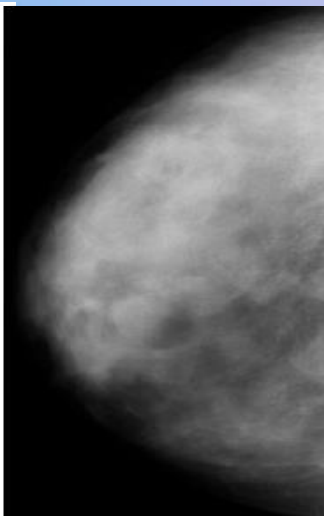
## 1930's-1990's: INNOVATION



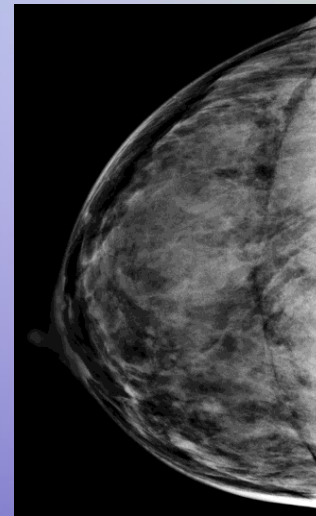
direct-exposure  
film mammogram



xeromammogram



screen-film  
mammogram



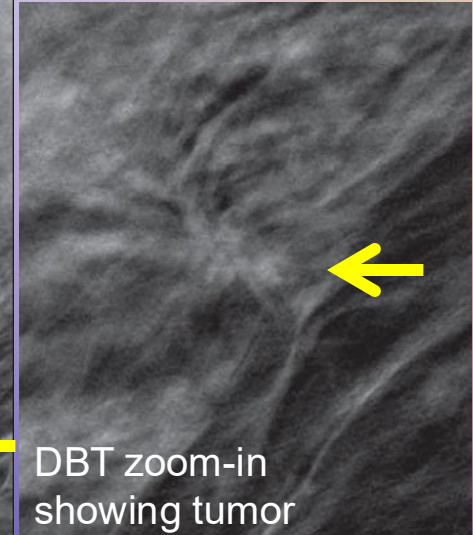
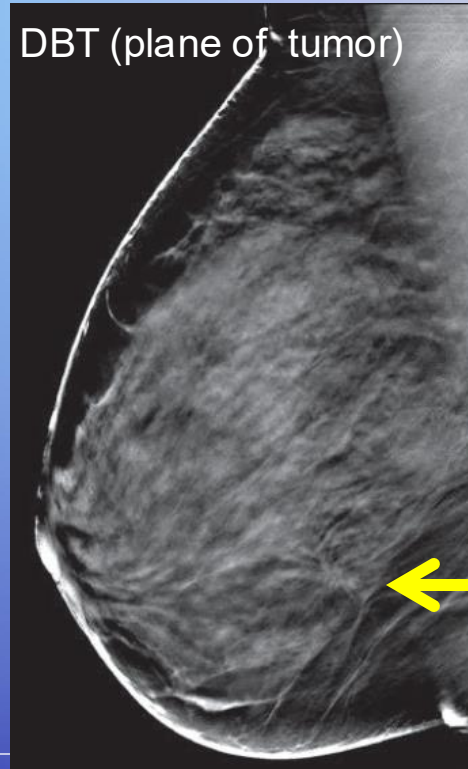
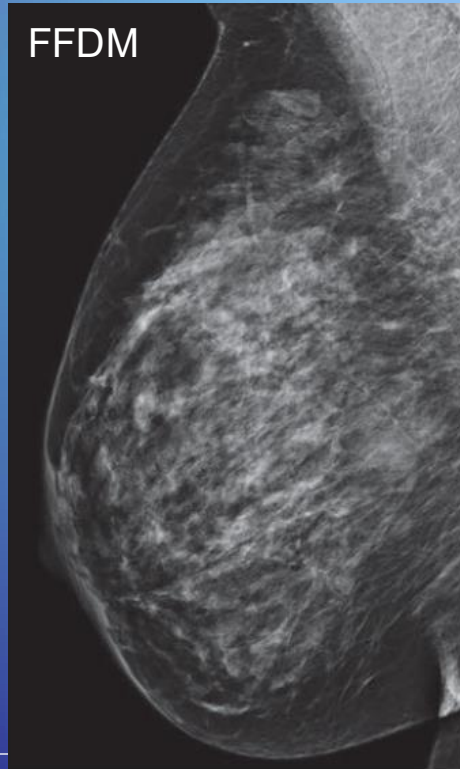
full-field digital  
mammogram

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# Digital Breast Tomosynthesis

## 1997-2010's: INNOVATION

Kopans DB. Digital breast tomosynthesis from concept to clinical care. *AJR*. [2014;202\(2\):299-308](#).





# Computer-Aided Detection

## 1998: INNOVATION



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Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration  
9200 Corporate Boulevard  
Rockville MD 20850

R2 Technology, Inc.  
c/o Howard M. Holstein  
Hogan & Hartson  
555 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

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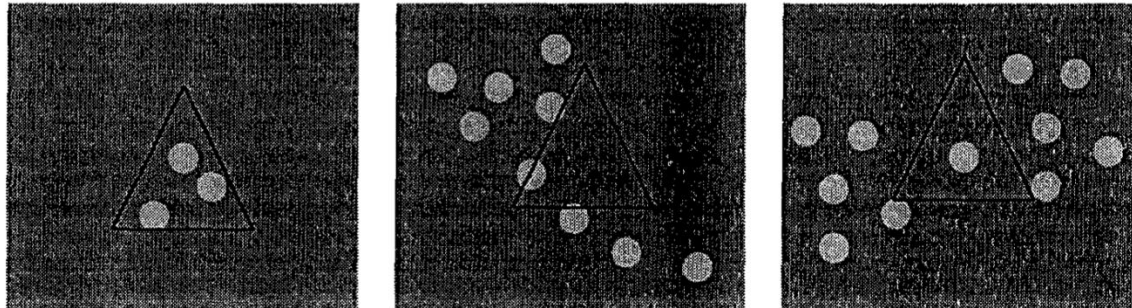


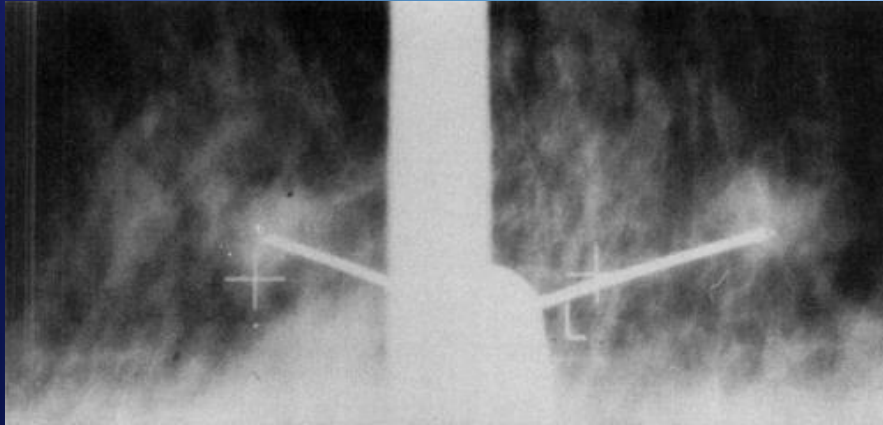
Figure 4. Marker positioning examples for microcalcifications

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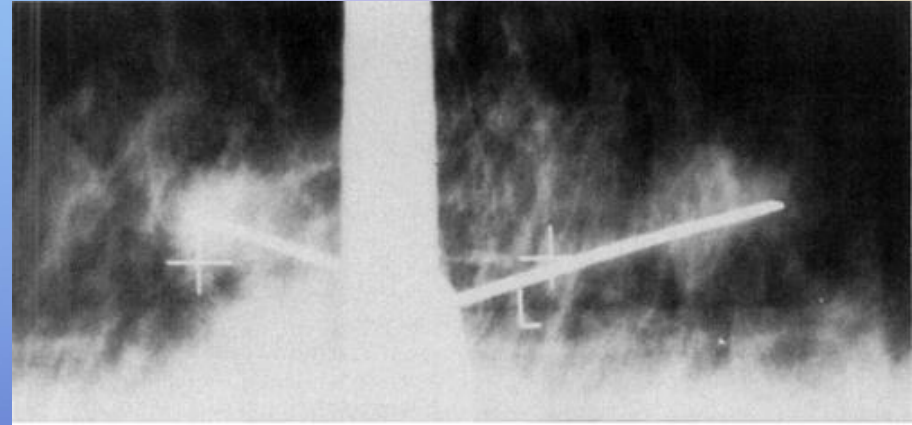
# Stereotactic-Guided Breast Biopsy

## 1990: INNOVATION

Pre-biopsy



Post-biopsy



From: Parker SH, Lovin JD, Jobe WE, et al. Stereotactic breast biopsy with a biopsy gun. Radiology. [1990;176\(3\):741-7.](#)

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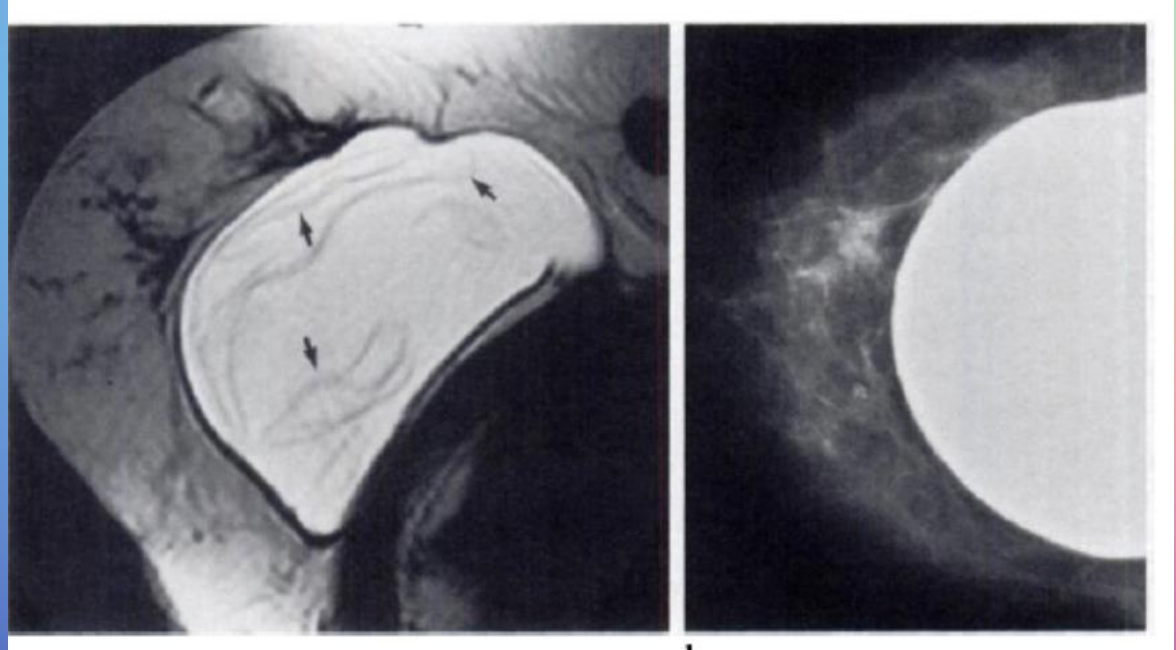
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# Breast MRI: Silicone Implant Evaluation

## 1992: INNOVATION

From: Gorczyca DP, Sinha S, Ahn CY, et al. Silicone breast implants in vivo: MR imaging. Radiology. [1992;185\(2\):407-10.](#)

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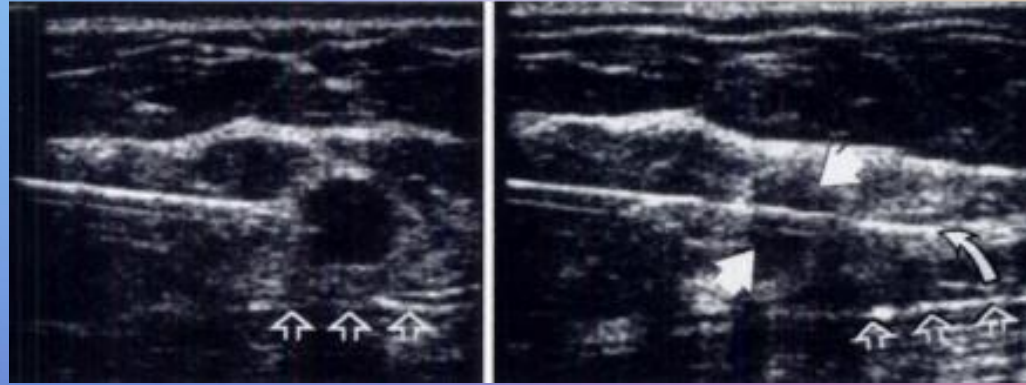
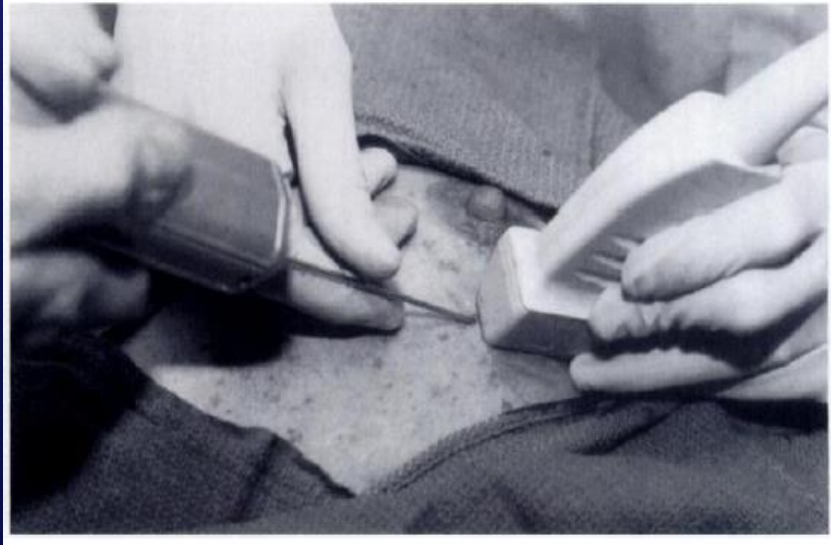


“Linguine sign” of intracapsular rupture of silicone implant

Implant apparently intact on mammogram

# Ultrasound-Guided Breast Biopsy

## 1993: INNOVATION



From: Parker SH, Jobe WE, Dennis MA, et al. US-guided automated large-core breast biopsy. Radiology. [1993;187\(2\):507-11.](#)

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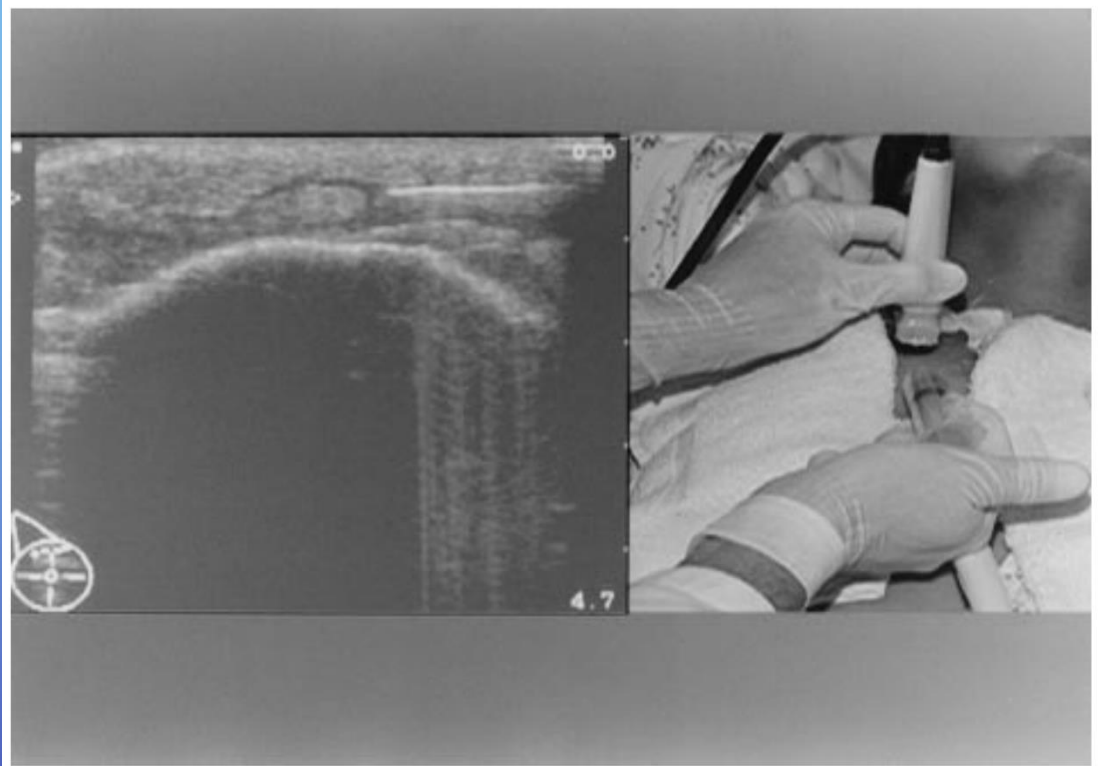
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# Breast Cryoablation

## 2002: INNOVATION

Sabel MS, Kaufman CS, Whitworth P, Chang H, Stocks LH, Simmons R, Schultz M. Cryoablation of early-stage breast cancer: work-in-progress report of a multi-institutional trial. *Ann Surg Oncol*. [2004 May;11\(5\):542-9.](#)

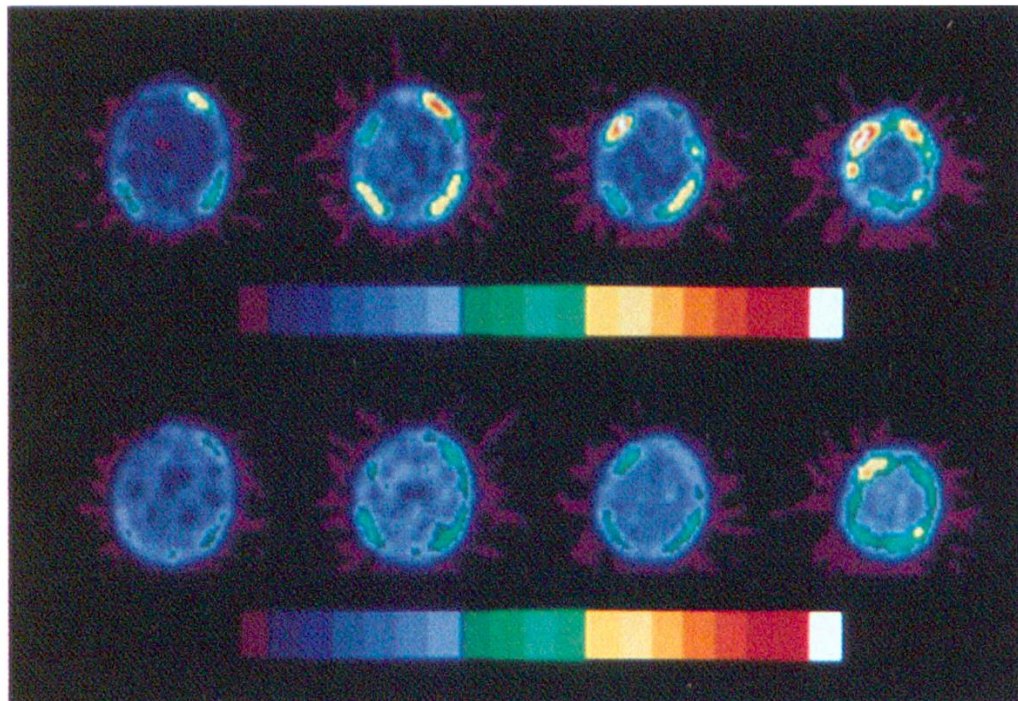


**FIG. 4.** Injection of saline between the ice ball and skin for skin protection during cryoablation.

# FES-PET

## 1991: INNOVATION

McGuire AH, Dehdashti F, Siegel BA, Lyss AP, Brodack JW, Mathias CJ, Mintun MA, Katzenellenbogen JA, Welch MJ. Positron tomographic assessment of 16 alpha-[18F] fluoro-17 beta-estradiol uptake in metastatic breast carcinoma. J Nucl Med. [1991 Aug;32\(8\):1526-31.](#)



**FIGURE 2.** Multiple calvarial metastases (Patient 6). PET images obtained before antiestrogen therapy (top row) demonstrate multiple foci of radiopharmaceutical accumulation in the calvarium. The corresponding images obtained 14 days after initiation of antiestrogen therapy (bottom row) show a marked decrease in tracer uptake by these lesions.

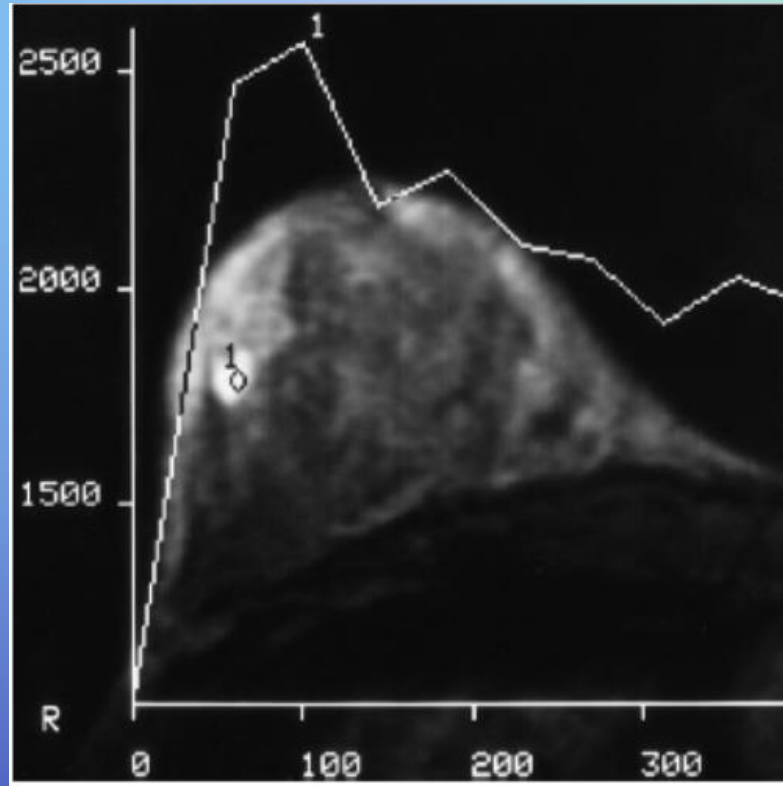
# Breast MRI: Signal Intensity-Time Curve

## 1999: INNOVATION

“Type III” or “washout” curve  
of invasive ductal cancer

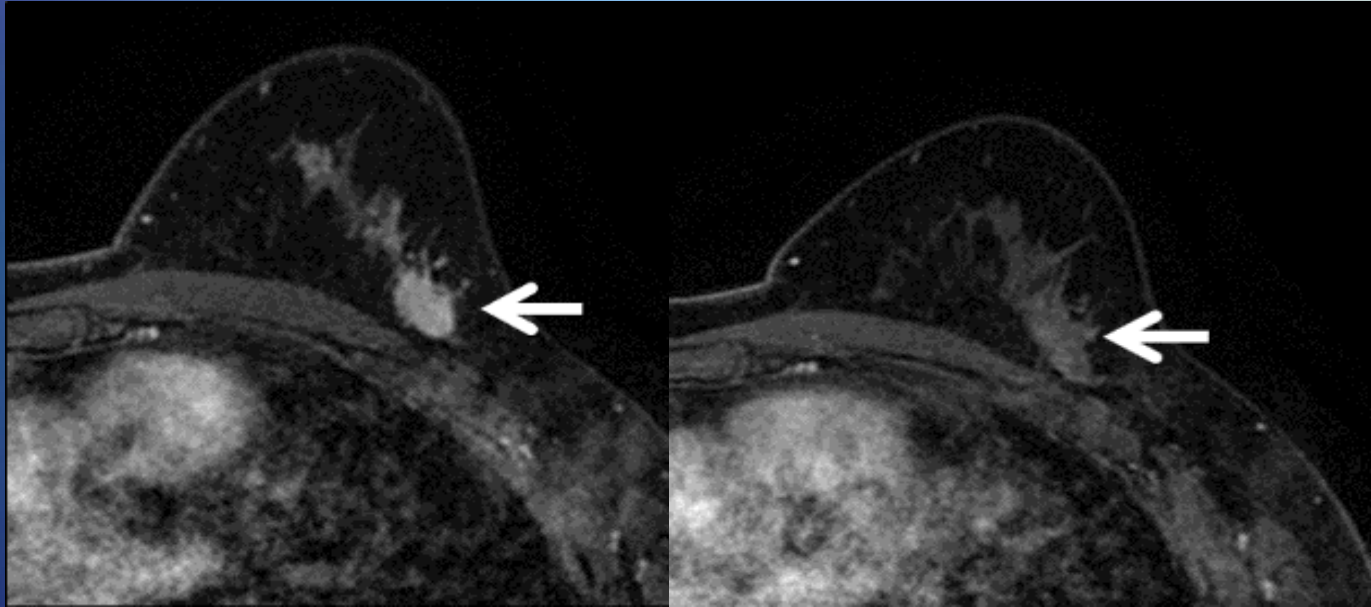
From: Kuhl, C.K., et al., Dynamic breast MR imaging: are signal intensity time course data useful for differential diagnosis of enhancing lesions?  
Radiology, [1999, 211\(1\): p. 101-10.](#)

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# Breast MRI: Monitor Neoadjuvant Rx

## 2007: INNOVATION



Baseline

After chemotherapy

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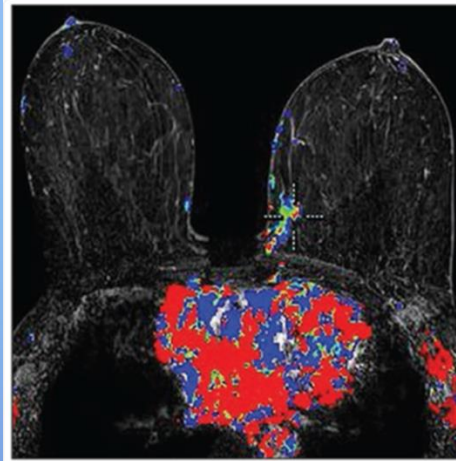


# Ultrafast MRI

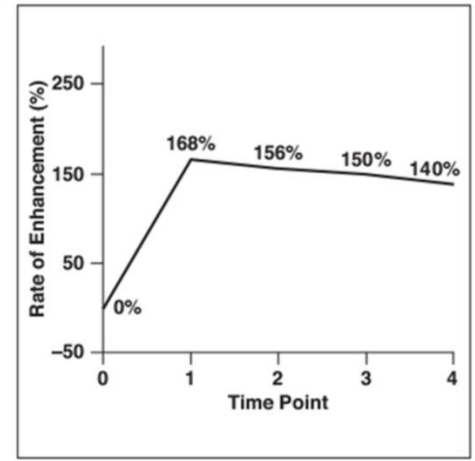
## 2014: INNOVATION

Mann RM, Mus RD, van Zelst J, Geppert C, Karssemeijer N, Platel B. A novel approach to contrast-enhanced breast magnetic resonance imaging for screening: high-resolution ultrafast dynamic imaging. *Invest Radiol*. 2014 Sep;49(9):579-85.

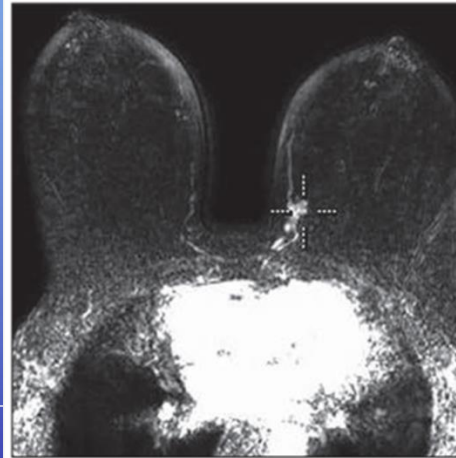
Figure from reference: Abe H, Mori N, Tsuchiya K, Schacht DV, Pineda FD, Jiang Y, Karczmar GS. Kinetic Analysis of Benign and Malignant Breast Lesions With Ultrafast Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced MRI: Comparison With Standard Kinetic Assessment. *AJR Am J Roentgenol*. 2016 Nov;207(5):1159-1166



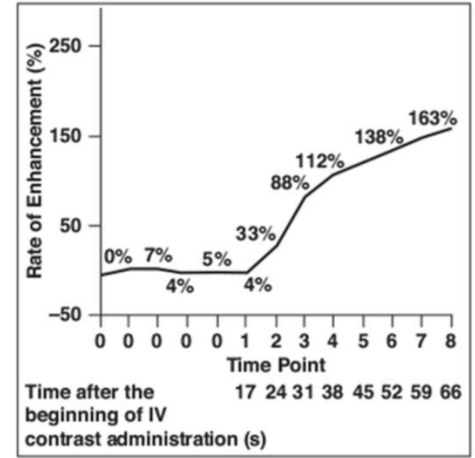
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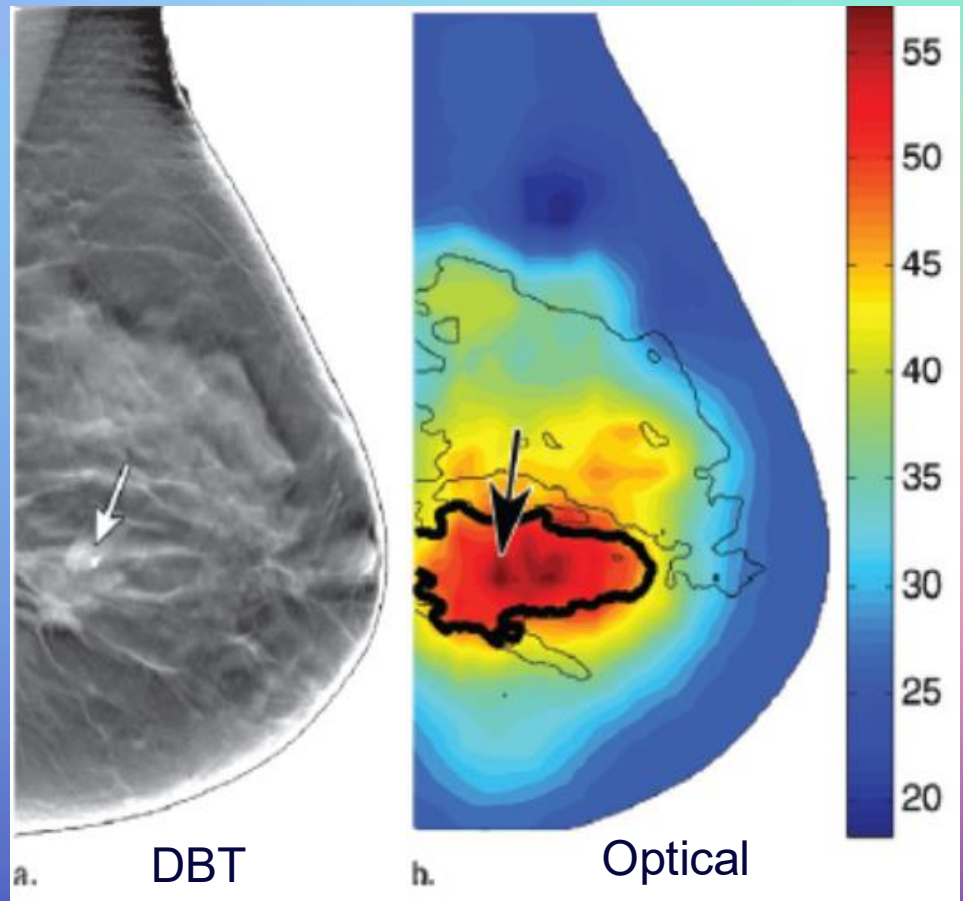
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# Optical Imaging 2011: INNOVATION

## Invasive Ductal Carcinoma (arrow)

From: Fang Q, Selb J, Carp SA, et al. Combined optical and X-ray tomosynthesis breast imaging. *Radiology*. [2011;258\(1\):89-97.](#)

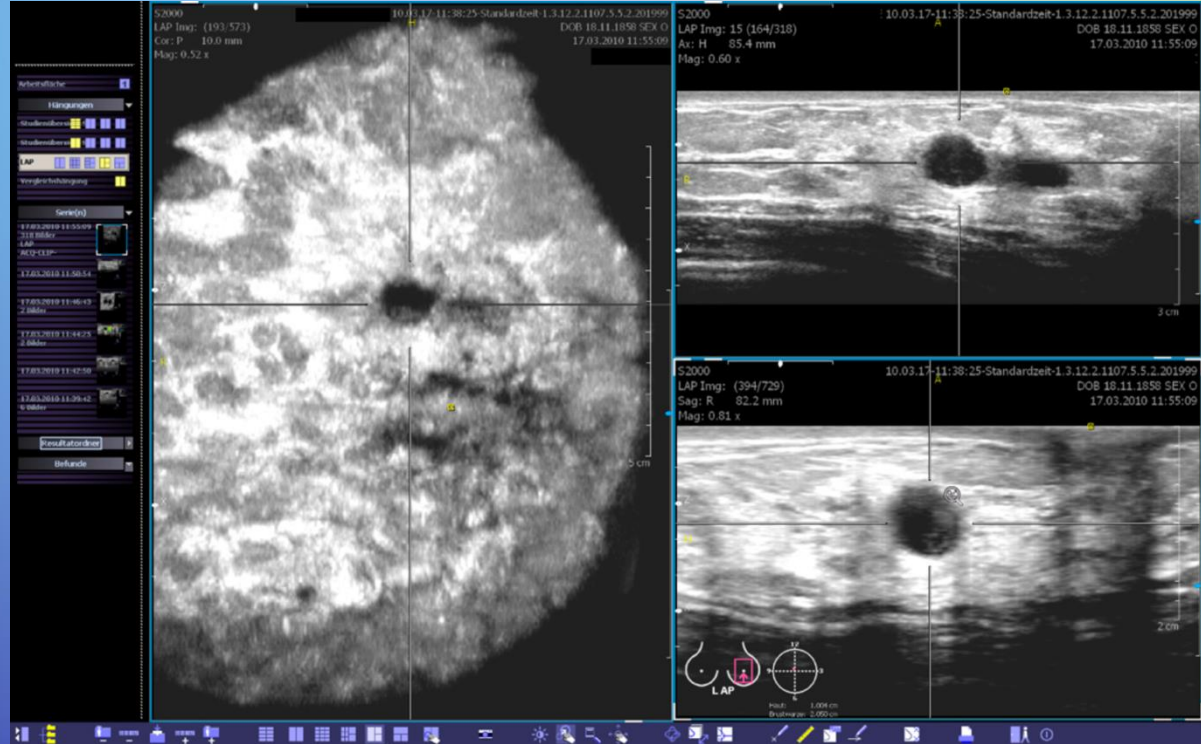
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# Automated Breast Ultrasound

## 2011: INNOVATION

Wojcinski S, Farrokh A, Hille U, Wiskirchen J, Gyapong S, Soliman AA, Degenhardt F, Hillemanns P. The Automated Breast Volume Scanner (ABVS): initial experiences in lesion detection compared with conventional handheld B-mode ultrasound: a pilot study of 50 cases. *Int J Womens Health*. [2011;3:337-46.](#)

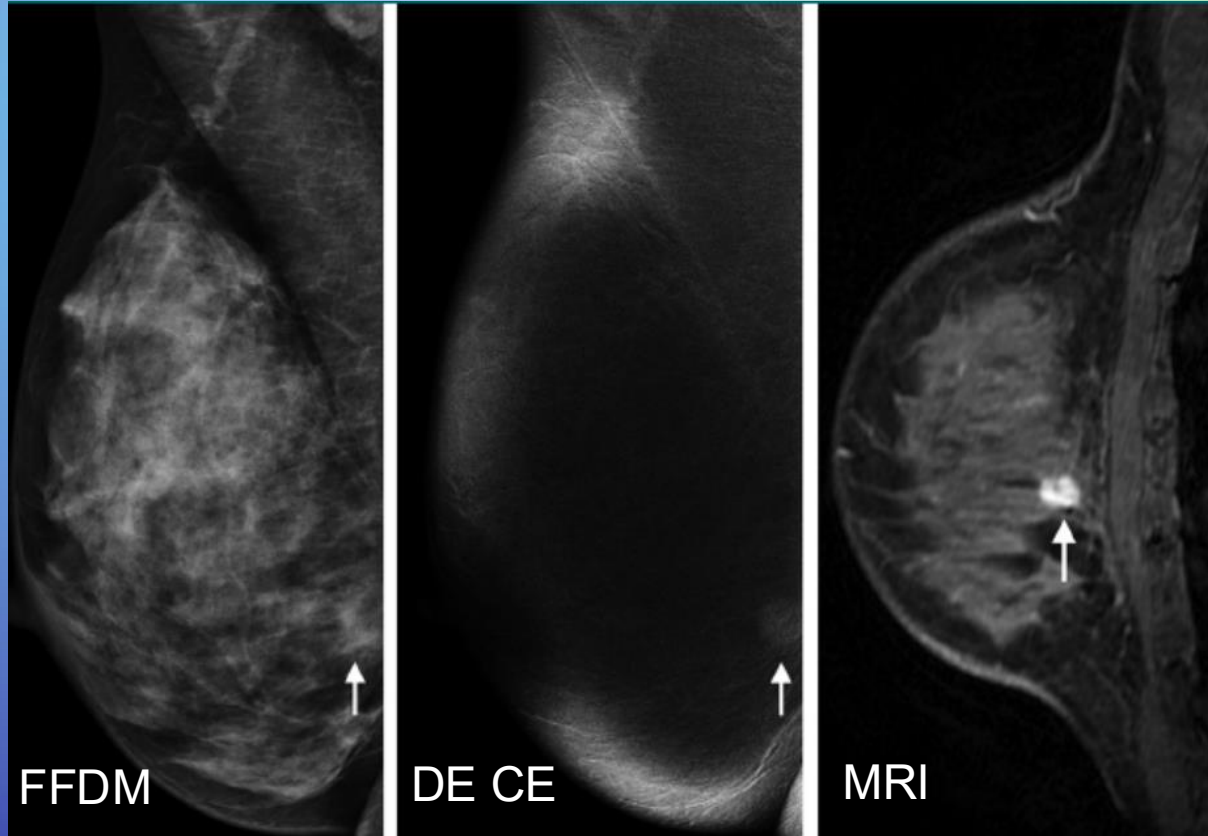


# Contrast-Enhanced Mammography

## 2013: INNOVATION

From: Jochelson MS, Dershaw DD, Sung JS, et al. Bilateral contrast-enhanced dual-energy digital mammography: feasibility and comparison with conventional digital mammography and MR imaging in women with known breast carcinoma. *Radiology*. 2013;266(3):743-51.

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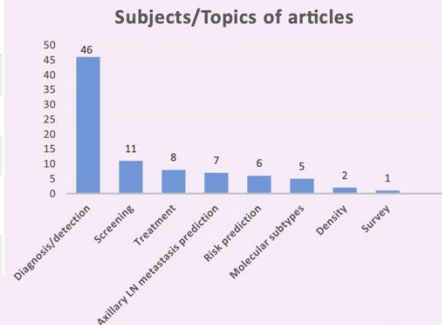
# Artificial Intelligence

## 1990-2020's: INNOVATION

### The top 100 most cited articles on artificial intelligence in breast radiology: a bibliometric analysis

ESR<sup>1</sup> EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGY

Rank	No. of cit.	Cit. per year	Year pub	Journal	Title
1	346	16	1993	Radiology	Artificial neural networks in mammography - application to decision-making in the diagnosis of breast-cancer
2	336	67	2019	Radiology	A Deep Learning Mammography-based Model for Improved Breast Cancer Risk Prediction
3	302	60	2019	Radiology	Detection of Breast Cancer with Mammography: Effect of an Artificial Intelligence Support System
4	277	15	2006	Academic Radiology	A fuzzy c-means (FCM)-based approach for computerized segmentation of breast lesions in dynamic contrast-enhanced MR image
5	249	36	2017	Medical physics	A deep feature fusion methodology for breast cancer diagnosis demonstrated on three imaging modality datasets



**This study highlights the most influential articles in the field and the current subjects and trends of research. Common subjects of articles were breast cancer detection, breast cancer screening, and breast cancer management. New topics of research include using artificial intelligence for breast cancer risk prediction, breast cancer molecular subtype prediction, and breast cancer metastases prediction.**

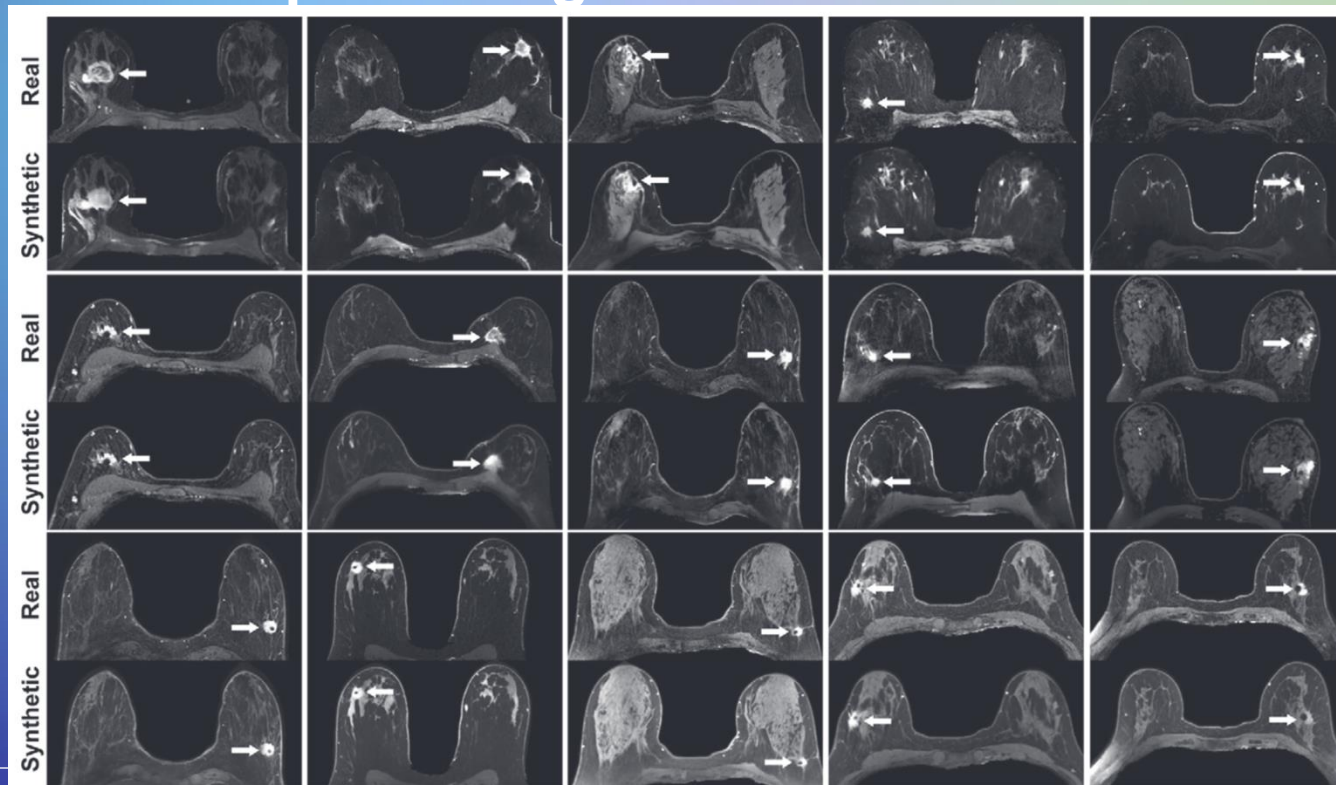
Insights  
into Imaging

Insights Imaging (2024) Singh S, Healy N;  
DOI: 10.1186/s13244-024-01869-4

# Artificial Intelligence

## 2022: INNOVATION – Deep learning simulated CE-MRI

Chung M, Calabrese E, Mongan J, Ray KM, Hayward JH, Kelil T, Sieberg R, Hylton N, Joe BN, Lee AY. Deep Learning to Simulate Contrast-enhanced Breast MRI of Invasive Breast Cancer. Radiology. 2023 Mar;306(3):e213199.



**Figure 4:** Real versus simulated (ie, synthetic) contrast-enhanced T1-weighted axial breast MRI scans of patients with invasive breast cancer. Pairs of real and simulated contrast-enhanced breast MRI scans from 15 patients with invasive breast cancer (arrows). Intrathoracic and extramammary structures were masked in all images.

# ACR Mammography Accreditation Program

## 1987: IMPACT


### The American College of Radiology Mammography Accreditation Program

Robert McLelland<sup>1</sup>  
R. Edward Hendrick<sup>2</sup>  
Marie D. Zinniger<sup>3</sup>  
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This article discusses the background, goals, criteria, current results, impact, and future directions of the American College of Radiology's (ACR's) Mammography Accreditation Program. To date, approximately one half of the mammographic units in the United States have voluntarily applied for accreditation through the ACR program, with approximately one quarter of the units in the United States now accredited. Application rates have increased steadily since the start of the program in August 1987. The equipment performance criteria and professional criteria defined and employed in the ACR Mammography Accreditation Program have been adopted as standards for the performance of screening mammography by the ACR and have served as a basis for quality assurance standards in state and federal legislation on mammography.

*AJR* 157:473-479, September 1991

# Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act 1988: POLICIES



A CENTURY OF QUALITY, INTEGRITY,  
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### ACR Advocates for Radiology in Two Important Bills

In 1987, ACR testifies to Congress the need for a separate, experience-based relative value scale for radiology, leading to a secured provision within the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987. Influenced by ACR, Congress passes the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988, offering biennial screening mammography as a new benefit.



# Breast Radiology Added to ABR Oral Board

## 1990: IMPACT

June 4-8, 1990  
Executive West Hotel,  
Louisville, KY

“Please note category 10  
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thirty minute examination  
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*Letter from the ABR  
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FROM: Kenneth L. Krabbenhoft, M.D.

SUBJECT: Added Category for the ABR Oral Examination

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Enclosed please find an updated description of the categories of the oral examination for Diagnostic Radiology.

Please note category 10 Breast Radiology has been added. This will be a thirty minute examination period as are other categories of the examination.

This category is described as follows:

Breast Radiology. This includes mammography, ultrasonography, contrast studies and special procedures related to the diagnosis of breast disease. A basic knowledge of the epidemiology and treatment of breast disease is also required.


This added category will be an integral part of the oral examination to be held June 4-8, 1990 for candidates in Diagnostic Radiology and Diagnostic Radiology with Special Competence in Nuclear Radiology.

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# Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA)

## 1992: POLICIES

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**Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) and MQSA Program**

**Important Information:**  
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the ACR BI-RADS Published

## 1993: IMPACT



American College of Radiology. Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System® (BI-RADS®).  
Reston, Va: American College of Radiology

### The ACR BI-RADS® Experience: Learning From History

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# ACR Accreditation for Stereo Biopsy

## 1996: IMPACT

With input from SBI members, the ACR institutes an accreditation program for practices performing stereotactic breast biopsy

The screenshot shows the ACR 100th Centennial website. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the ACR logo and '100th' anniversary text. It includes a list of decades from the 1950s to the 1990s, with the 1990s section highlighted. The main content area has a light blue header for the '1990s' and a large play button icon. Below this, the heading 'ACR Accreditation Program Reaches Milestone' is displayed, followed by the text: 'Ultrasound, stereotactic breast biopsy and MRI accreditation programs are launched.'

**1990s**

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### ACR Accreditation Program Reaches Milestone

Ultrasound, stereotactic breast biopsy and MRI accreditation programs are launched.

# USPSTF Breast Screening Guidelines

## 2009: POLICIES

### Recommendation Summary

Population	Recommendation	Grade
Women, Age 50-74 Years	The USPSTF recommends biennial screening mammography for women 50-74 years.	<b>B</b>
Women, Before the Age of 50 Years	The decision to start regular, biennial screening mammography before the age of 50 years should be an individual one and take patient context into account, including the patient's values regarding specific benefits and harms.	<b>C</b>
All Women	The USPSTF recommends against teaching breast self-examination (BSE).	<b>D</b>
Women, 40 Years and Older	The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the additional benefits and harms of clinical breast examination (CBE) beyond screening mammography in women 40 years or older. Go to the Clinical Considerations section for information on risk assessment and suggestions for practice regarding the I statement.	<b>I</b>
All Women	The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the additional benefits and harms of either digital mammography or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) instead of film mammography as screening modalities for breast cancer. Go to the Clinical Considerations section for information on risk assessment and suggestions for practice regarding the I statement.	<b>I</b>
Women, 75 Years and Older	The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the benefits and harms of screening mammography in women 75 years and older.  Go to the Clinical Considerations section for information on risk assessment and suggestions for practice regarding the I statement.	<b>I</b>

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# SBI Position on 2009 USPSTF Guidelines

## 2009: IMPACT



### **Breast Cancer Screening With Imaging: Recommendations From the Society of Breast Imaging and the ACR on the Use of Mammography, Breast MRI, Breast Ultrasound, and Other Technologies for the Detection of Clinically Occult Breast Cancer**

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# Mammography Saves Lives

## 2010: IMPACT

In collaboration with the American Society for Breast Disease and the SBI, the ACR creates this website





# Protecting Access to Lifesaving Screenings (PALS)

## PALS Act of 2021: POLICIES

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

### S. 2412

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect coverage for screening mammography, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2021

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

### A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect coverage for screening mammography, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Access to Lifesaving Screenings Act of 2021” or the “PALS Act”.

#### SEC. 2. PROTECTING COVERAGE FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY.

This bill makes a series of changes relating to health insurance coverage of screening mammography...

In addition, the bill **preserves Medicare coverage for screening mammography, without a requirement for coinsurance**, and expands the definition of screening mammography to include any digital modality of such a procedure. Further, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services **may not decrease the frequency with which screening mammography may be paid by Medicare for a woman over 39 years of age.**

# USPSTF Breast Screening Guidelines

## 2024: POLICIES

### Recommendation Summary

Population	Recommendation	Grade
Women aged 40 to 74 years	The USPSTF recommends biennial screening mammography for women aged 40 to 74 years.	<b>B</b>
Women 75 years or older	The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening mammography in women 75 years or older.	<b>I</b>
Women with dense breasts	<p>The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of supplemental screening for breast cancer using breast ultrasonography or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in women identified to have dense breasts on an otherwise negative screening mammogram.</p> <p>See the "Practice Considerations" section for more information on the patient population to whom this recommendation applies and on screening mammography modalities.</p>	<b>I</b>

# Addressing USPSTF Guidelines

## 2023-2024: IMPACT

**May 9, 2023**

### **ACR/SBI Statement on New USPSTF Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations**

The new United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations are a step in the right direction. However, the American College of Radiology® (ACR®) and Society of Breast Imaging (SBI) urge the USPSTF to go further to recommend *annual* mammography screening for all average-risk women ages 40 and older.

The USPSTF, ACR, SBI, American Cancer Society and others all agree that the most lives are saved with this annual approach. Medical experts should clear the confusion caused by differing recommendations and agree to recommend yearly mammography for average-risk women starting at age 40.

# SBI & Prevent Cancer Foundation Capitol Hill Briefing

## 2015 IMPACT



SBI cohosts hearing on Capitol Hill with advocacy group, Prevent Cancer, and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schulz with panelists Drs. Elizabeth Morris and Murray Rebner, and breast surgeon, Dr. Regina Hampton

# Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2015

## 2015: POLICIES



Dr. Bob Smith, ACS, Joan Lunden, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Dr. Nancy Cappello, Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc. and Kimberly Beers, Susan G. Komen.

Source: [Are You Dense](#)



# FDA MQSA Mandate on Breast Density Notification

## 2023-2024: POLICIES

Issued Date: March 10, 2023

Effective Date: **September 10, 2024**



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### Regulations (MQSA)

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The FDA issued a [Final Rule to Amend the MQSA Regulations](#) ("2023 MQSA Final Rule") on March 10, 2023. Facilities subject to the MQSA and its implementing regulations must comply with all the requirements, including the breast density notification, as of September 10, 2024. The information on this web page has been updated further to conform to the amended MQSA regulations, which are now in effect.

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# The Breast Cancer Patient Education Act of 2015

## 2015: POLICIES

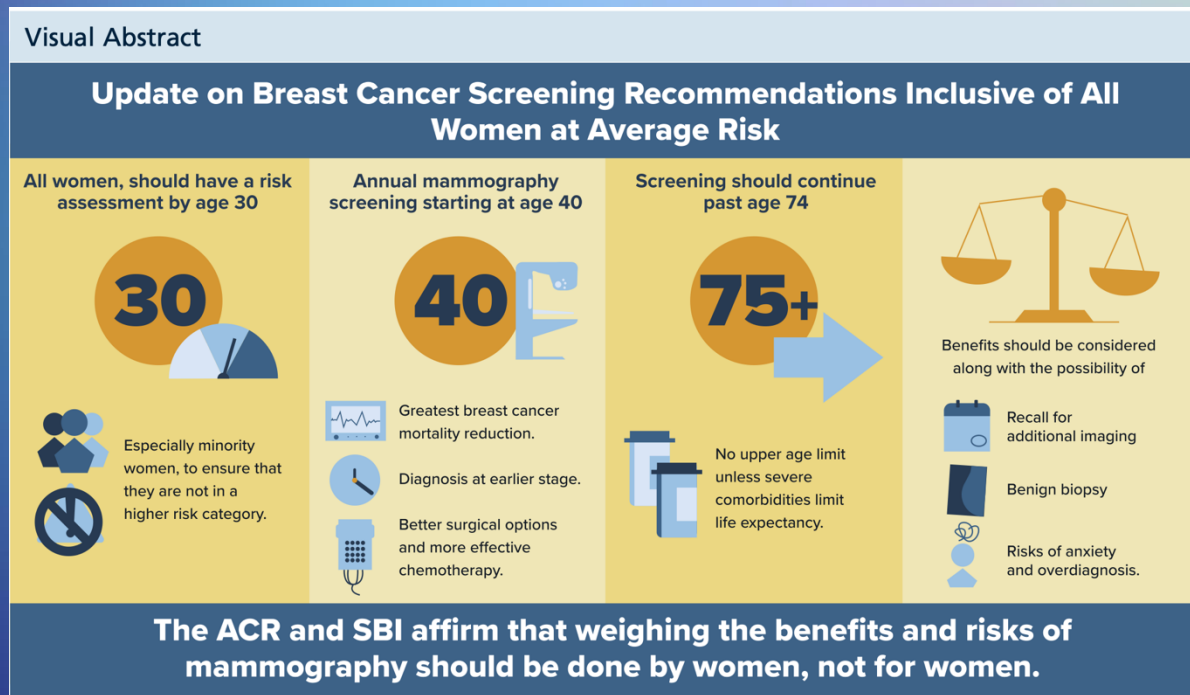
Left to right: Debra Monticciolo (14<sup>th</sup> SBI President),  
Pamela Plater, Yasmeen Fields in 2013 at the 11<sup>th</sup>  
SBI Postgraduate Course



At the Congressional briefing, Debra L. Monticciolo, MD, Chair of the Commission on Breast Imaging for the American College of Radiology (ACR) and a Professor of Radiology at the Texas A&M Health Science Center, also stressed the importance of early detection through breast imaging so women will have greater treatment options and an improved chance for a full recovery.

"Breast cancer is a serious concern for all women but early detection and information on treatment options are powerful weapons for the best outcome," said Dr. Monticciolo. "It is extremely important that women have access to thorough and understandable information on their reconstructive rights."

# ACR/SBI Guidelines for Average-Risk Women 2021: IMPACT



Monticciolo DL, et al. J Am Coll Radiol 2021;18:1280-1288.



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