

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BREAST MRI AND A MAMMOGRAM?

| | Mammogram | Breast MRI |
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| Used For | Screening | Specific Breast Needs |
| Radiation | Yes | No |
| Widely Available | Yes | No |
| Injection | No | Yes |
| Covered by Insurance | Usually | Usually |

BREAST MRI AVAILABLE AT:

BEAVERCREEK HEALTH CENTER
937-558-3001

ENGLEWOOD HEALTH CENTER
937-832-3300

CHARLES H. HUBER HEALTH CENTER
937-237-5777

PREBLE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
937-456-8300

SOUTHVIEW MEDICAL CENTER
937-401-6205



WHY YOU WERE REFERRED FOR A BREAST MRI

GRANDVIEW MEDICAL CENTER



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHAT IS BREAST MRI?

Compared to mammography, Breast MRI is a different way of looking at the breast. It is an advanced tool using sophisticated computers and 3-D techniques that looks deep into the breast to discover abnormalities that might not be visible in other exams.

WHY DO DOCTORS RECOMMEND BREAST MRI?

Breast MRI is an ideal diagnostic instrument for

- Monitoring of high risk patients
- Surgical planning
- Women who have had breast augmentation
- Women with dense breasts

DO I STILL NEED A MAMMOGRAM IF I HAVE A BREAST MRI?

Absolutely. A Breast MRI should never take place of your annual mammogram. Even if you have a normal breast MRI, you should still continue to have an annual mammogram. It is one of the most effective tools in breast cancer detection.



WHAT IS THE BREAST MRI LIKE?

First, you will be brought into the examination suite. Next, an IV will be started.

You'll lie on your stomach on the contoured exam table, where the breasts are positioned into cup-like openings. You will then be placed into the magnet and an initial scan will be taken. Once in the magnet it's important that you remain still throughout the entire exam.

Following the initial scan, a contrast agent is administered to help see various structures in the breast tissue. Then, additional scans are taken. During this time you will hear loud noises which are a normal part of the exam process.

That's it. The exam lasts about 45 minutes and you will be able to communicate with the technologists at all times.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EXAM?

There are no side effects with MRI; you can continue your normal activities as soon as the exam is over. Your MRI images will be interpreted by the radiologists and a report will be sent to your physician.