

Radiologist's Guidelines for Ordering Breast Exams

IF:	Then:
Routine Screening Scenarios	
Patients 35 and older NOT experiencing a problem.	Routine Bilateral Screening (once a year) Dx Code Z12.31

*Medicare can be same month

IF Lump:	Then:
29 and under	Bilateral Diagnostic w/ ultrasound <u>limited</u> ; This exam starts with ultrasound <u>only</u> , however if something is found on u/s, mammo can be performed same day if needed.
30 and older - greater than a year since last mammogram	Bilateral Diagnostic w/ ultrasound <u>limited</u>
30 and older – less than a year since last mammogram	3D Unilateral diagnostic w/ ultrasound <u>limited</u>

*please use lump specific code, labeling affected quadrant; Note: N63.10 and N63.20 are **NOT** covered by Medicare

IF Pain:	Then:
29 and younger	Ultrasound unilateral limited; Dx code N64.4
30 – 34 - greater than a year since last mammogram	3D Bilateral Diagnostic mammogram; Dx code N64.4
30 and older – less than year since last mammogram	3D Unilateral Diagnostic mammogram; Dx code N64.4
35 and older –12 Months or longer since last bilateral mammogram	3D Bilateral Screening mammogram; Dx Code Z12.31

IF Family History:	Then:
Pts. <u>under 35</u> having NO symptoms- Must have a mother, sister, or grandmother diagnosed with breast cancer within 10 years of the patients current age	Routine 3D Bilateral Screening, using a Family history of breast cancer code - Z80.3
Pts. over 35 follow standard screening schedule regardless of family history.	3D Bilateral Screening - Dx code Z12.31

IF Personal History of Breast Cancer:	Then:
Mastectomy patients	Return to yearly - 3D Unilateral Screening; Dx Z12.31
Lumpectomy pts. – after <u>ALL</u> treatment is completed	3D Bilateral Screening; Dx. Z12.31
Patients that are returning every 3-6 months for a lumpectomy site during treatment.	- Unilateral 3D Diagnostic mammogram of the affected breast.
	- 3D Bilateral Diagnostic <u>only</u> if the non- affected breast is due for its yearly.

*personal history of breast cancer code; Z85.3

All Male Patients:	Bilateral diagnostic with ultrasound limited
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Lump N63 codes

Left Breast

Lower Inner quadrant	N63.24
Lower outer quadrant	N63.23
Upper inner quadrant	N63.22
Upper outer quadrant	N63.21

Right Breast

Lower inner quadrant	N63.14
Lower outer quadrant	N63.13
Upper inner quadrant	N63.12
Upper outer quadrant	N63.11

Axillary Tail

Right Breast	N63.31
Left Breast	N63.32

Subareolar Region

Right Breast	N63.41
Left Breast	N63.42

Unspecified Quadrants **Medicare will not cover these codes**

Right Breast	N63.10
Left Breast	N63.20