

# Stark Women's Center Mammography Department

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330-493-0313 or 1-800-544-0313

**\*\*Mammogram patients: Do not wear any deodorant, powder or perfume prior to your mammogram\*\***

**\*\*Bone Density (DEXA) patients, no calcium supplements 24 hours prior to appointments\*\***

## Patient Advisory/Consent for Mammography & Authorization for Release of Information

Mammography is currently the most accurate method to detect breast cancer. However, mammography doesn't detect all breast lumps or breast cancers. Breast ultrasound doesn't 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. If you haven't 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 technologist because more mammographic images are required. 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 possible exam. 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 your mammogram. Since the risk of rupture caused by the mammogram procedure is very low and the risk of breast cancer is greater, we hope you understand and proceed with your mammogram.

**We encourage 3D mammography also known as tomosynthesis**, it allows us to detect signs of breast cancer at the earliest possible and most treatable stage. With tomosynthesis the radiologist scrolls through the breast tissue, like pages in a book. The radiologist is able to see cancers otherwise hidden by surrounding/overlapping breast tissue, creating fewer recalls and necessitating fewer biopsies. Almost all insurance companies now reimburse for 3D mammography, we strongly encourage every woman to have it. 3D mammography detects 41% more invasive breast cancers and reduces false positives by up to 40%. Even though your insurance may cover 3D mammography, it will only be covered when having a diagnostic mammogram if your deductible has been met. If you are unsure of your coverage, please check with your insurance company **prior to** your mammogram appointment.

## AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

If you had a previous mammogram and/or breast ultrasound at another location, it may be necessary to obtain that mammogram and/or breast ultrasound images/reports for comparison with today's mammogram and/or breast ultrasound. By signing below, you authorize Stark Women's Center 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 Women's Center to perform my mammography exam.

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Patient's Printed Name

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Date of Birth

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Initial **only** if you decline the **3D** mammogram

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