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Fast Breast MRI now available at Bethesda

Fast Breast MRI, also known as an abbreviated breast MRI, is a screening exam for women with dense breasts with an average risk of breast cancer who may not qualify for a conventional Breast MRI exam.

Fast Breast MRI is a shortened MRI exam that is self-pay and not covered by insurance. The out-of-pocket cost at Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging Bethesda is \$475. Patients should not submit their insurance card when checking in for their appointment.

Please note self-pay is not applicable for certain insurance plans including managed care organizations.

How is a Fast Breast MRI different?

- Less than 10 minute of scan time compared to a 30-minute standard breast MRI
- Uses IV contrast to improve tissue contrast to help with image clarity and allow radiologists to read the image more accurately
- Able to find more cancers in women with dense breasts than other breast imaging modalities.



How Do Patients Qualify for Fast Breast MRI?

Patients should still have their annual screening mammogram. If they are informed in their mammogram report that they have dense breasts, they should talk with their provider to see if an additional screening exam would be helpful.

- Patients with a higher lifetime risk of breast cancer may be recommended to have a standard breast MRI.
- For patients with an average lifetime risk, a fast breast MRI may fit their needs. A provider order is required.
- Fast breast MRIs are only available at our Bethesda location at this time.

For Providers:

Johns Hopkins providers can order in Epic using **IMG 4464**.

Community providers should indicate in their notes that the order is for the Fast Breast MRI screening protocol.

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