



Fast MRI Breast Screening

Fast MRI breast screening is a supplemental imaging study designed for individuals with dense breast tissue identified during a mammogram. It is a self-pay option that, when combined with a mammogram, helps find breast cancer early.

This screening uses a strong magnet, radio waves and a computer to take clear pictures of the breast. It does not use radiation (X-rays) and works well even with dense breast tissue. An IV is used to give a special dye that helps show any problem areas and find early cancers. The test is quick and efficient, typically completed in 15 minutes.

Cost: This test is not covered by insurance. The cost is \$283.77 and includes both the radiologist and test fees. Payment is collected at the time of the exam.

Who is eligible for this test?

To qualify for a fast MRI breast screening, patients must meet the following criteria:

- Have dense breast tissue
- Had a negative mammogram within the past 11 months
- Have no new breast symptoms (such as lumps, nipple discharge or pain)
- Completed breast conservation treatment more than two years ago
- Have a breast cancer risk assessment showing a lifetime risk of less than 20%
- Do not qualify for a traditional breast MRI for any reason

Who is not eligible for this test?

The fast MRI breast screening is not suitable for patients who:

- Have been newly diagnosed with breast cancer
- Are high-risk patients, including those with a genetic predisposition to breast cancer
- Have a history of chest radiation therapy
- Are experiencing symptoms such as a lump, nipple discharge or pain
- Are high-risk patients who have not yet had a full baseline MRI (they may become eligible afterward)
- May have claustrophobia
- Have certain implanted medical devices