

STARK COUNTY WOMEN'S CLINIC, INC  
Mammography Department

**PATIENT ADVISORY/CONSENT FOR MAMMOGRAPHY &  
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

**PATIENT ADVISORY**

Mammography is currently the most accurate method to detect breast cancer. However, Mammography does not detect all breast lumps or breast cancers, and breast ultrasound does not detect all solid masses or breast cancers. A monthly self breast exam as well as an annual breast exam by a qualified health care practitioner is recommended. Note: If you have not had a recent breast exam by your physician or nurse practitioner, we recommend that you do so.

**If you have breast implants**, please advise the radiologist as breast implants require a special type of exam that includes more pictures than mammograms done on women without implants. This is because the implant obscures some of the breast tissue and can make interpretation more difficult. As with all mammograms, some compression is necessary to obtain the best exam possible. In pictures with implants, compression will be used to attempt to prevent motion from occurring which could blur/degrade the image. To see the breast tissue in front of the implant, compression will be applied, possibly causing some discomfort for a few seconds as can be the case with any mammogram. Problems caused by compression or moving the implant are rare but cannot be excluded, especially for older or weakened implants. It is not unusual for an implant rupture that was not felt by you or by your physician to first be noticed on mammogram. Since this risk of rupture caused by the mammogram procedure is very low and the risk of breast cancer is greater, we hope you understand the benefit of early detection and proceed with your mammogram.

Stark County Women's Clinic utilizes the CAD (computer aided detection) R2 mammography system for screening mammograms. This assists the radiologist by bringing subtle types of changes in tissue, which may indicate the presence of cancer, to the radiologists' attention. The R2 CAD system provides a valuable second read that increases the chances of detecting breast cancer by approximately 26.2 percent. Please note that some insurance companies may deny payment for CAD. If payment is denied, you will be responsible for the twenty-five dollar cost of the CAD.

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If you have had a previous mammogram and/or breast ultrasound at another location, it may be necessary to obtain that mammogram and/or breast ultrasound films/reports for comparison with today's mammogram and/or breast ultrasound. By signing below, you authorize Stark County Women's Clinic to obtain any previous films/reports for comparison. If your mammogram and/or breast ultrasound is performed at another location in the future, it may be necessary for them to obtain today's films/reports for comparison. Therefore, by signing below you also authorize the release of today's films/reports for comparison.

**By signing below, I certify that (a) I have read this document, (b) I understand the risks and hazards outlined herein and the extent of my authorization being provided by signing below, (c) I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about the procedure and the information contained in this document and any such questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and (d) I believe I have sufficient information to give this informed consent. I voluntarily consent and authorize Stark County Women's Clinic to perform my mammography exam.**

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PATIENT'S SIGNATURE

D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_