

PATIENT LABEL



Saint Clare's Health

Department of Radiology – Women's Health Center

1. Your physician has recommended that you have a mammogram. This procedure is currently the best way to detect cancer of the breast that cannot be detected by breast palpation (manual examination).
2. Breast implants can interfere with the interpretation of your mammogram because they obscure some of the breast tissue. However, newer techniques that involved displacement of the implant allow for a good examination. To provide adequate displacement of the implant, it is necessary to apply pressure, with the mammography machine, to the breast and the implant. This pressure may be uncomfortable, but it is essential to the examination.
3. While thousands of implant patients have undergone successful mammography without problems, there have been reports of occasional rupture of the implants that may not be detected immediately and may require surgical replacement. Although our technologists are aware of this possibility and take utmost care in their technique, you should be aware that there is some risk if a rupture occurring.
4. Implants that have been in place for a number of years may be more vulnerable. However, since the risk of an implant rupture is far less than the risk of a breast cancer, a mammogram is necessary to protect a women's health.

I have read this advisory. Although I am aware of the possible risk damage to my breast implants as a result of mammography, I consent to the procedure.

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SIGNATURE AND DATE**

I certify that I have discussed the above items with the patient and have offered to answer her questions regarding this mammogram. I believe that the patient fully understands the explanation and answers.

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