

Mammography

DIAGNOSTIC VIEWS

FINDING	VIEWS		
Asymmetry/mass/distortion			
seen in CC and MLO	ML	Spot CC	Spot MLO
seen in CC only	ML	Spot CC	Rolled CC
seen in MLO only	ML	Spot MLO	
Calcifications	ML	Spot Mag CC	Spot Mag ML

PALPABLE, PAIN, AND NIPPLE DISCHARGE PROTOCOLS

SYMPTOM	MG	VIEWS	SCHEDULE
	NEEDED?		ULTRASOUND?
Palpable - Age < 30	No	N/A	Yes
Palpable - Age > 30	Yes	- Spot CC over palpable lump.	Yes
		- Spot MLO over palpable lump.	
		- ML	
		- Technologist should palpate lump to ensure it is	
Pain - Non-focal	Yes	- Screening views	No
Pain - Focal	Yes	- Spot CC over area of pain.	Yes
		- Spot CC over area of pain.	
		- ML	
Nipple discharge	Yes	- Spot CC subareolar on the side with discharge.	Yes
		- Spot MLO subareolar on the side with	
		- ML	

^{**}If age < 30 yrs, forego mammogram and go straight to ultrasound in all above scenarios.

PREGNANCY/LACTATING

As a general rule, mammograms should NOT be performed while patients are pregnant or breast feeding. There may be exceptions. Each case should be discussed individually with the radiologist.