

МРТ МОЛОЧНЫХ ЖЕЛЕЗ: ИНТЕРПРЕТАЦИЯ И БИОПСИЯ

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BREAST MRI INTERPRETATION AND BIOPSY: A SHORT COURSE

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Why use Breast MRI?

- Most sensitive modality for breast cancer detection
 - 80-100% sensitivity
 - Highest NPV (98% in single center trials)
 - Better than mammography in all studies
 - Finds "early cancers" - < 1cm, invasive high grade, node negative cancers
- MRI sensitivity not affected by:
 - Breast density
 - Scar tissue
 - Radiation therapy
 - Implants
 - Reconstruction

But...

- Relatively poor specificity
 - 30% in early trials
 - Newer studies similar to mammography
- Higher specificity than US
- 35-64% PPV in "high risk women"

Technical factors

- FOV and anatomic coverage affect image
- Breast coils imperative
- Fat saturation can be problematic
- Wraparound artifact
- RF interference
- Chemical shift
- Contrast selection
- Phase encoding (motion)

Optimizing Breast MR

- FN studies due to:
 - Technical factors
 - Patient characteristics
 - QA issues
 - Human error
 - Medico-legal concerns
 - Patient desire/s for biopsies

Technique

- Timing of examination
 - Second week of menstrual cycle
- Dedicated breast coils
- 1.5T or > field strength
- Slice thickness no > 3 mm
- In-plane pixel resolution of < 1 mm
- Pre-contrast
 - T₁W, T₂W with FS or STIR

Technique

- Post contrast
 - 3D SPGR with fat saturation
- Pre-contrast
- Post contrast acquisition images
 - Gadolinium dose: 0.1 mmol/kg bolus at 3 ml/sec
 - Saline flush of at 10-20 cc
 - At least 4 post-contrast sequences (ideally < 120 sec) and no > 3min
 - Fat saturation
 - Parallel imaging
- Computer aided detection (CAD) recommended
 - Motion correction
 - Subtraction

Preparation for interpretation

- Comparison mammograms within 6 months of MRI examination
- All other ancillary breast imaging studies
 - Prior Breast MRI study, Breast ultrasound, etc.
- Pertinent history
 - History sheet to be filled out by site
 - "Breast cancer" doesn't cut it

My interpretation sequence

- Is the exam OK?
 - Is there contrast? Enough "passes?"
- T1-weighted
- T2-weighted or STIR
- Pre-contrast
- Post-contrast
- Key factors:
 - Morphology
 - Kinetics
- CAD

Assessment - 1

- What is background parenchymal enhancement (BPE)?
 - None, minimal, mild, moderate, marked
- Is there focal enhancement?
 - Discrete and stands out? Is there a lesion?
- What is the lesion type?
 - Focus/foci, mass, non-mass-like enhancement (NMLE)

Assessment - 2

- What is the lesion/s morphology?
 - Mass – shape, margin, internal enhancement
 - NMLE – distribution, internal enhancement, symmetry
- Kinetic curve??
 - Early: slow, medium, rapid
 - Delayed: persistent, plateau, washout

Assessment - 3

- Associated findings?
- BIRADS Assessment and Recommendation?

T1-weighted sequence

- Lymph nodes
 - Fatty hilum
- "Bright" lesions before contrast administration
 - Proteinaceous material in cyst or ducts

T1 W example

- Lymph node
- Proteinaceous cyst

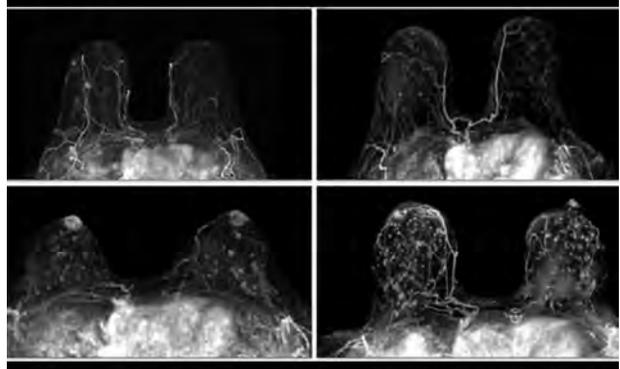
STIR (or equivalent) sequence

- Bright lesions
 - Cysts
- High SI lesions without enhancement
 - Proteinaceous material
- High SI lesions with enhancement
 - Fibroadenoma
 - Lymph nodes

Background parenchymal enhancement (BPE)

- None
- Minimal
- Mild
- Moderate
- Marked

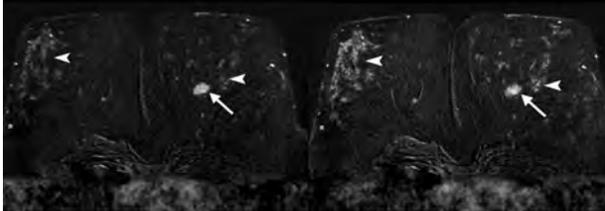
BPE



General concepts

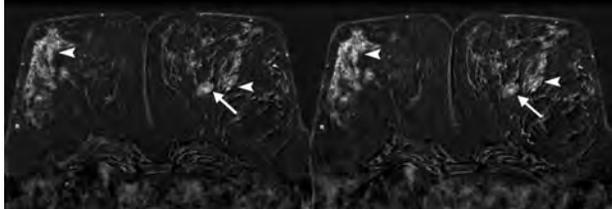
- Morphology on early image acquisition
- Morphology trumps kinetics
- Morphology mimics findings on traditional mammographic imaging

Morphology



Best seen on the early enhancement images

Morphology

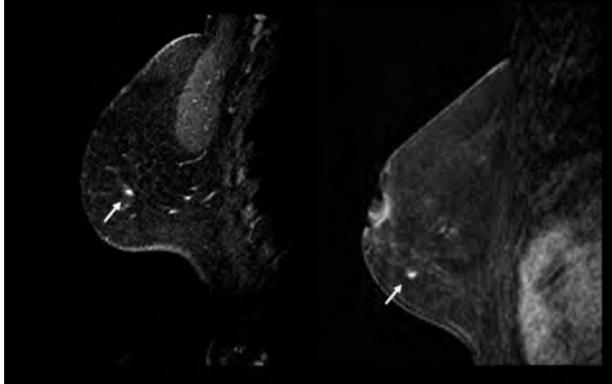


Lesion less identifiable as BPE increases

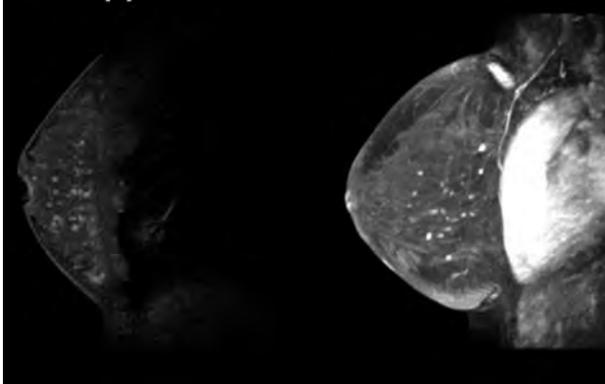
Lesion Characterization MR BI-RADS Lexicon

- Focus
 - Enhancing area < 5 mm
 - No further characterization
 - "Size does matter!"
 - Lieberman AJR 2006
 - 666 consecutive "foci"
 - Only 1/37 foci (3%) malignancy
 - Does not mean that focus is benign!
 - Multiple enhancing foci = "stippled"

Foci



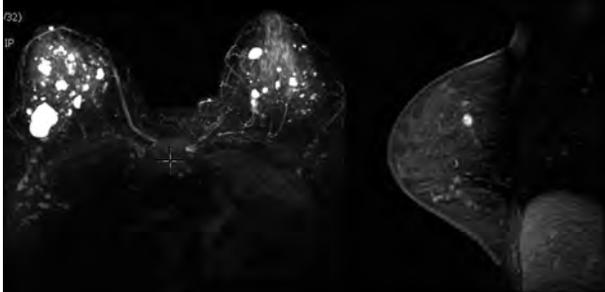
"Stippled"



Lesion Characterization MR BI-RADS Lexicon

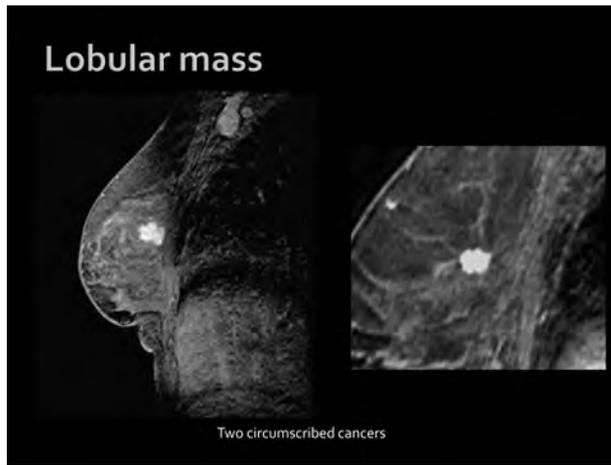
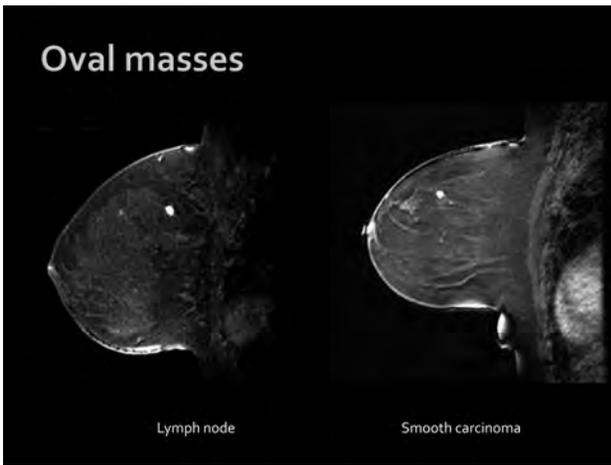
- Mass
 - Space-occupying lesion
 - Three dimensional
 - Usually a visible correlate on pre-contrast T1W and T2W images
 - Comparable to use of term in mammography
 - Shape (Round, Oval, Lobulated, Irregular)
 - Margin (Smooth, Irregular, Spiculated)

Round masses



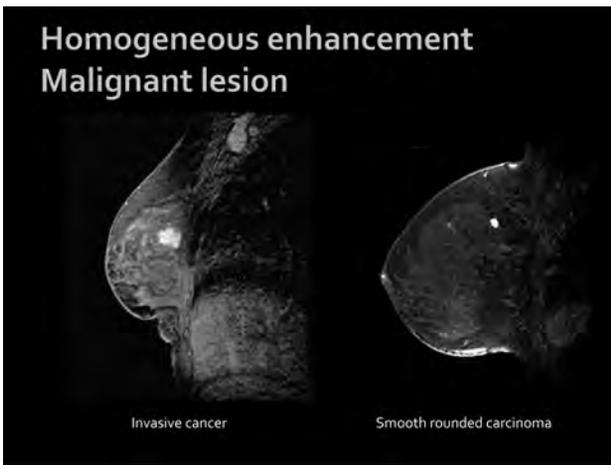
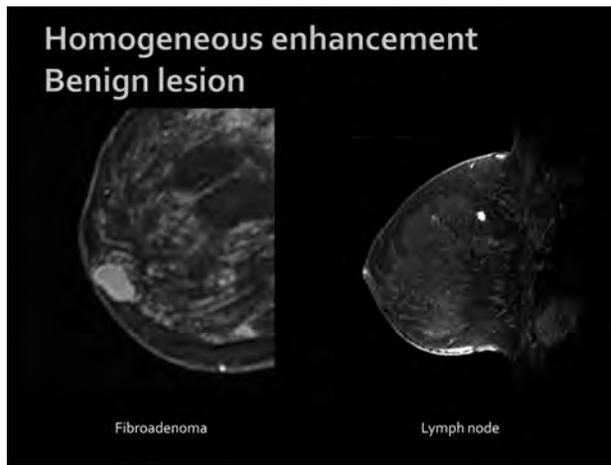
Multiple simple cysts

Circumscribed carcinoma



Lesion Characterization MR BI-RADS Lexicon

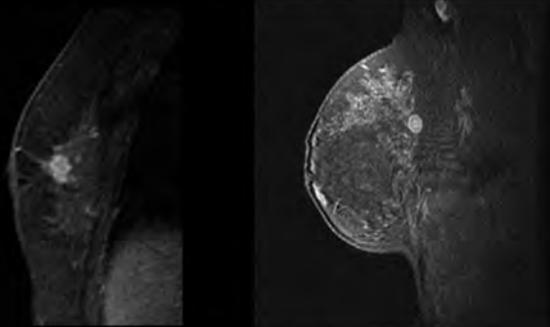
- Internal enhancement descriptors
 - Homogeneous (confluent and uniform)
 - Often benign disease
 - Heterogeneous (non-uniform with areas of variable signal intensity)
 - Suggestive of cancer



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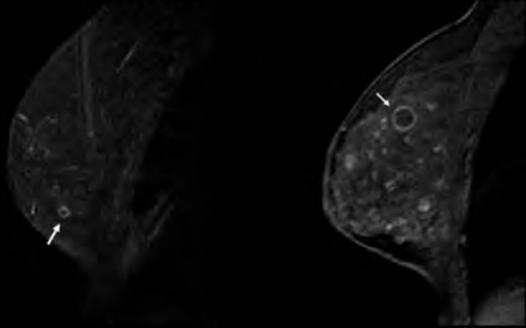
- Rim enhancement
 - Most commonly is malignancy
 - Differential Dx:
 - Carcinoma
 - Inflammatory cyst
 - Fat necrosis
- Dark internal septations
 - Dark non-enhancing lines within mass
 - > 95% benign (often FA)
- Enhancing internal septations
- Central enhancement

Rim enhancement



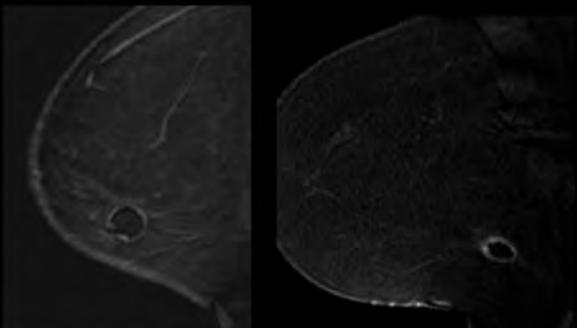
Invasive duct carcinoma

Rim enhancement



Inflammatory cysts

Rim enhancement



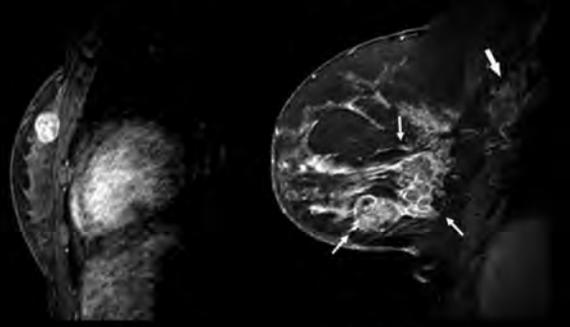
Fat necrosis

Dark non-enhancing septations



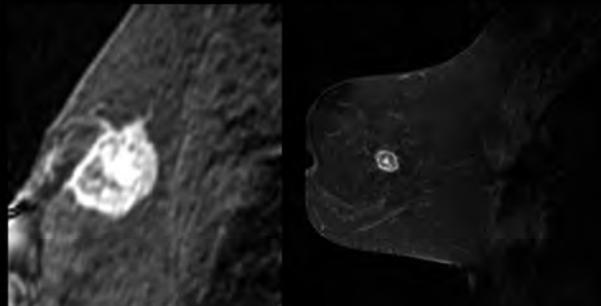
Fibroadenoma

Enhancing internal septations



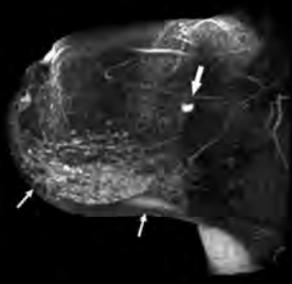
Invasive duct carcinoma IDC with axillary mets

Central enhancement



Invasive duct carcinoma

Enhancement patterns



MIP – segmental ductal enhancement
Extensive DCIS

Non-mass enhancement

- Enhancement of an area, not a mass
- No space occupying effect
- Small or large volume
- Internal enhancement results in pattern discrete from normal parenchyma
- Has interspersed spots of normal glandular tissue or fat between enhancing areas
- Enhancement in area which is normal on pre-contrast images
- No correlate on FS or non-FS T2W images

Non-mass enhancement

- Distribution
 - Focal (< 25% of quadrant, confined area with interspersed fat and/or glandular tissue)
 - Linear (in a line and not a duct)
 - Ductal (linear pointing toward nipple)
 - Clumped (aggregate of enhancing masses or foci-confluent in cobblestone pattern)
 - Segmental (triangular region or cone-apex toward nipple)
 - Regional (geographic > 25% of quadrant-not conforming to ductal distribution)
 - Multiple regions
 - Diffuse

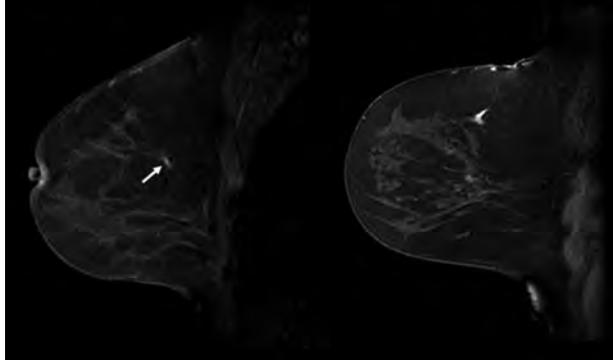
Lesion Characterization MR BI-RADS Lexicon

- Internal enhancement pattern
 - Homogeneous
 - Heterogeneous
 - Stippled/punctate
 - Clumped
 - Reticular/dendritic

Non-mass enhancement

- Symmetric (both breasts) or Asymmetric
- Differential diagnosis overall
 - DCIS
 - Diffuse lobular cancer
 - Mastopathic changes (focal adenosis)
 - Hormonal stimulation
 - Inflammatory changes

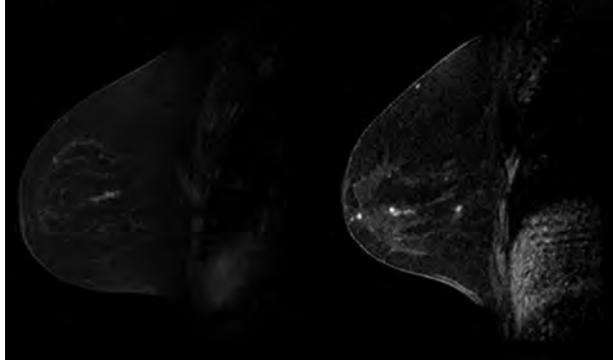
Linear non-mass enhancement Scars



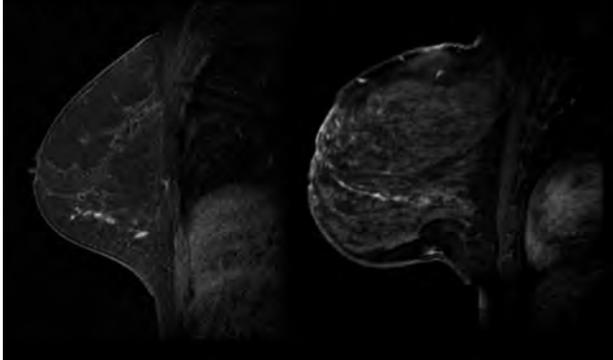
Linear non-mass enhancement DCIS

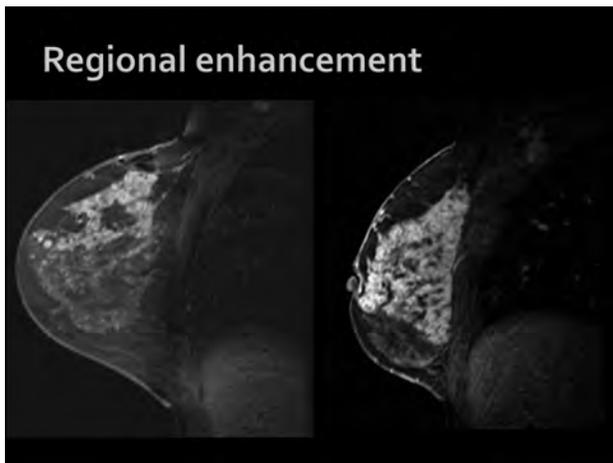
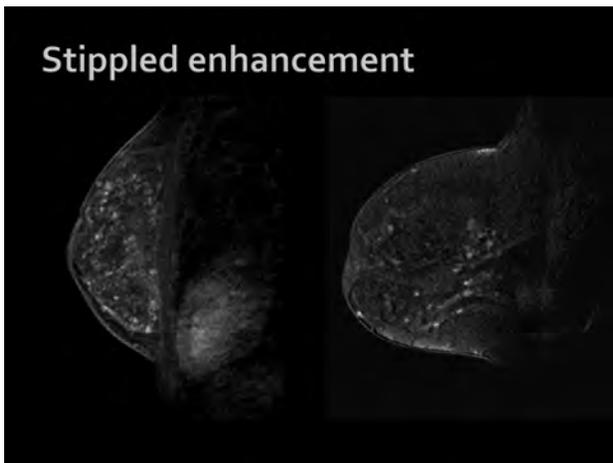
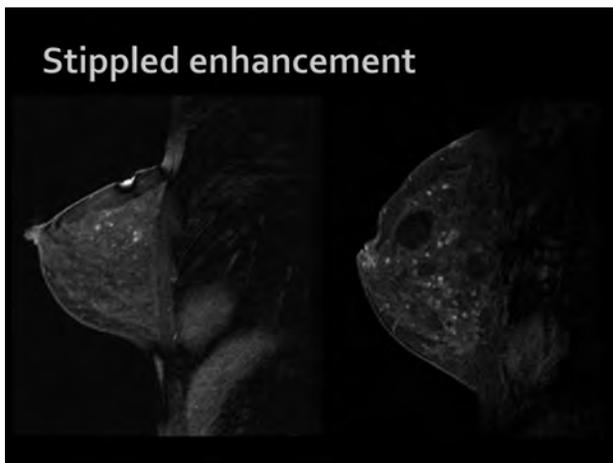
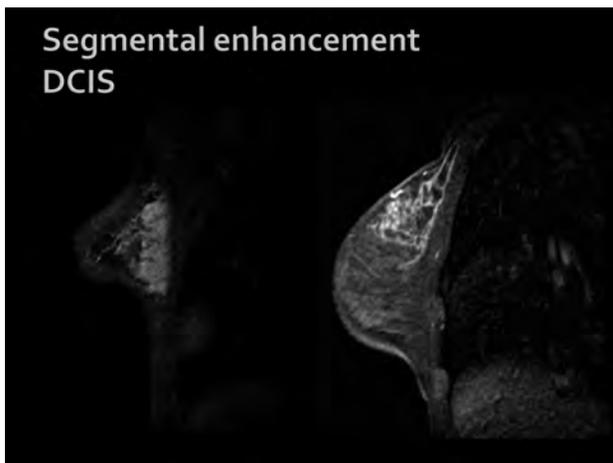
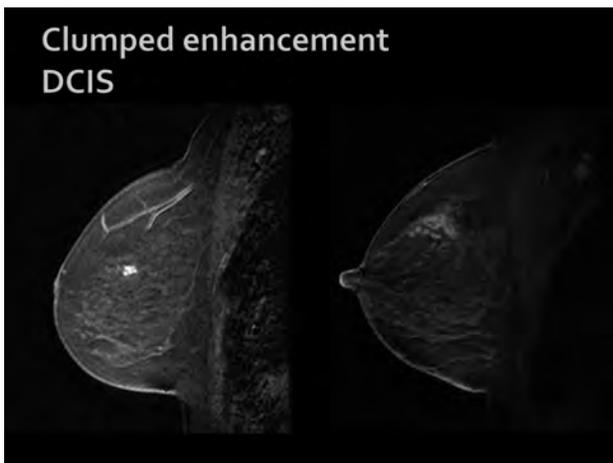


Linear non-mass enhancement DCIS

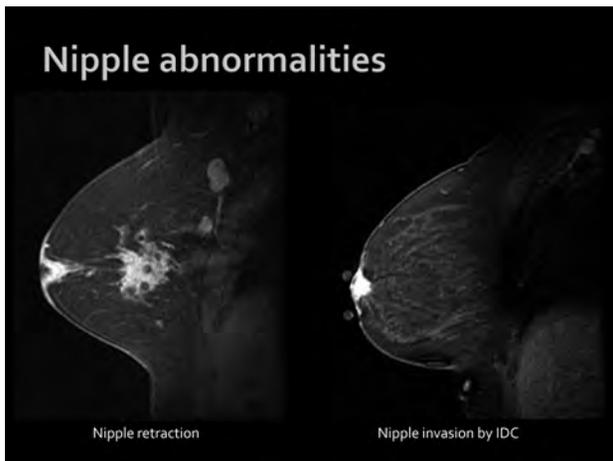


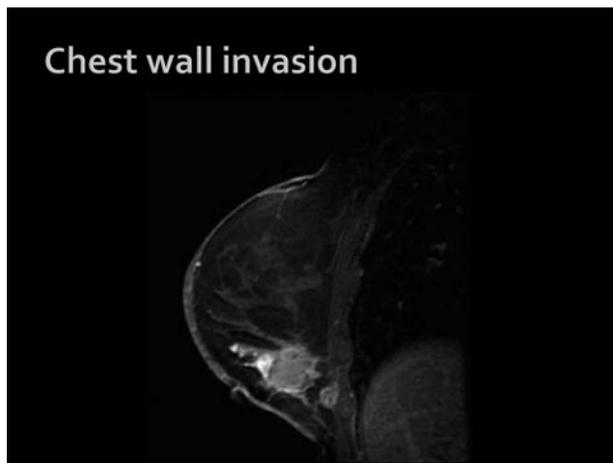
Ductal enhancement DCIS



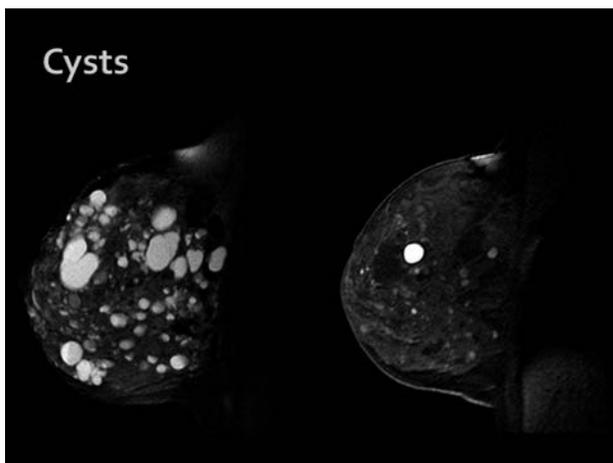


- ### MR BI-RADS Lexicon
- Associated findings
 - Nipple retraction or inversion
 - Pre-contrast High Duct Signal
 - Skin retraction, thickening, invasion
 - Edema
 - Lymphadenopathy
 - Pectoralis muscle invasion
 - Chest wall invasion



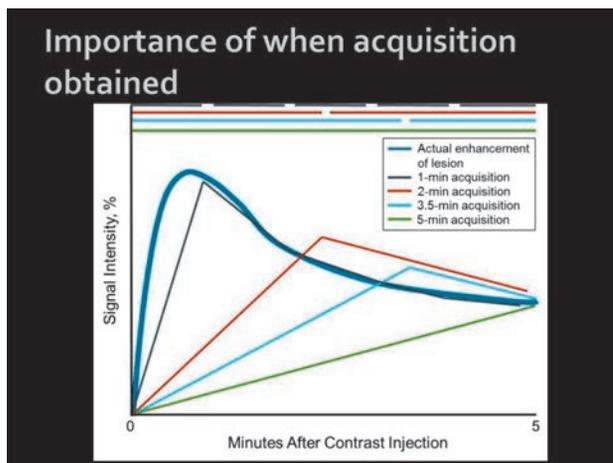


- ### MR BI-RADS Lexicon
- Associated findings
 - Hematoma/Blood
 - Abnormal Signal Void
 - Cyst
 - Location
 - Right or left
 - Quadrant, subareolar, central axillary tail
 - Depth
 - Distance from nipple, skin or chest wall (in cm)

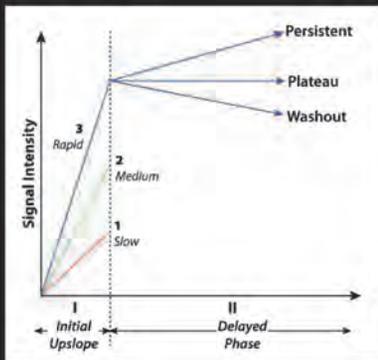


- ### Value of T2-weighted images
- Always correlate lesion on post-contrast with T2W images
 - Lesion of high SI on T2W images more likely to be benign
 - High SI on T2W lesions:
 - Simple or proteinaceous cysts
 - Lymph nodes
 - FA (myxomatous)
 - Sometimes mucinous or necrotic carcinomas may be high SI on T2W images

- ### MR BI-RADS Lexicon
- Kinetics
 - Signal intensity Time Curve Description
 - Initial phase
 - Slow, medium or rapid
 - Delayed phase
 - Persistent, plateau or washout



Kinetic curves



Finding at MRI Directed US/Mammo evaluation

- MRI-Initiated
 - Second look US/Mammo
 - Can biopsy – 50% under US
- Lesion may be difficult to correlate
 - MRI performed prone
 - US done supine
 - Mammogram performed upright
- To correlate:
 - Lesion must be of identical size, morphology and position to be sure!
- If ANY doubt, perform MR-guided biopsy

Interventional MRI Significance of US correlate

- Second look sono fails to show correlate in 77% of patients
- US correlate found in 23% (21/93)
 - With correlate = 43% + for cancer
 - Without correlate = 14% + for cancer
- Need to biopsy whether correlate found or not

LaTrenta, RADIOL 2003; 227: 856-62

US correlation

- 111 consecutive women with known/suspected invasive cancer
- MR suspicious finding in 25 women
 - 40% malignant
 - 17/25 (68%) identified on "second look" US
 - Two lesions seen on mammography "retrospectively"

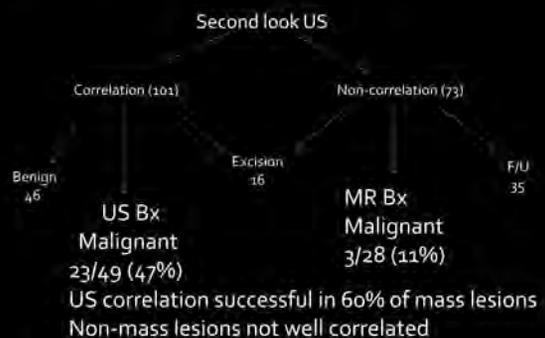
Berg, et al. Radiology 2004; 233: 830-849

Second look US for MR-detected lesions **

- 174 enhancing lesions first detected on MRI
 - 134 consecutive cases
 - Mean age 49.2 yo
 - Two year period
- Findings:
 - 137 masses mean size of 10.2mm
 - 32 foci < 5mm
 - 5 non-mass mean size of 20.6mm

**Abe, Schmidt, Sennett, Newstead
RSNA presentation 2005

Results



MRI Guided Biopsy Equipment

- Tray
- Biopsy devise
- Flashlight
- Trained staff

Equipment

- Introducer stylet
- Introducer sheath
- Needle guide
- Localiz



MRI Vacuum Biopsy Device

- 9 Gauge vacuum-assisted biopsy device by Suros Surgical Systems
- Fast - Takes a tissue sample every 4.5 seconds
- Do not need to fire a gun
- All disposable hand-pieces w/ MRI safe materials
- Underestimation

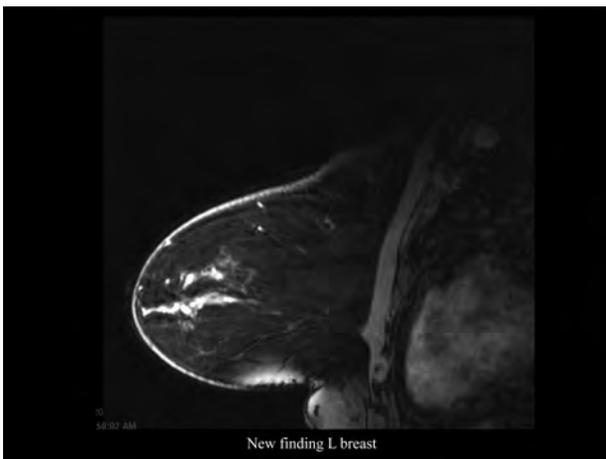
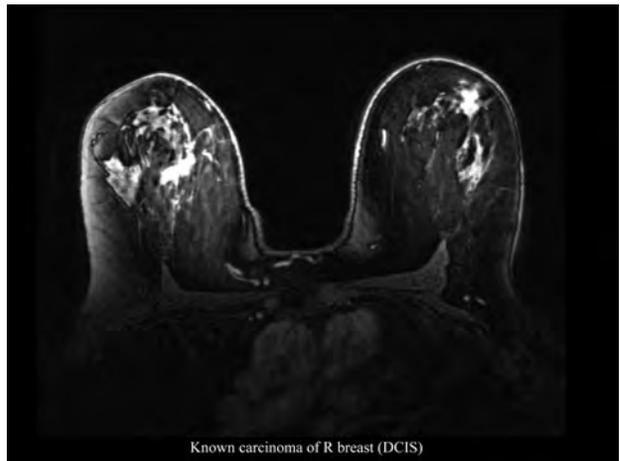
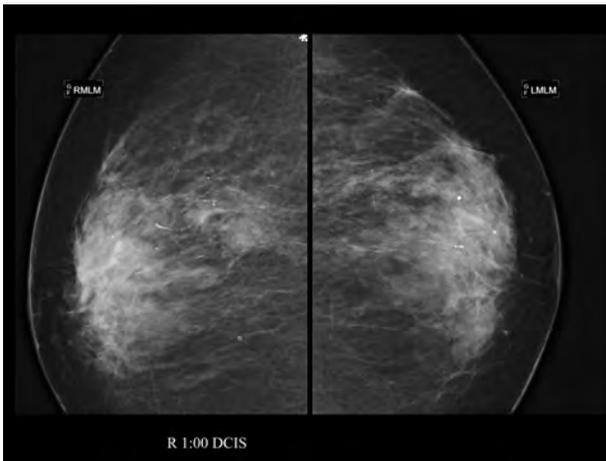
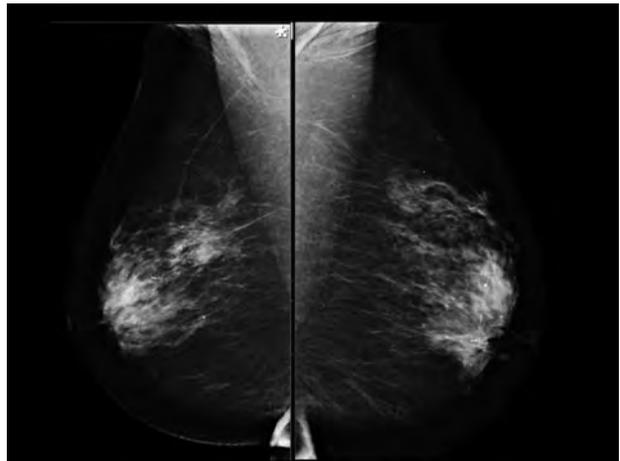
Coil/Lateral or Medial Access



Case:

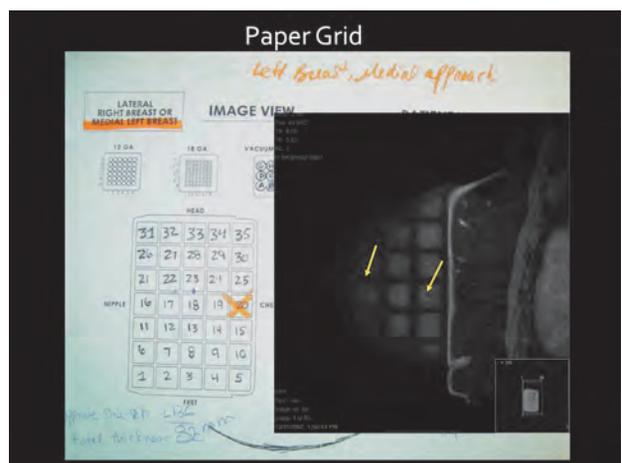
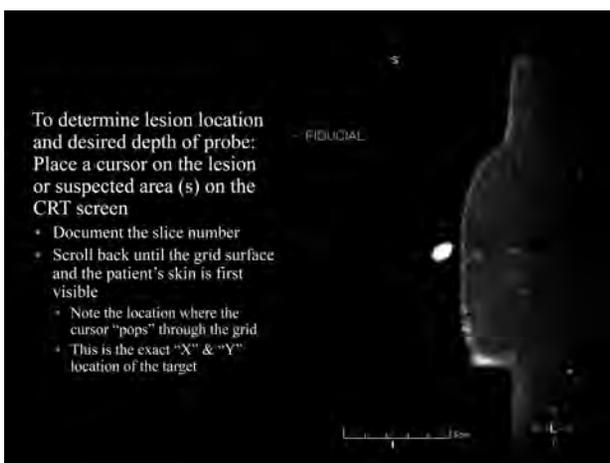
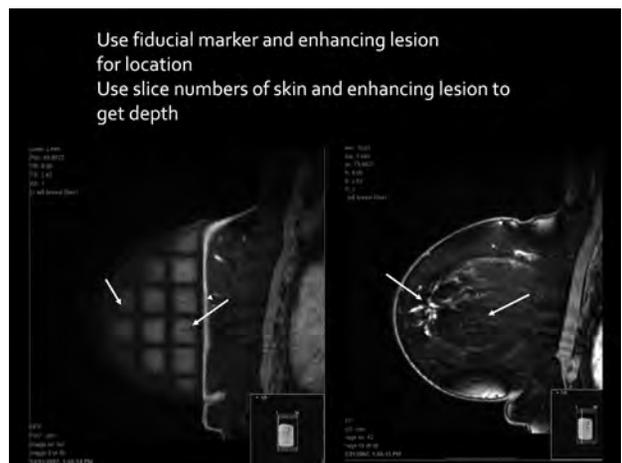
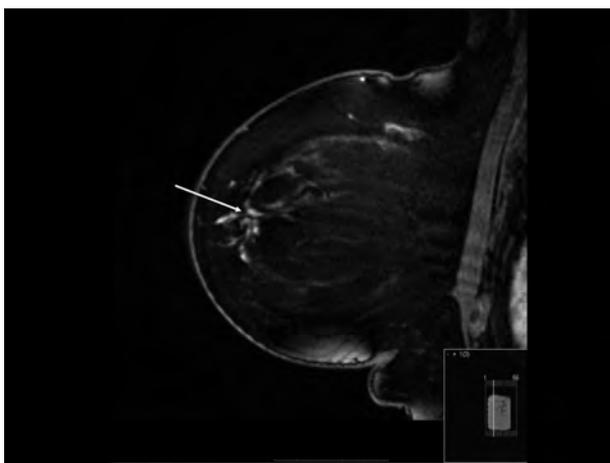
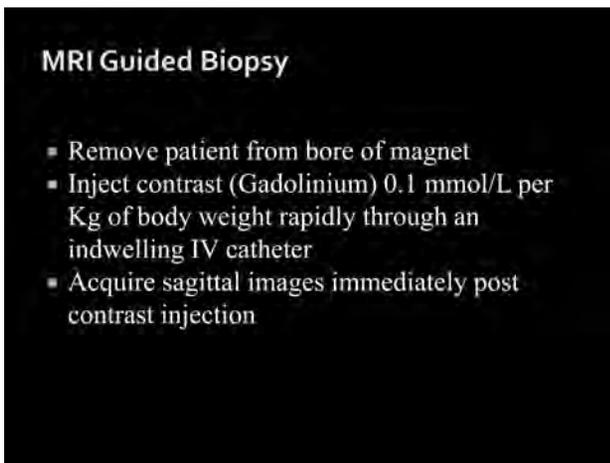
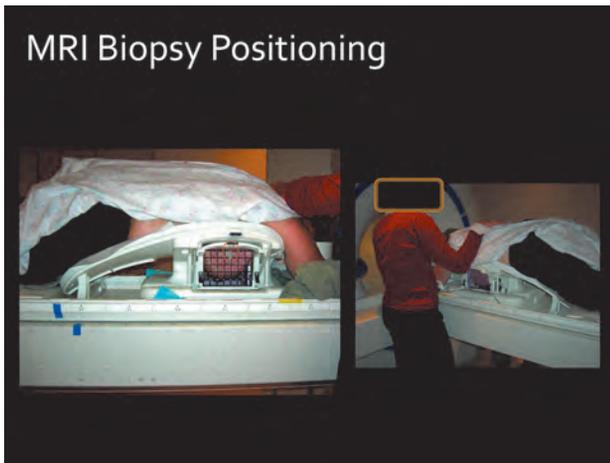
84 year old patient presents for MRI extent of disease for newly diagnosed Right DCIS

- Right breast-6.6 cm linear enhancement of known DCIS
- Left breast-2 cm UIQ linear enhancement with a suspicious kinetic curve-MRI guided biopsy recommended

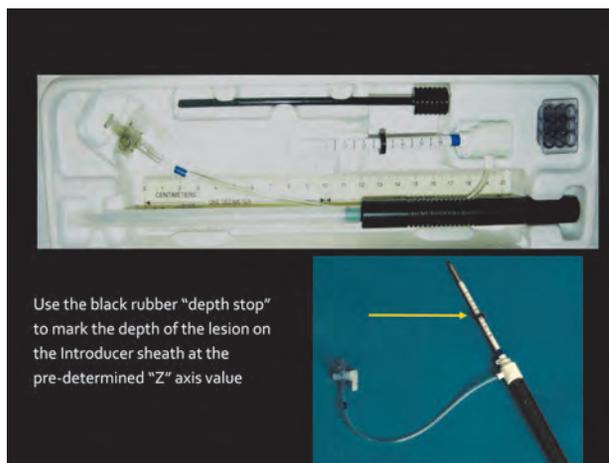
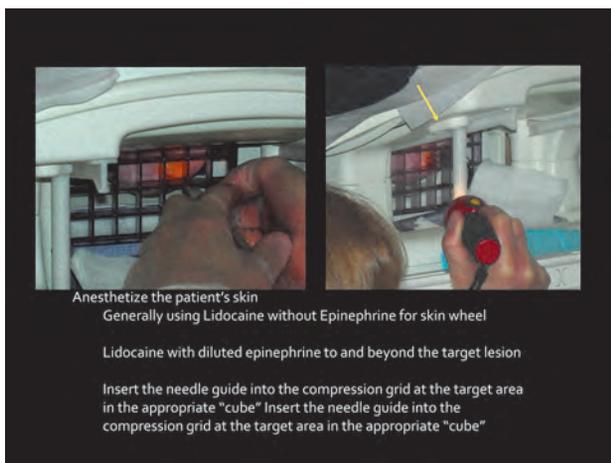
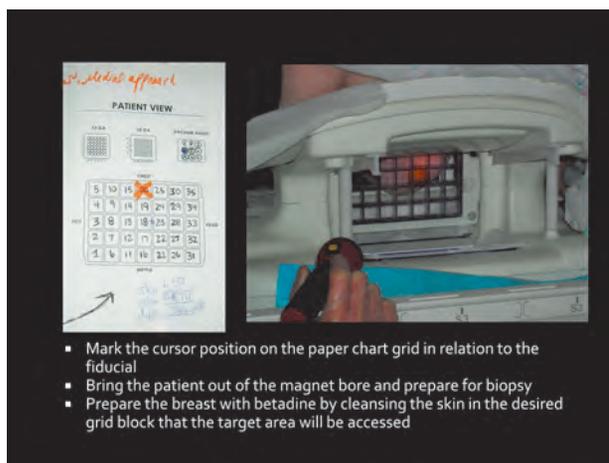
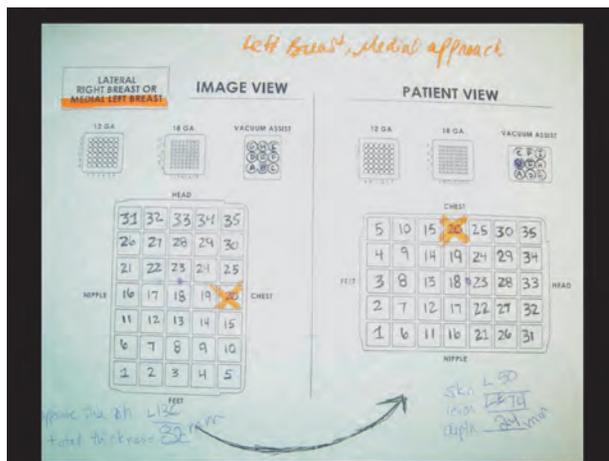
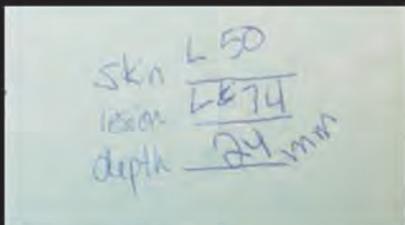


MRI Guided Biopsy

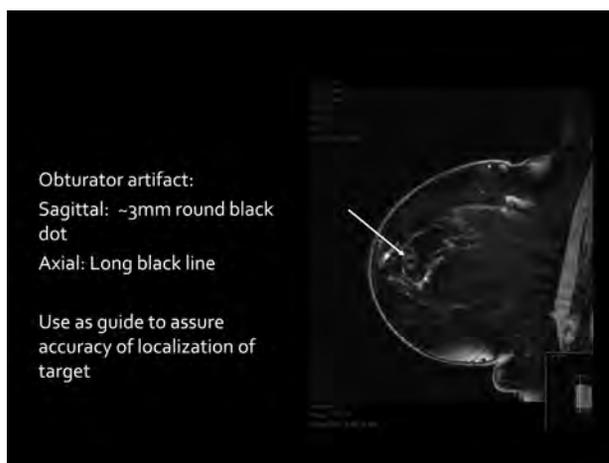
- Patient prone with affected breast in dedicated biopsy compression device
- Compress breast in coil with enough compression to "extrude" or "pooch" tissue through grid - don't do too tight or will impede contrast flow and uptake
- Place a fiducial marker (VIT. E) either over expected lesion site or just adjacent to it

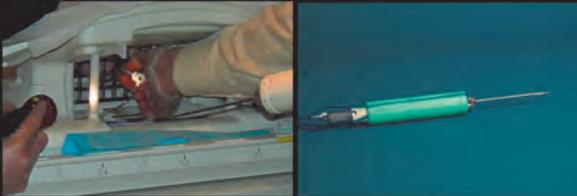


- Document this slice number
- Subtract the two slice numbers from each other



- Insert Introducer stylet into the Introducer sheath
 - Hub the two together
- The sharp stylet eliminates the need for a scalpel in the MRI suite
- Insert the Introducer sheath with the Introducer stylet in a rotating fashion to the depth stop
- Remove the stylet from the Introducer sheath while leaving the sheath in place
- Insert the Localizing Obturator into the sheath
- Move the patient back into the magnet and image to confirm target accuracy





- Remove patient from magnet and remove localizing obturator
- Insert the hand piece into the Introducer sheath and biopsy site in preparation for biopsy

Only bring foot pedal into magnet room!

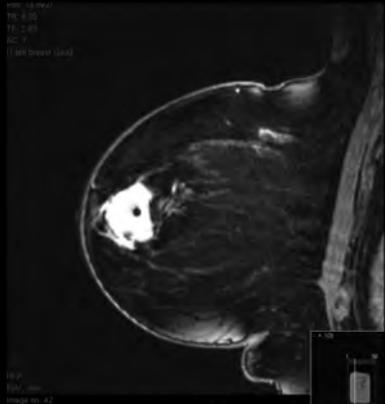
- Press foot on pedal and samples are taken one every 4.5 seconds
- If patient is uncomfortable, hook-up lidocaine syringe to the Schroeder "Y" valve

MRI Biopsy




Lavage before retrieving specimens

- Once the samples have been taken, remove the hand-piece
- Leave introducer sheath in place
- Re-insert the localizing obturator
- Re-image the patient with sagittal T1W images to confirm acquisition of the suspected target area



MRI Biopsy shows L DCIS




- The technologist will collect the specimens and put them in formalin



- Remove patient from MRI bore
- Place a biopsy site marker in the target cavity area to later identify the biopsy site
- Re-image patient with all introducers out of the breast with T1W images to visualize clip
 - Clip will give ~6mm of artifacts



Hold compression on breast for at least 10-20 minutes
 -Post clip films
 -Ace wrap and ice patient

SureLoc™

CADstream's Interventional tool reports:

- Needle position
- Insertion location
- Depth
- Angle in real time for both the grid and pillar biopsy methods

Summary

- Breast MRI important adjunct to other breast imaging techniques
- Technique requires high field strength magnet
- Interpretation similar to mammographic assessment
- Morphology trumps kinetics
- Biopsy reserved for patients without conclusive correlate on other imaging modalities



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