

Introducing ultrafast breast MRI at Liberty Hospital

What is ultrafast breast MRI?

It is a brief, 11-minute, screening examination that can be used to supplement annual screening mammography, particularly for those with dense breast tissue. In general, breast MRI has the highest cancer detection rate of all breast imaging exams across all breast density categories. Ultrafast breast MRI is a supplemental screening that **COMPLEMENTS** – not replaces – a mammogram.

Who benefits?

Patients who are average or low risk for breast cancer with dense breast tissue. *Of note, patients should have a negative mammogram within the last 12 months.

If the patient is high risk, should she have an ultrafast breast MRI instead of the full MRI?

Patients who are considered above average or high risk for breast cancer (20% or greater lifetime risk), should still strive to receive the full MRI alternating with mammography every six months.

Are abbreviated tests proven to work? Can they be trusted?

Multiple studies have now demonstrated similar cancer detection rates to full breast MRI of approximately 15.5-18.1/1000 exams, opposed to 3D mammography alone, which is 4-6/1000 exams.

Ultrafast MRI is an affordable option for women with dense breast tissue who:

- don't qualify for a full-length MRI
- want supplemental screening
- must cover the cost out-of-pocket

Schedule a screening mammogram or ultrafast MRI: 816.792.7016
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