



Contrast Enhanced Mammography

“A Goldilocks Solution”

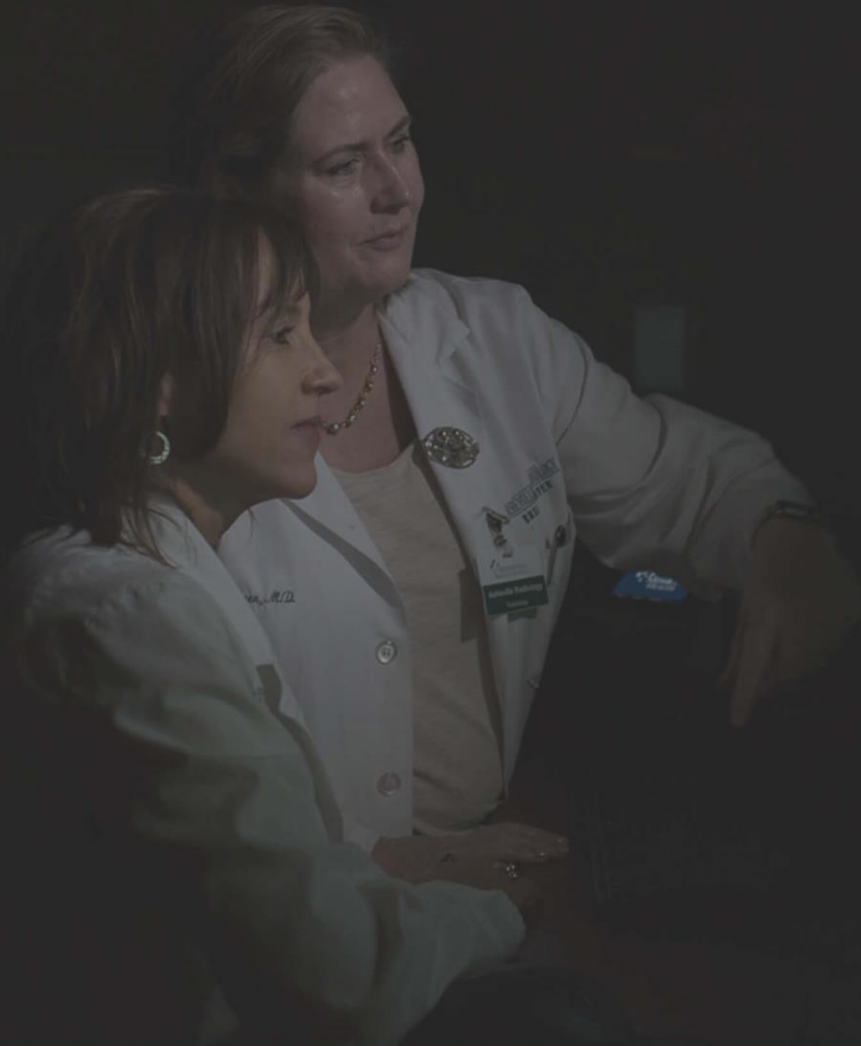
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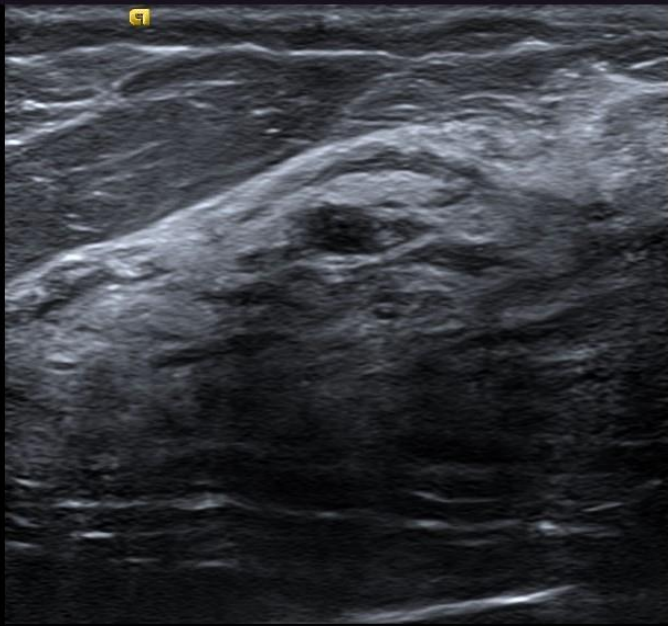


I have no disclosures

(Use CEM off label for screening)



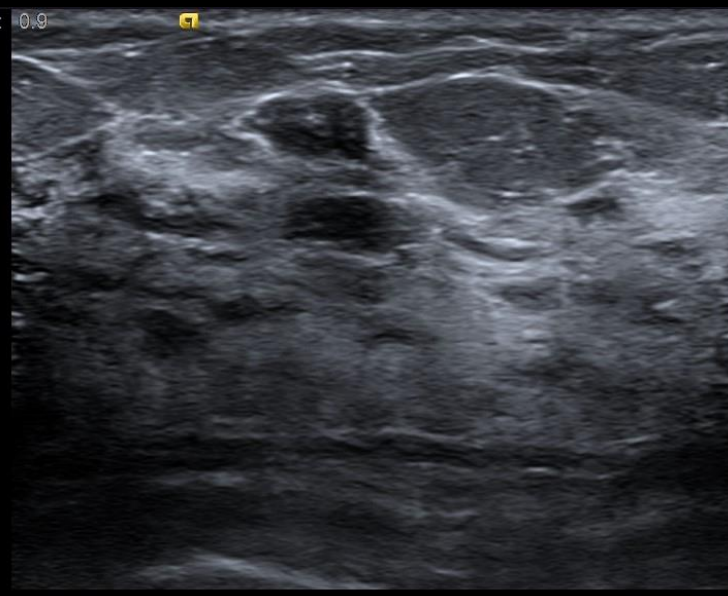
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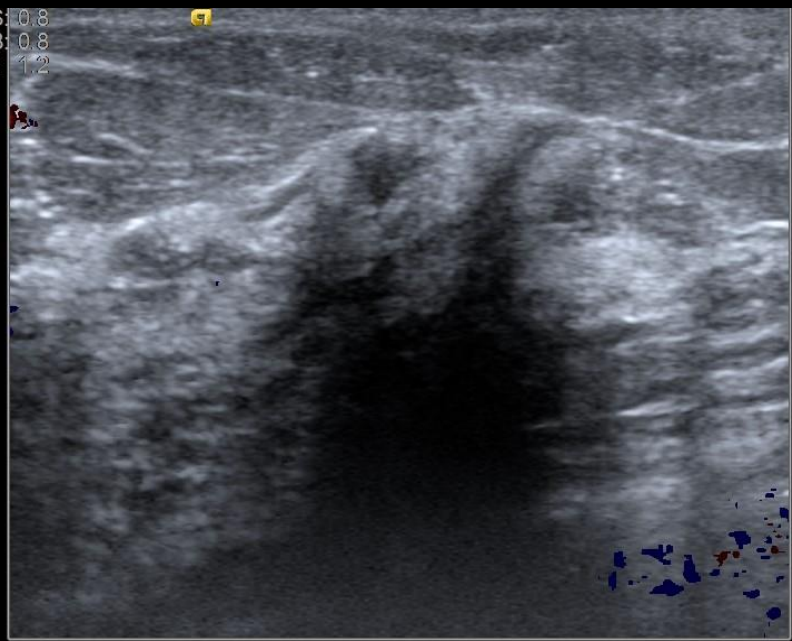
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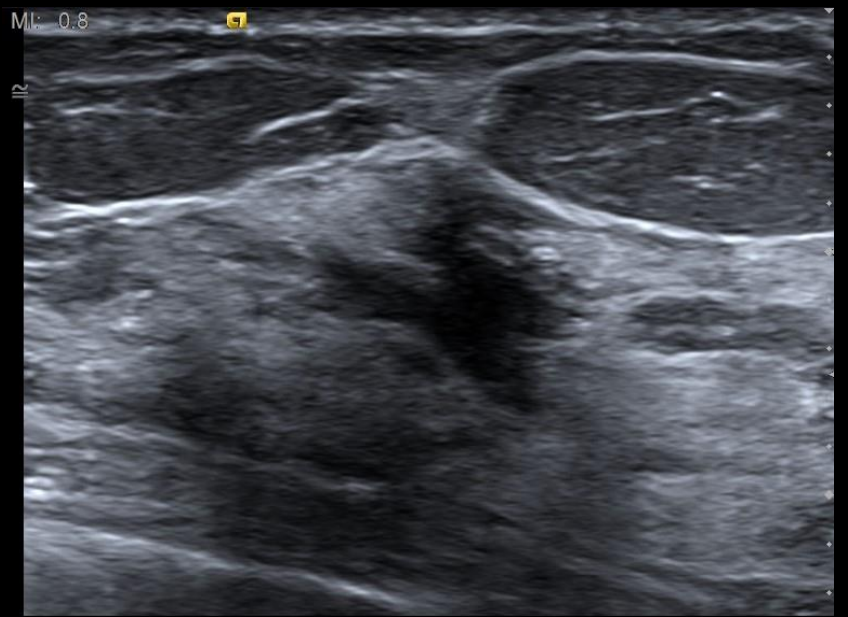
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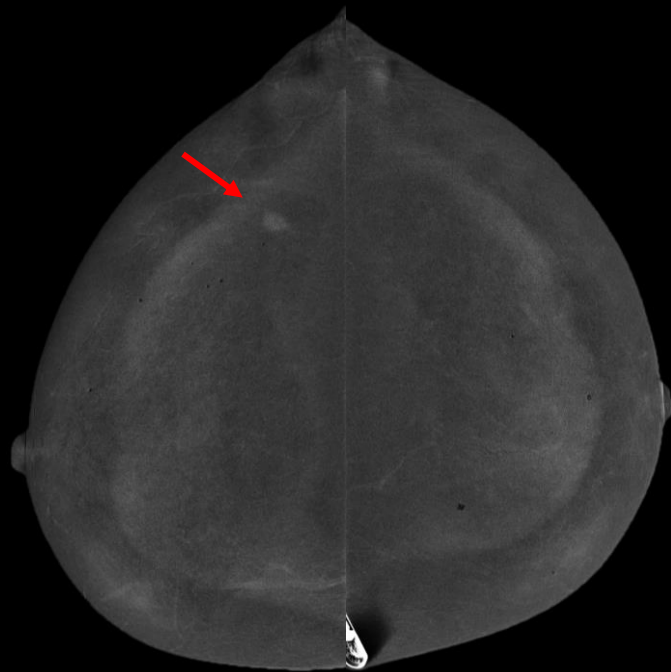
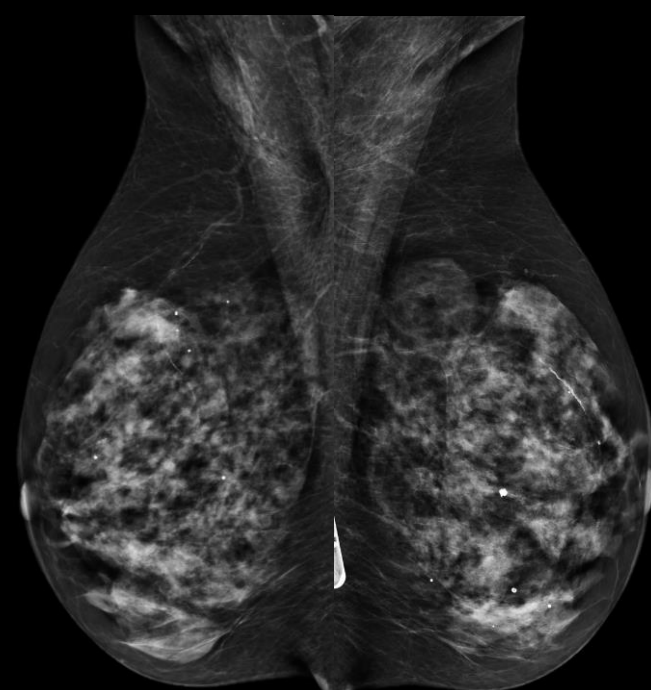
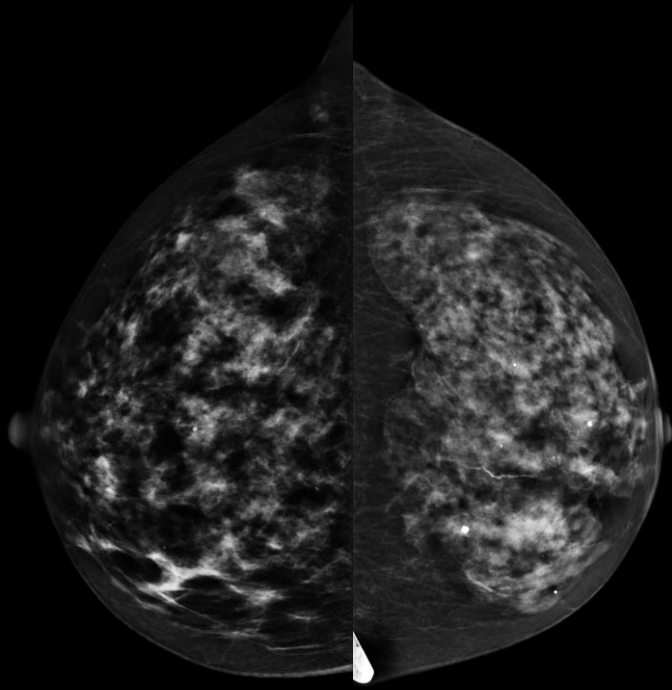
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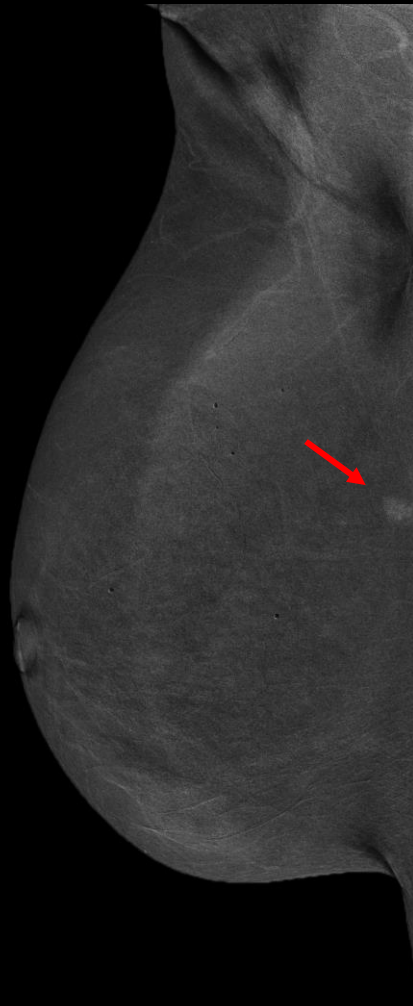
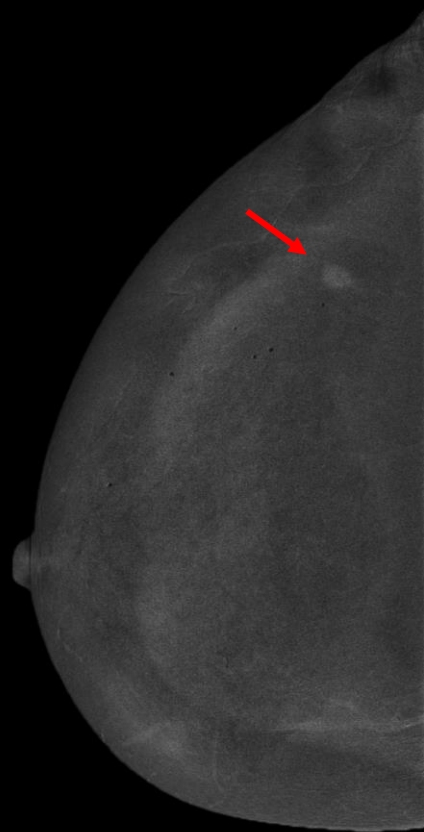
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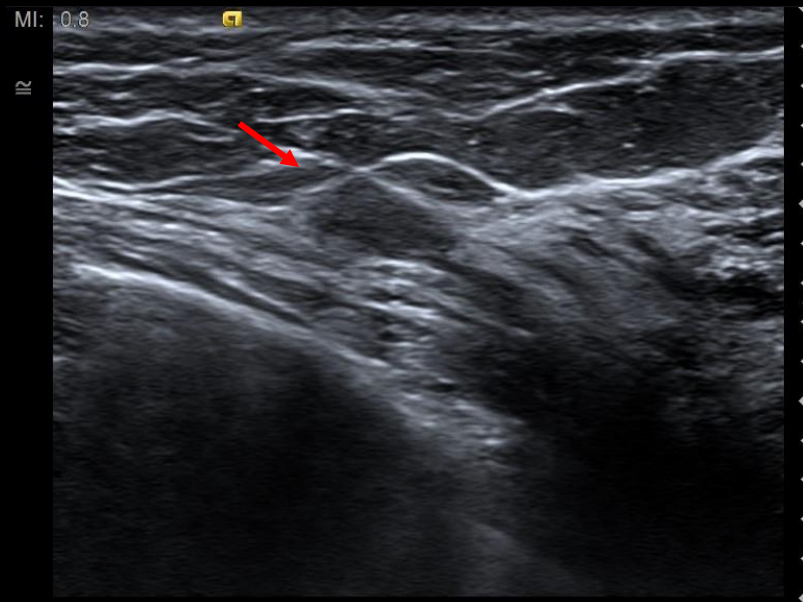
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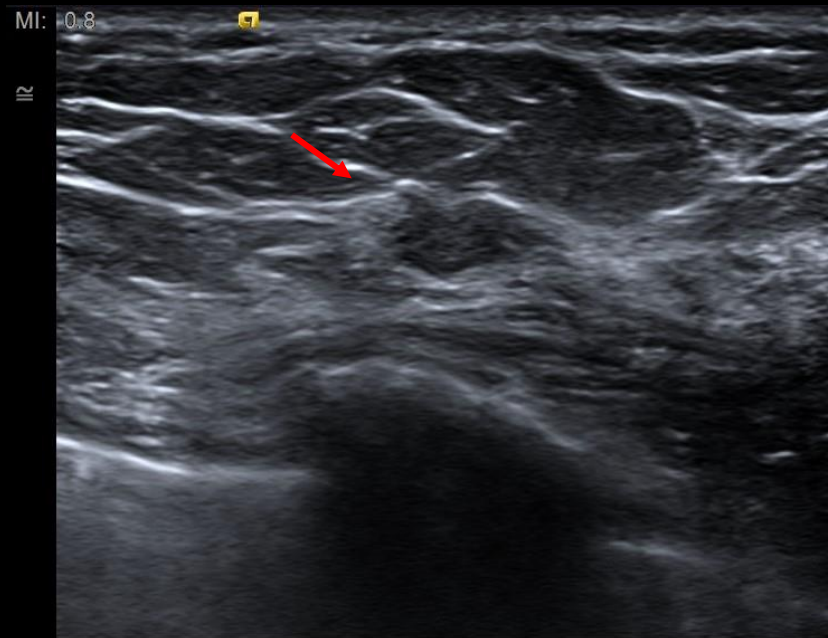


8 mm IDC



RAD RT BREAST 9:00 9CMFN _

36fps 3cm



ARAD RT BREAST 9:00 9CMFN _

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Contrast Enhanced Mammography: A “Just Right” Solution



CEM Overview



CEM use cases in screening and diagnostic setting



When anatomic imaging only is “too little,” and vascular based imaging with MR is “too much,” CEM can be “just right”



Contrast Mammography in the Mountains



CEM approved by FDA in 2011 (aka CESM, CEDM, CEDEM)



“Adjunct following mammography and/or ultrasound exams to localize a known or suspected lesion”



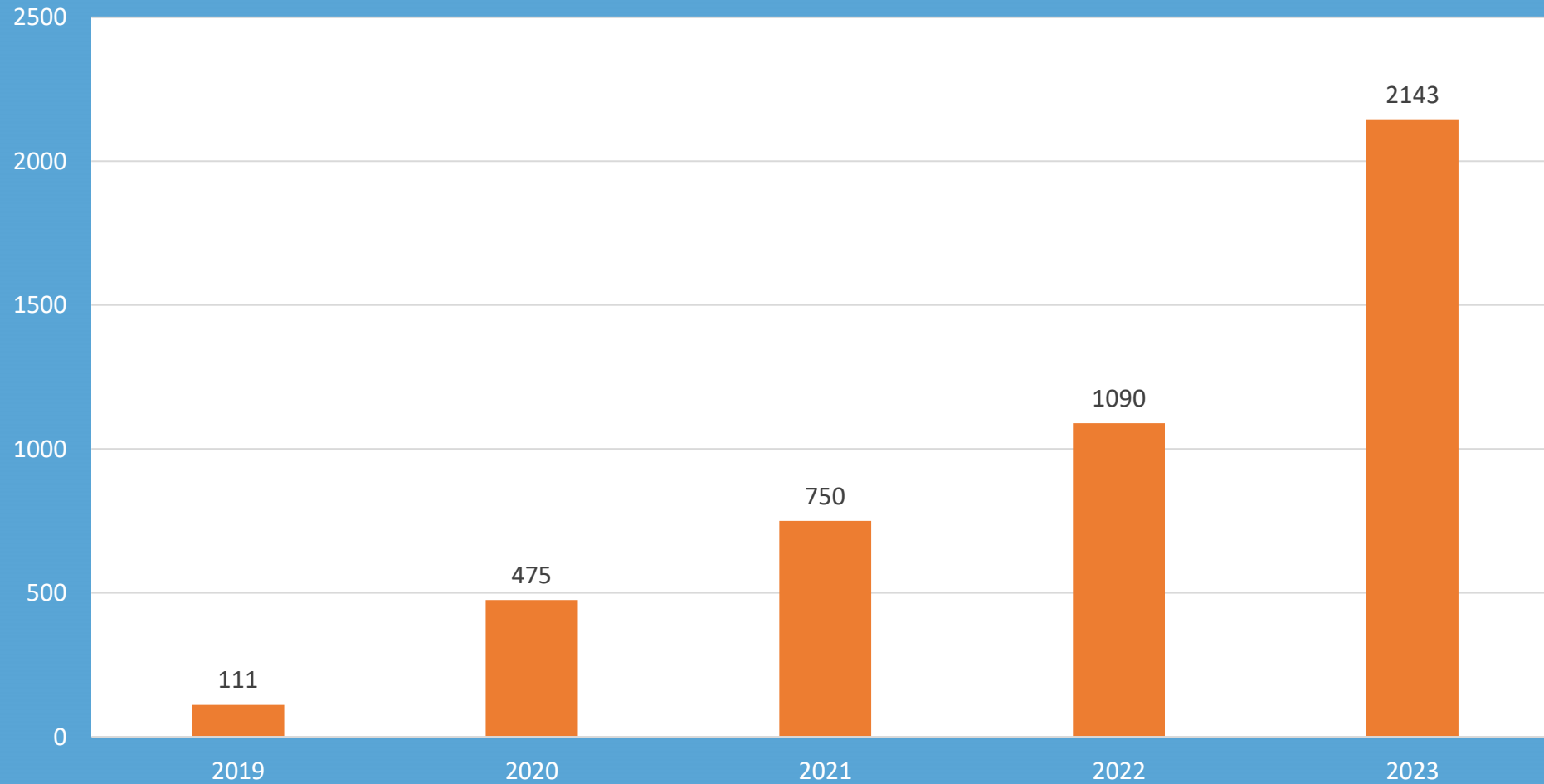
Introduced into our community practice in 2013



Embraced by surgeons, volume continues to grow



Contrast Mammography in the Mountains



Contrast Mammography Overview

- Provides **physiologic** information regarding perfusion in addition to anatomic morphology (**vascular imaging**)
- Eliminates masking effect of dense fibroglandular tissue
- Iodinated IV contrast 1.5 mL/kg at 3mL/sec
- **Dual energy** technique
- Images obtained starting 2 min after contrast injection, up to 10 min
- Bilateral CC and MLO views, can do added views
- Dose 20-42% higher than DBT, 20-80% higher than FFDM, but below MQSA limits

J. Sung, Contrast Enhanced Mammography Implementation into Practice
Dec. 9, 2022, ARRS Symposium Update on Breast Imaging and Multi Modality Biopsy



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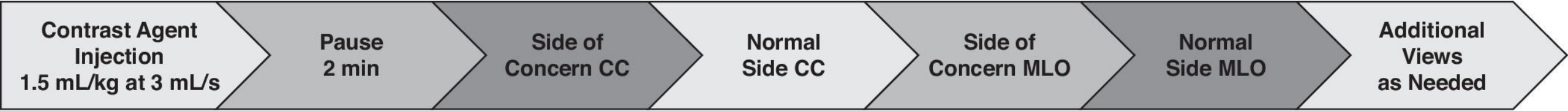
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Up to 10 min



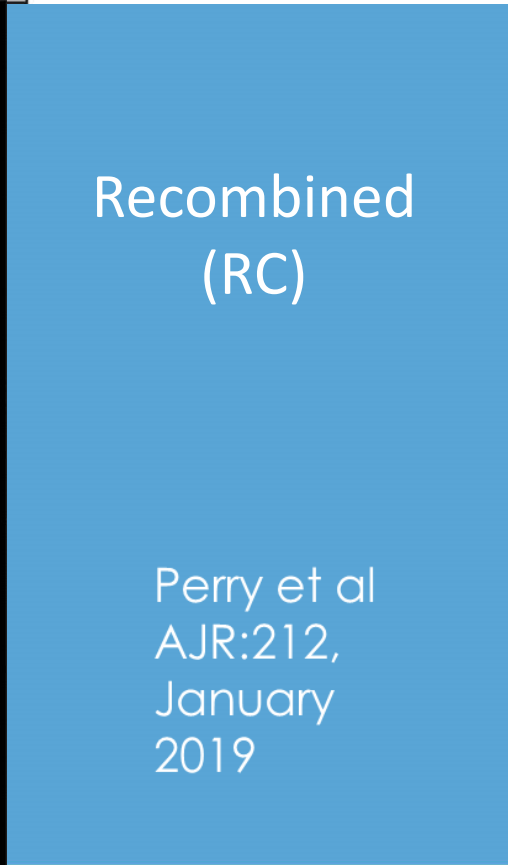
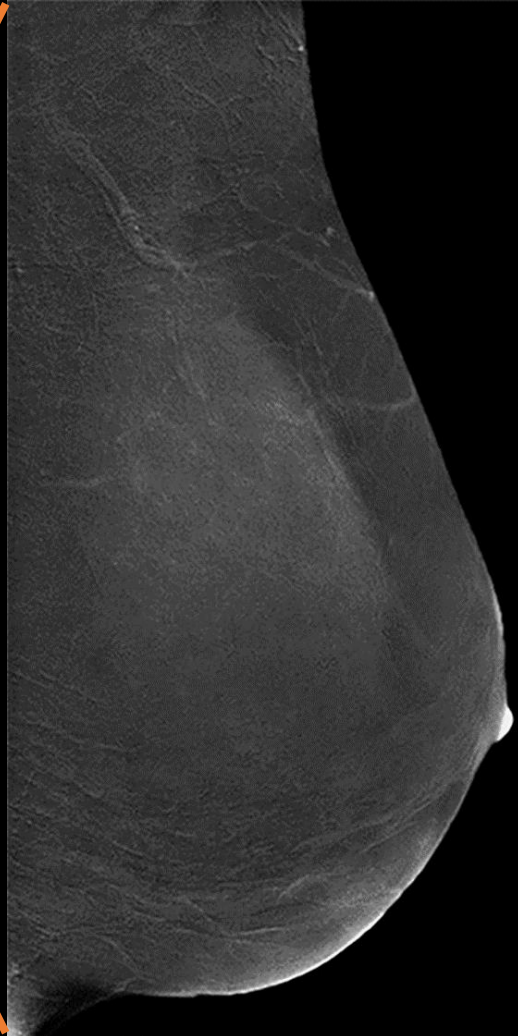
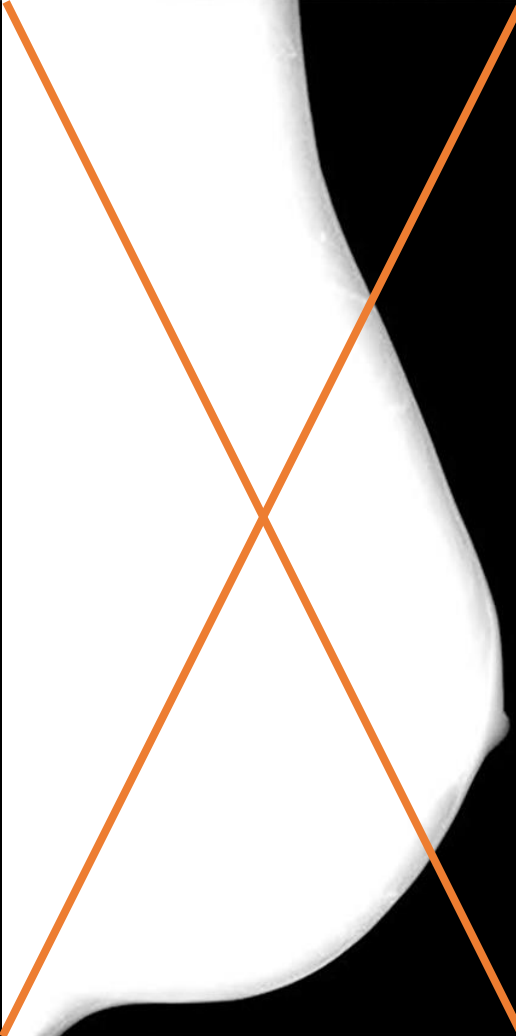
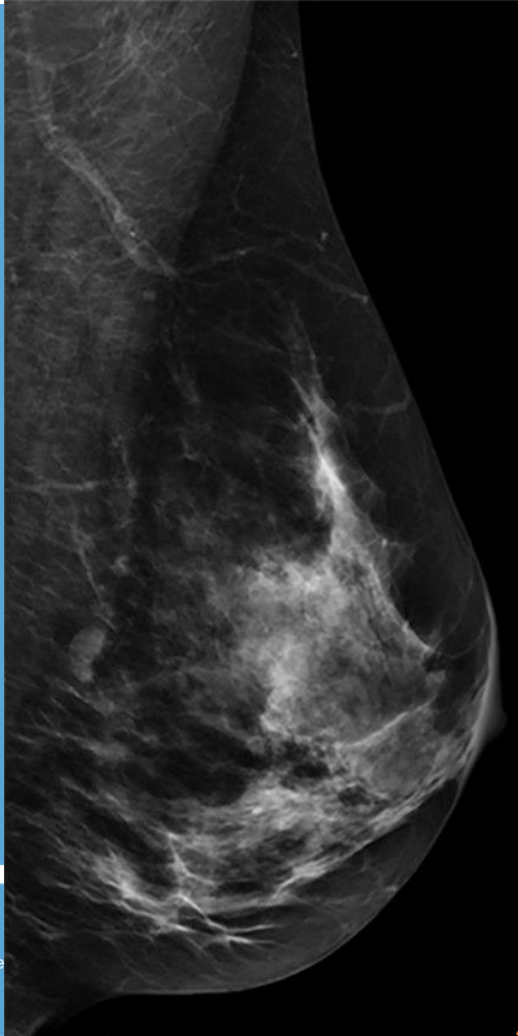
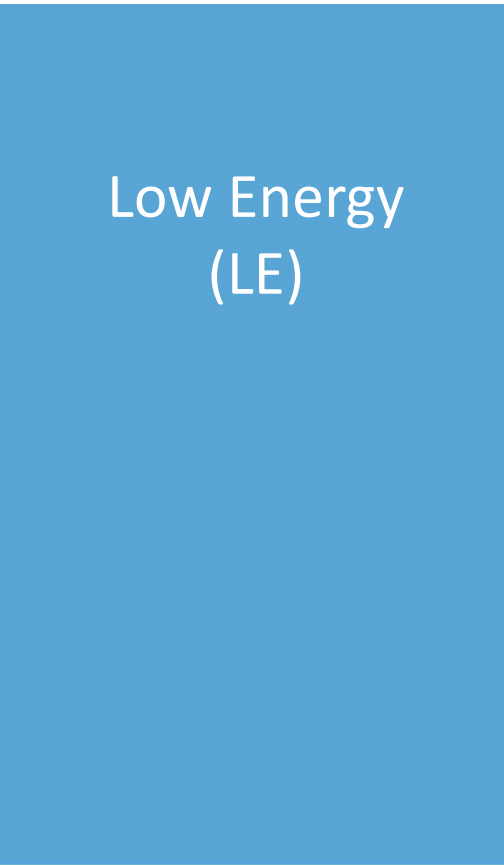
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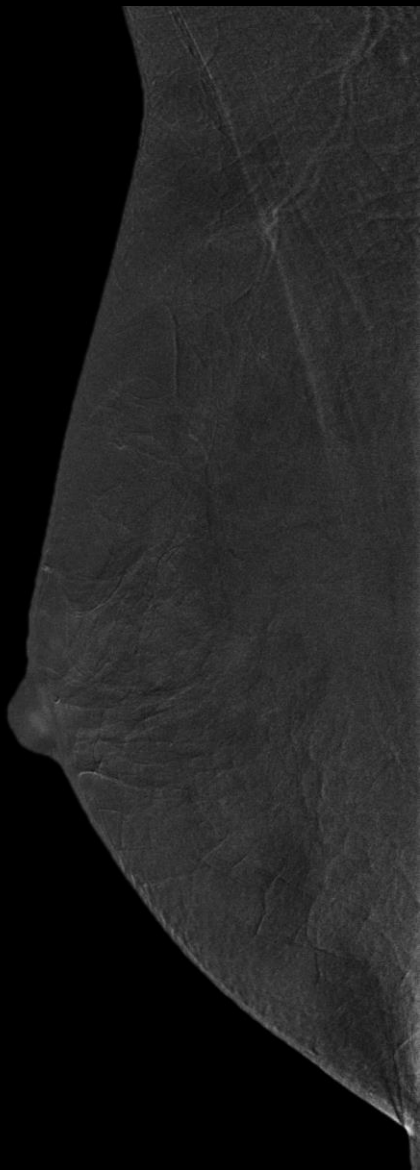
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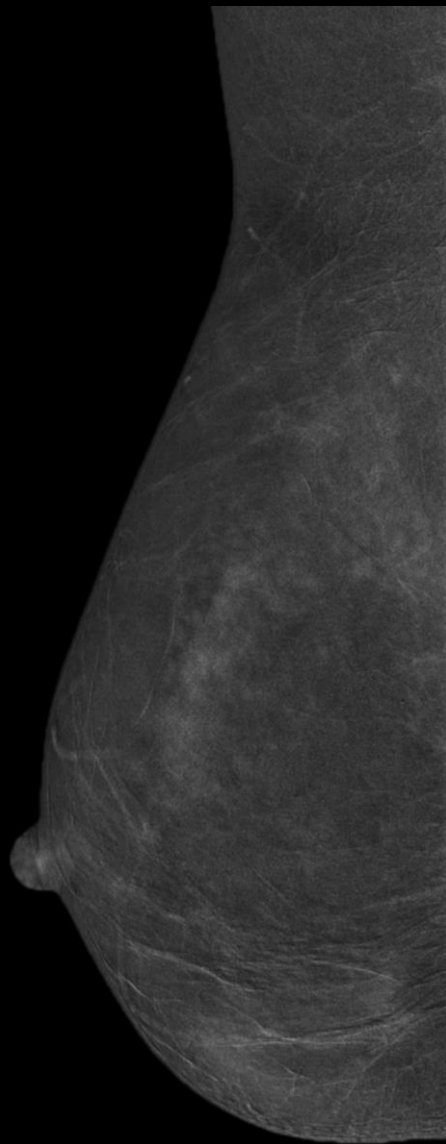
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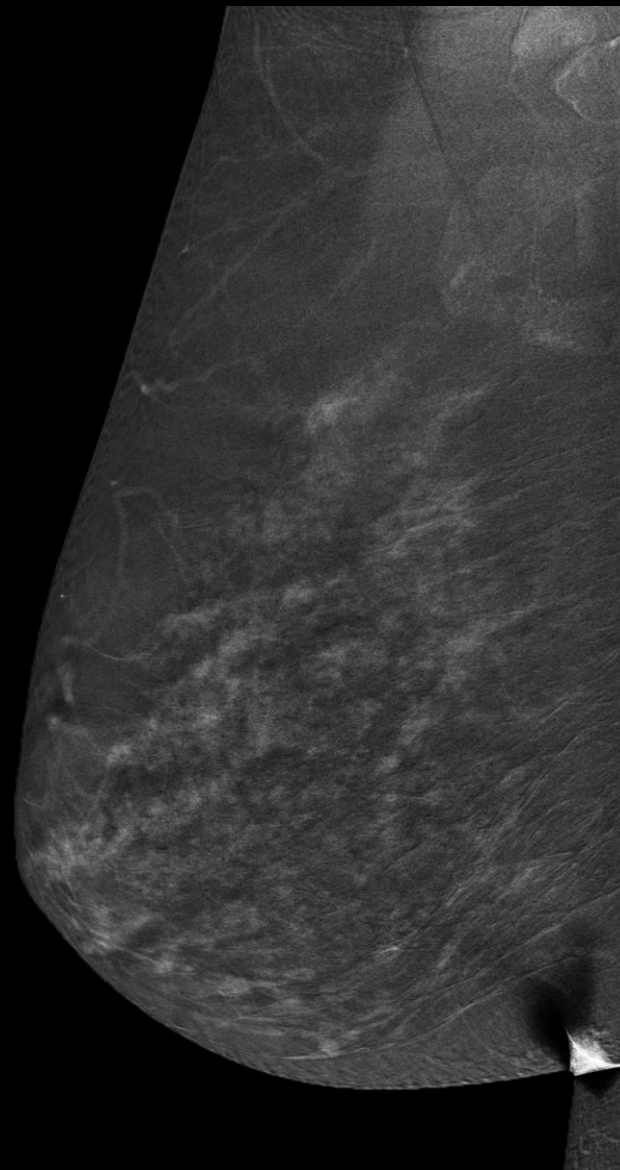
Minimal



Mild



Moderate



Marked



Why CEM?



Faster, less expensive and greater access than MRI



Well-tolerated and preferred by patients



High sensitivity & specificity, comparable to MRI



High negative predictive value



Clinical uses from the literature



Recall from screening



Symptomatic patients (lumps, discharge)



Cancer Staging



Monitoring neoadjuvant response



MRI contraindicated (pacemaker, claustrophobia)



Supplemental screening



Many subpopulations of women may benefit from vascular imaging with CEM when MRI is not feasible

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Dense breast tissue

- Annual DM ± DBT
- Consider annual MRI or ultrasound (Age 40 or earlier if other risk factors)
- Annual DM ± DBT
- Annual MRI
- Consider CEM or ultrasound as alternative to MRI (Age 40 or earlier if other risk factors)

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EC: Editor's Choice

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- For women with personal histories of breast cancer and dense breast tissue, or those diagnosed before age 50, annual surveillance with breast MRI is recommended.



Contrast Enhanced Mammography Imaging Screening Trial (CMIST) Is Now Open!

By Christopher Comstock, MD, FACR, FSBI; Janice Sung, MD, FSBI; Maxine Jochelson, MD, FACR, FSBI; Jessica Leung, MD, FACR, FSBI; Etta Pisano, MD, FACR, FSBI



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May 04, 2023

First Patients Enrolled in Contrast Enhanced Mammography Imaging Screening Trial (CMIST)

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Study aims to determine whether CEM improves breast cancer detection for women with dense breasts

American College of Radiology ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Supplemental Breast Cancer Screening Based on Breast Density

New 2021

Variant 6: Supplemental breast cancer screening. **High-risk females with dense breasts.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	Relative Radiation Level
US breast	Usually Appropriate	○
Digital breast tomosynthesis screening	Usually Appropriate	☢☢
MRI breast without and with IV contrast	Usually Appropriate	○
MRI breast without and with IV contrast abbreviated	Usually Appropriate	○
Mammography with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	☢☢
MRI breast without IV contrast	Usually Not Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast abbreviated	Usually Not Appropriate	○
Sestamibi MBI	Usually Not Appropriate	☢☢☢
FDG-PET breast dedicated	Usually Not Appropriate	☢☢☢☢

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New 2021

Variant 3: Supplemental breast cancer screening. **High-risk females with nondense breasts.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	Relative Radiation Level
Digital breast tomosynthesis screening	Usually Appropriate	☢☢
MRI breast without and with IV contrast	Usually Appropriate	○
Mammography with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	☢☢
US breast	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without and with IV contrast abbreviated	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast	Usually Not Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast abbreviated	Usually Not Appropriate	○
Sestamibi MBI	Usually Not Appropriate	☢☢☢
FDG-PET breast dedicated	Usually Not Appropriate	☢☢☢☢

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New 2021

Variant 5: Supplemental breast cancer screening. **Intermediate-risk females with dense breasts.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	Relative Radiation Level
Digital breast tomosynthesis screening	Usually Appropriate	☼☼
Mammography with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	☼☼
US breast	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without and with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without and with IV contrast abbreviated	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast	Usually Not Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast abbreviated	Usually Not Appropriate	○
Sestamibi MBI	Usually Not Appropriate	☼☼☼
FDG-PET breast dedicated	Usually Not Appropriate	☼☼☼☼

American College of Radiology ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Supplemental Breast Cancer Screening Based on Breast Density

New 2021

Variant 4: Supplemental breast cancer screening. **Average-risk females with dense breasts.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	Relative Radiation Level
Digital breast tomosynthesis screening	Usually Appropriate	☢☢
Mammography with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	☢☢
US breast	May Be Appropriate (Disagreement)	○
MRI breast without and with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without and with IV contrast abbreviated	May Be Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast	Usually Not Appropriate	○
MRI breast without IV contrast abbreviated	Usually Not Appropriate	○
Sestamibi MBI	Usually Not Appropriate	☢☢☢
FDG-PET breast dedicated	Usually Not Appropriate	☢☢☢☢

SCREENING OR SYMPTOM CATEGORY^a SCREENING/FOLLOW-UP

Increased Risk:

Residual lifetime risk $\geq 20\%$ as defined by models that are largely dependent on family history^{g,h,i} →

- Clinical encounter^{b,d,k} every 6–12 mo
 - ▶ To begin when identified as being at increased risk, but not prior to age 21 y
 - ▶ Consider referral to a genetic counselor or other health professional with expertise and experience in cancer genetics, if not already done
 - ▶ Consider referral to a breast specialist as appropriate
- Annual screening^b mammogram.^{c,m} Tomosynthesis is recommended, if available^o
 - ▶ To begin 10 years prior to when the youngest family member was diagnosed with breast cancer, not prior to age 30 y or begin at age 40 y (whichever comes first)
- Annual breast MRI^p
 - ▶ To begin 10 years prior to when the youngest family member was diagnosed with breast cancer, not prior to age 25 y^q or begin at age 40 y (whichever comes first)
 - ▶ Consider **contrast-enhanced mammography^b** or whole breast ultrasound^b for those who qualify for but cannot undergo MRI
- Consider risk reduction strategies ([See NCCN Guidelines for Breast Cancer Risk Reduction](#))
- Breast awareness^l

Thoracic RT between ages 10 and 30 y

- Current age <25 y →
 - Annual clinical encounter^{b,d,k}
 - ▶ Beginning 8 y after RT
 - Breast awareness^l
- Current age ≥ 25 y →
 - Clinical encounter^{b,d,k} every 6–12 mo
 - ▶ Begin 8 y after RT
 - Annual screening^b mammogram.^{c,m} Tomosynthesis is recommended, if available^o
 - ▶ Begin 8 y after RT but not prior to age 30 y
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 - ▶ Begin 8 y after RT but not prior to age 25 y
 - ▶ Consider **contrast-enhanced mammography^b** or whole breast ultrasound^b for those who qualify for but cannot undergo MRI
 - Consider risk reduction strategies ([See NCCN Guidelines for Breast Cancer Risk Reduction](#))
 - Breast awareness^l

How we use CEM:

Diagnostic problem solving

Alternative to MR screening

Screening dense tissue (as an alternative to ABUS)

- Architectural distortion
 - *Especially prior to tomosynthesis biopsy capability*
- Asymmetries
 - *Dense tissue, intermediate or high risk*
- Complicated recalls from screening
 - *Multiple findings, ABUS recalls, no priors*
- Post lumpectomy (especially dense tissue)
- Biopsy targeting
- Increasing confidence of benign rad-path concordance

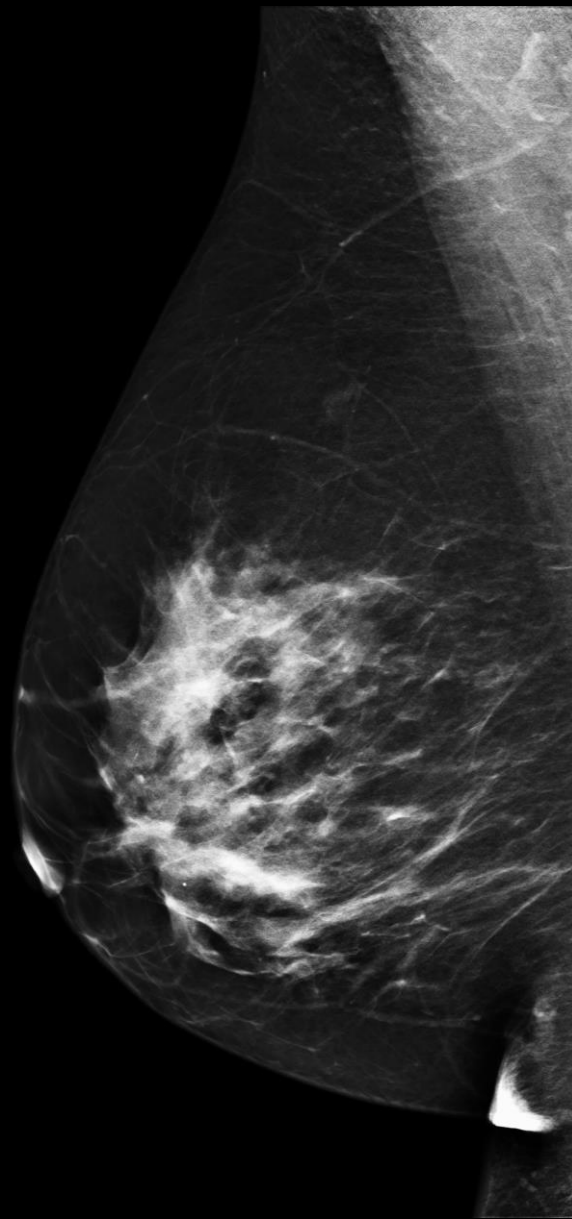
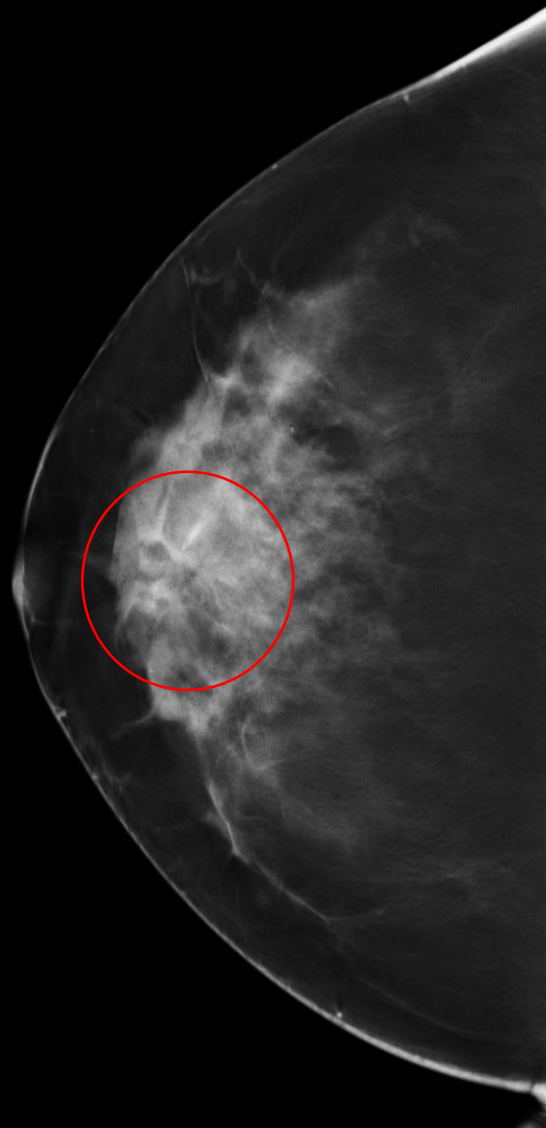
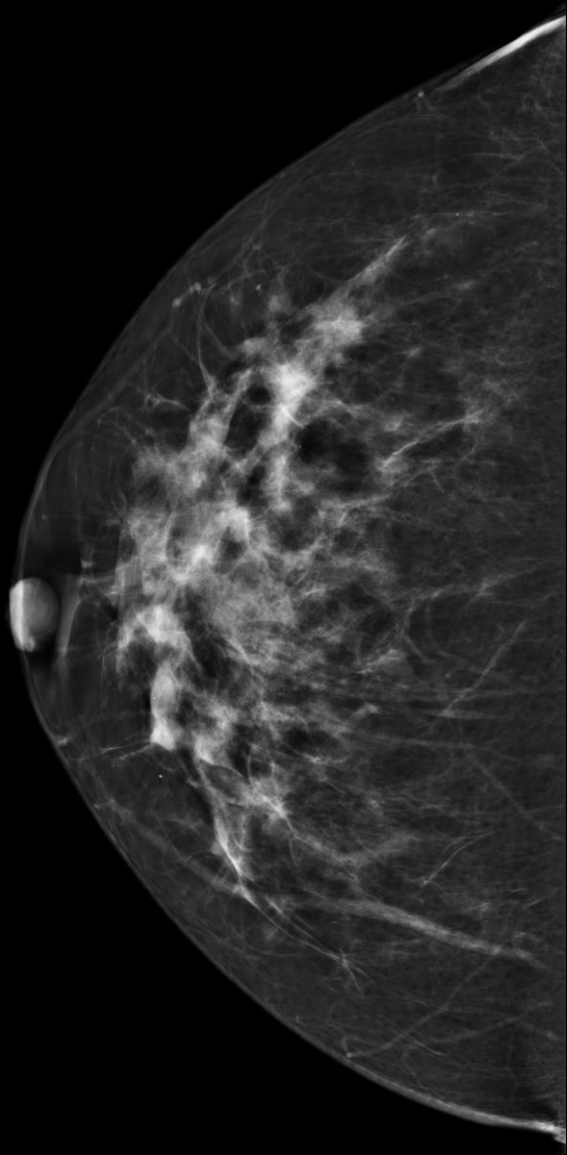
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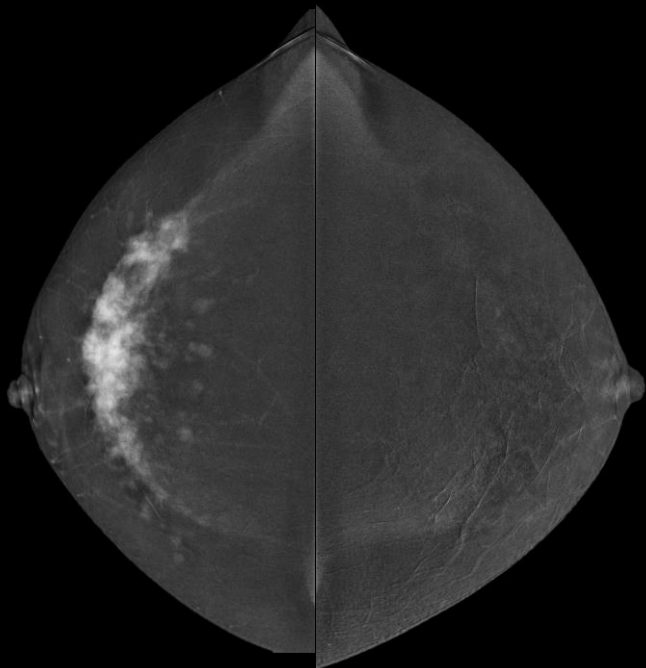
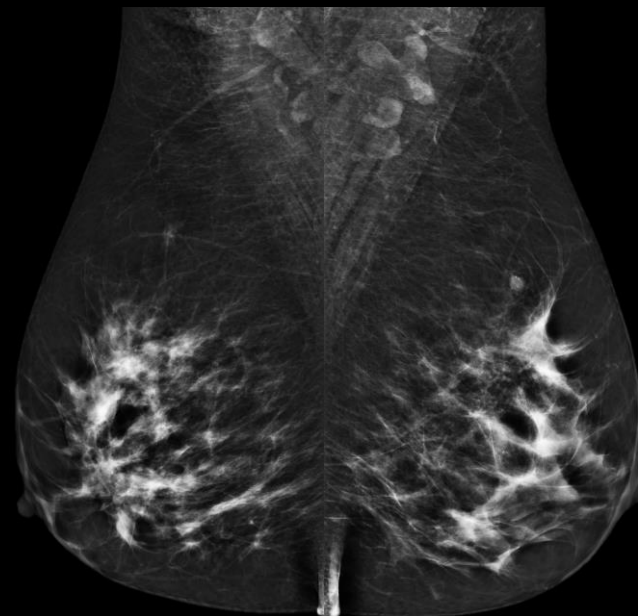
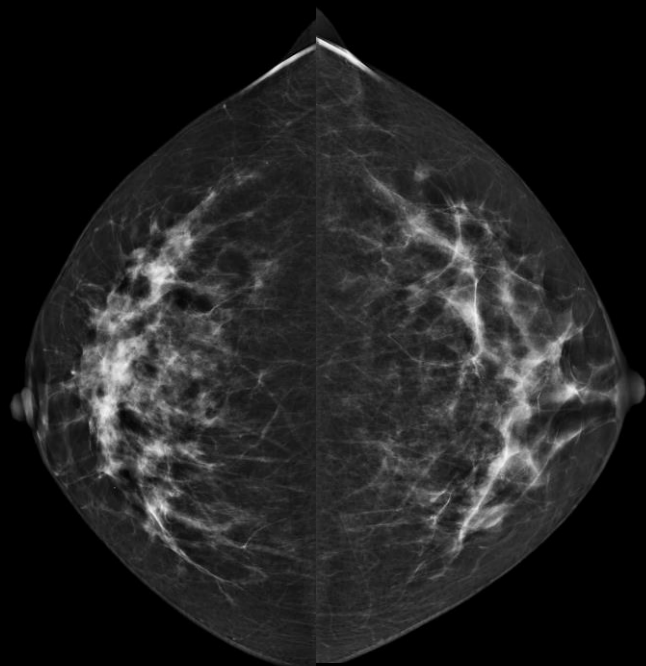
Architectural distortion

Asymmetries

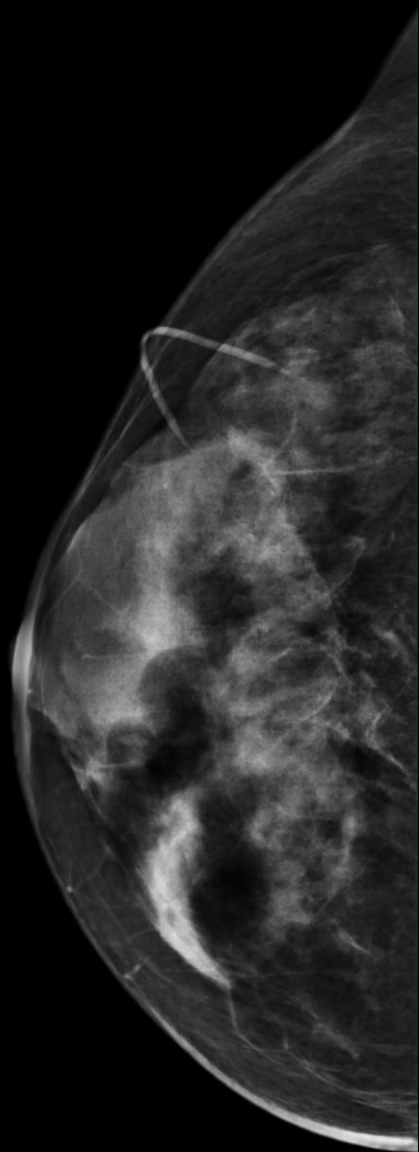
ABUS recalls
(particularly non mass)

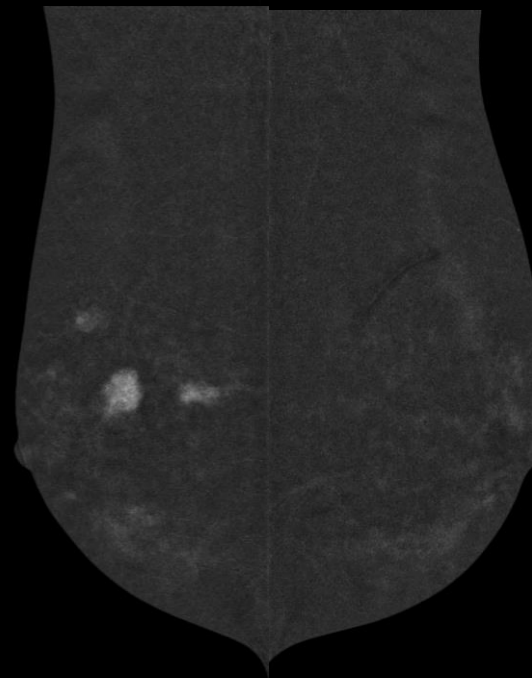
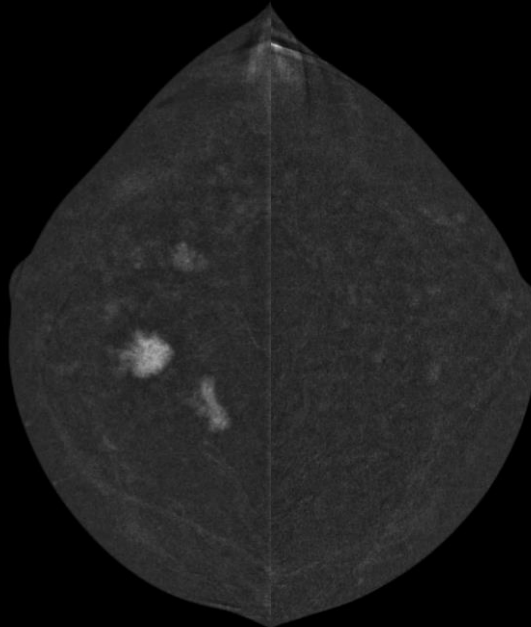
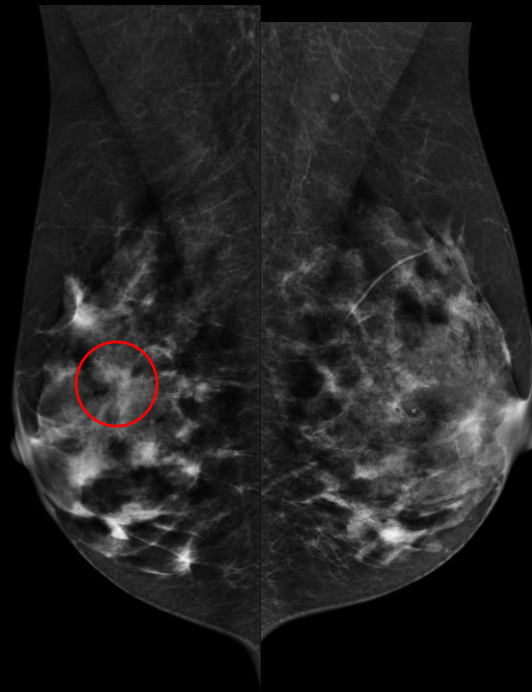
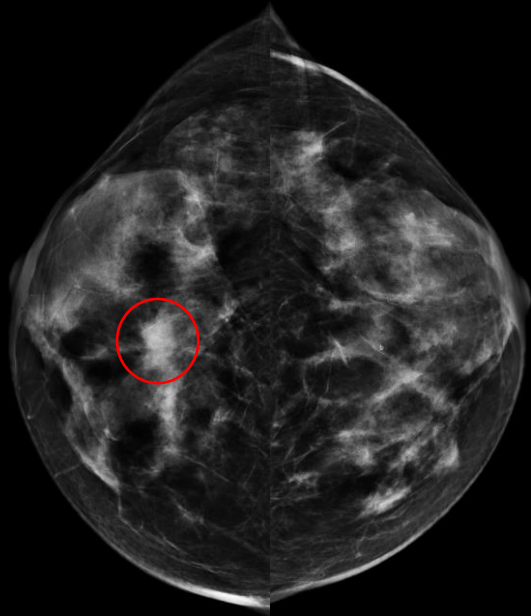
- Poorly localized for tomosynthesis guided biopsy
- “Pseudo-distortions”
- Possible post op distortion
 - *No priors, first tomo*



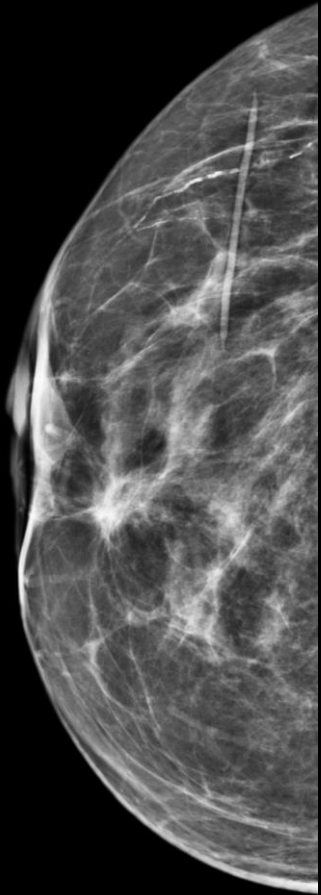


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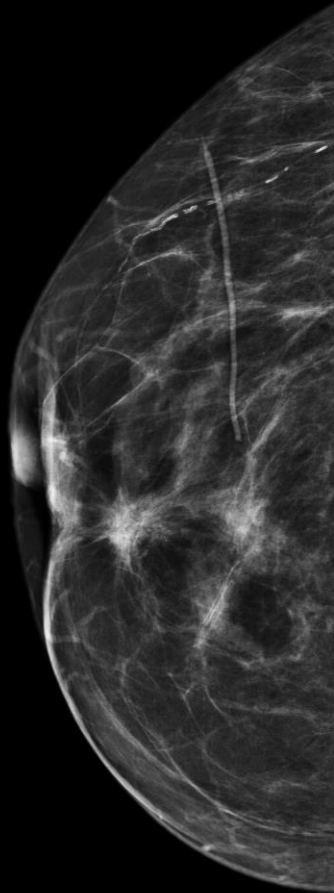




US x 2
Dominant Mass = ILC
Superior lateral LCIS



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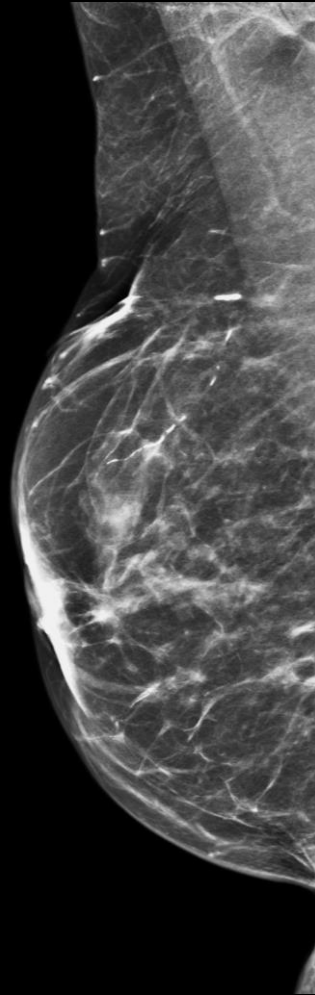


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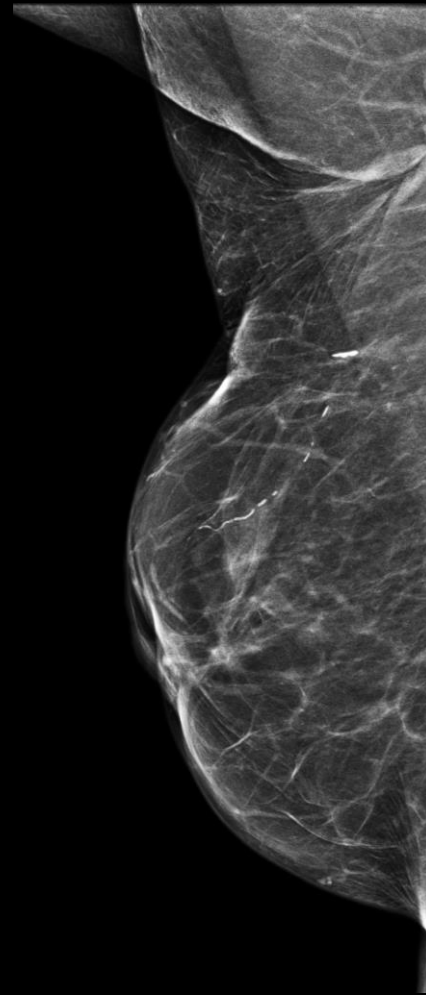


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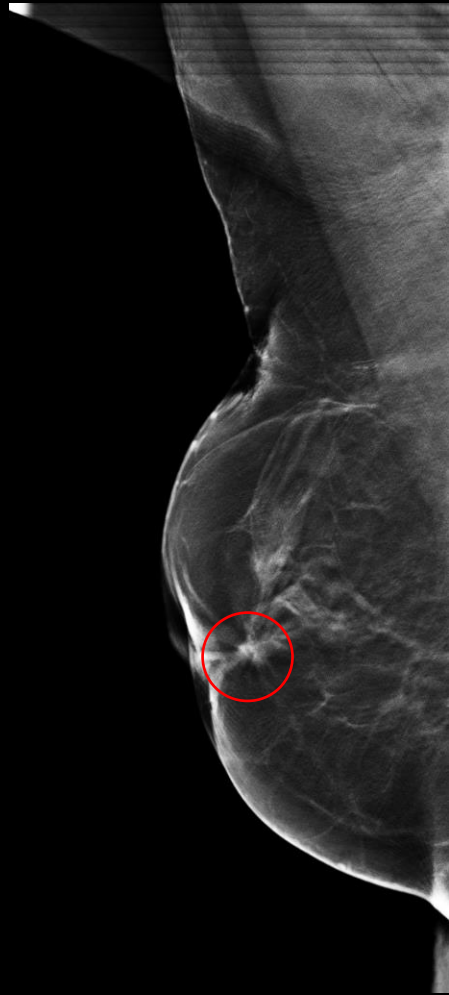
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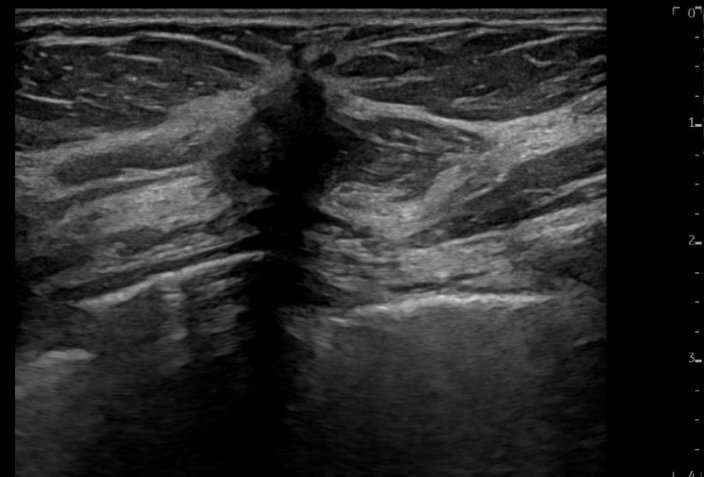
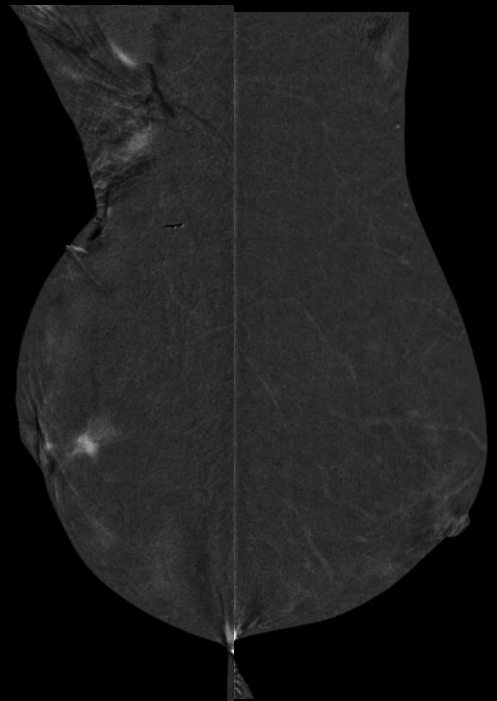
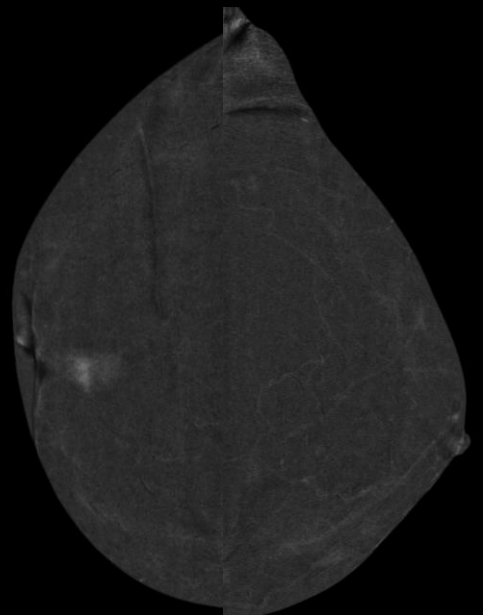
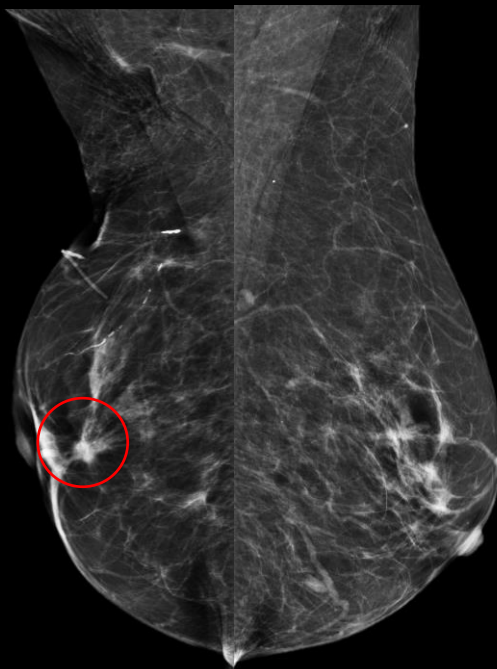
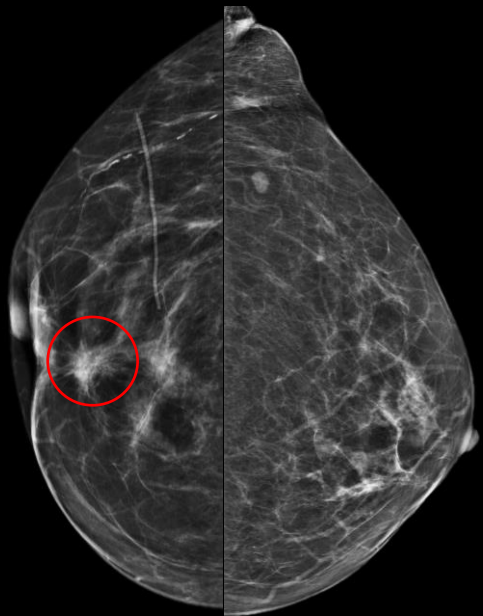
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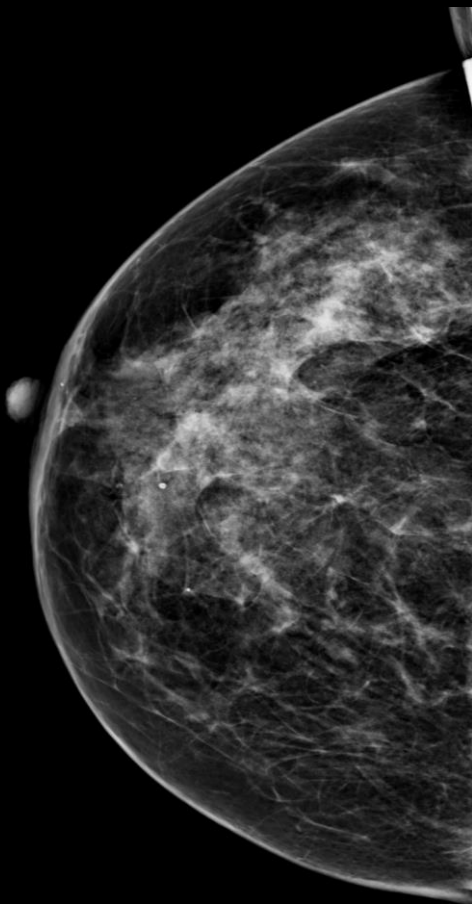
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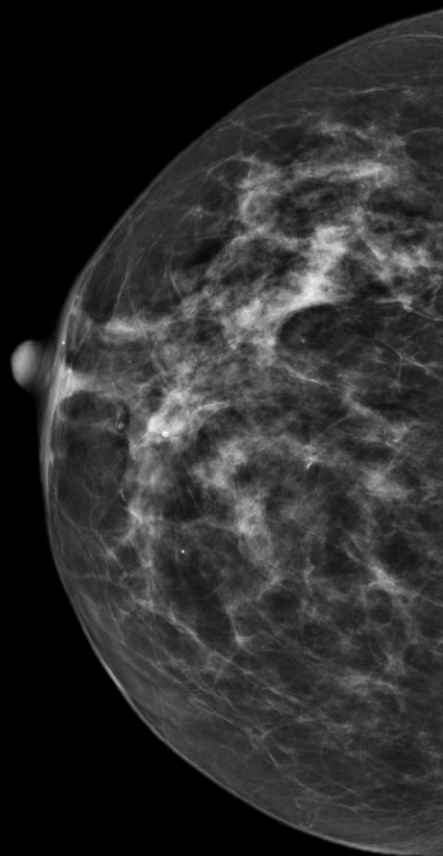
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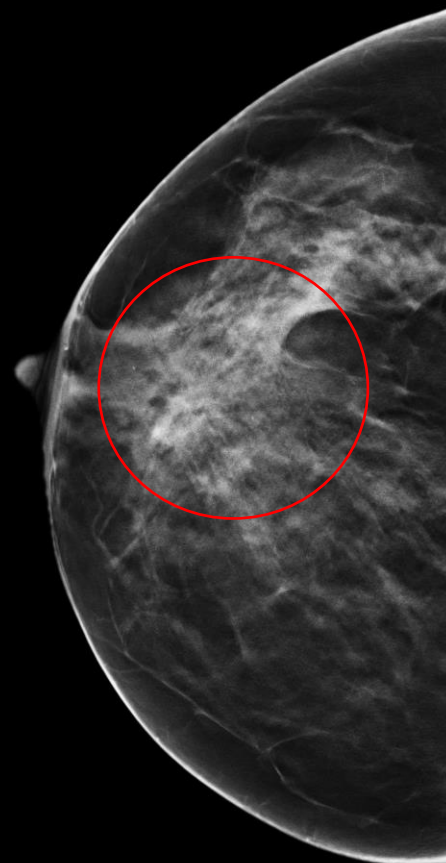
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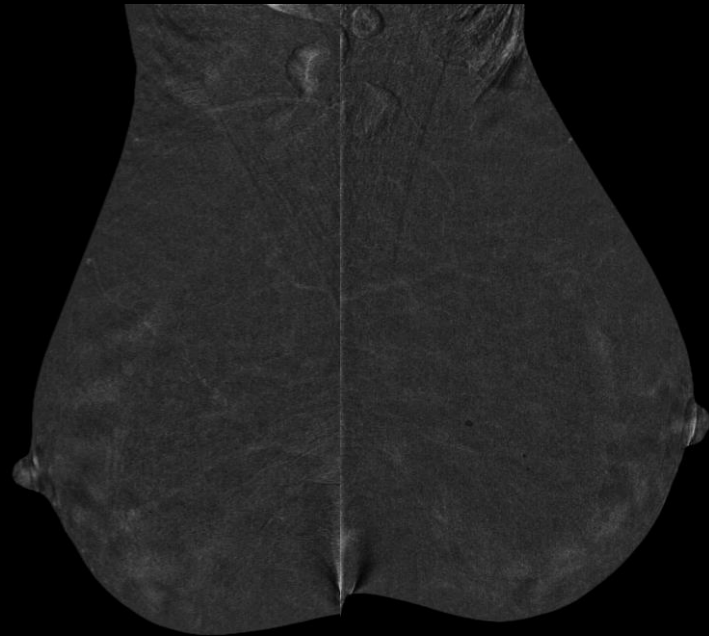
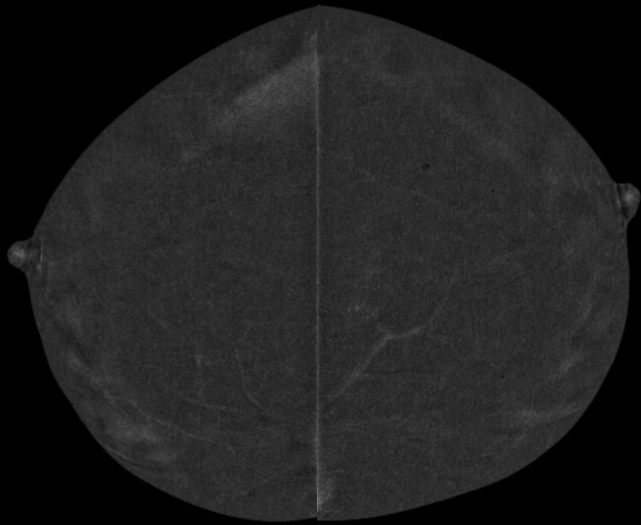
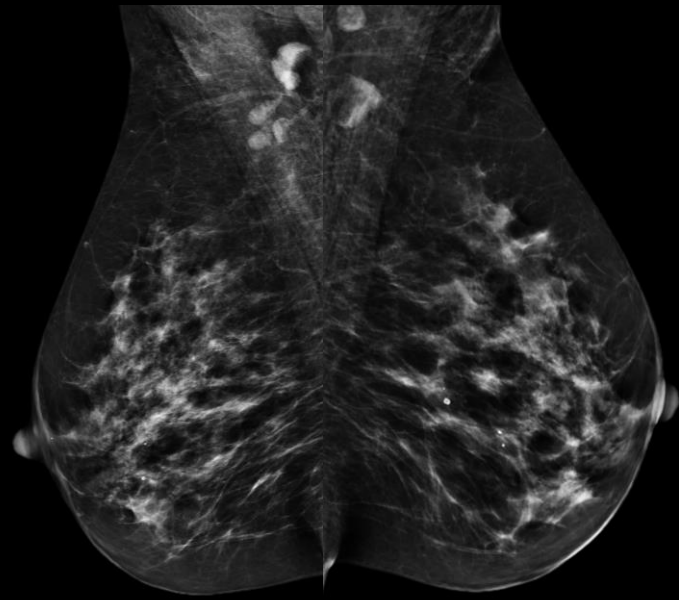
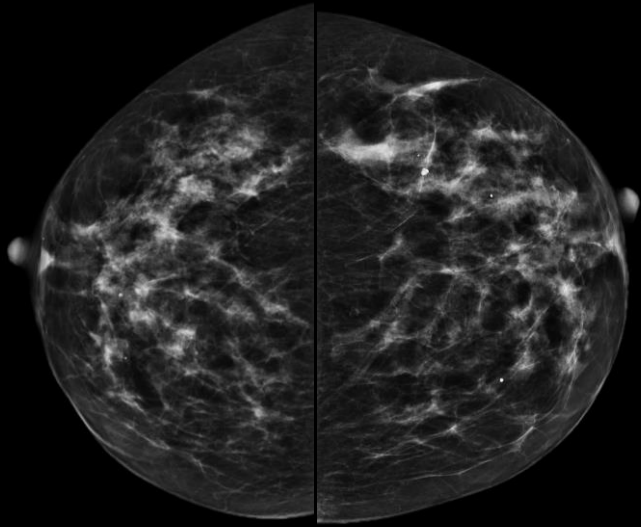
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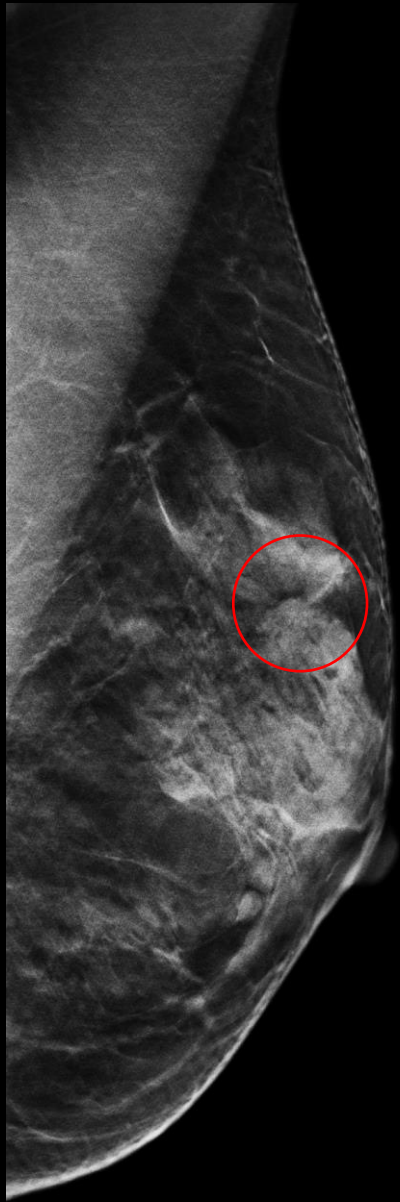
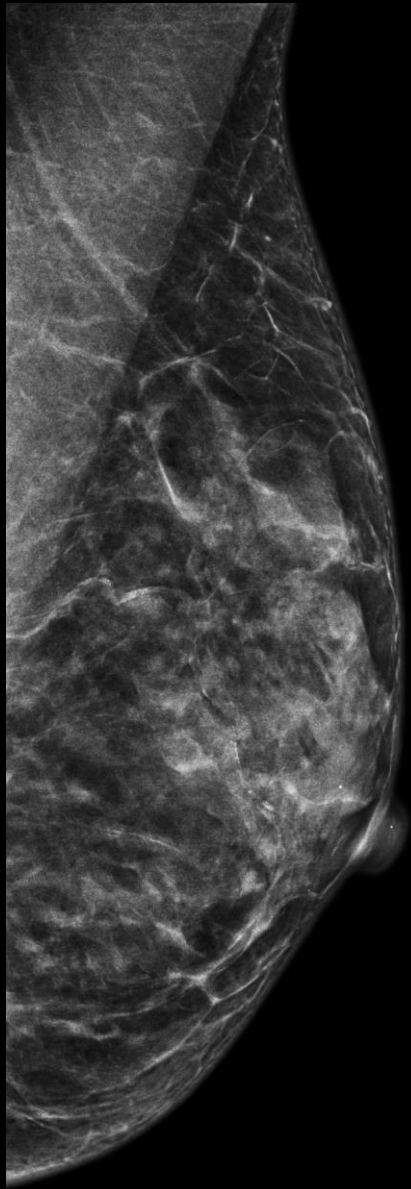
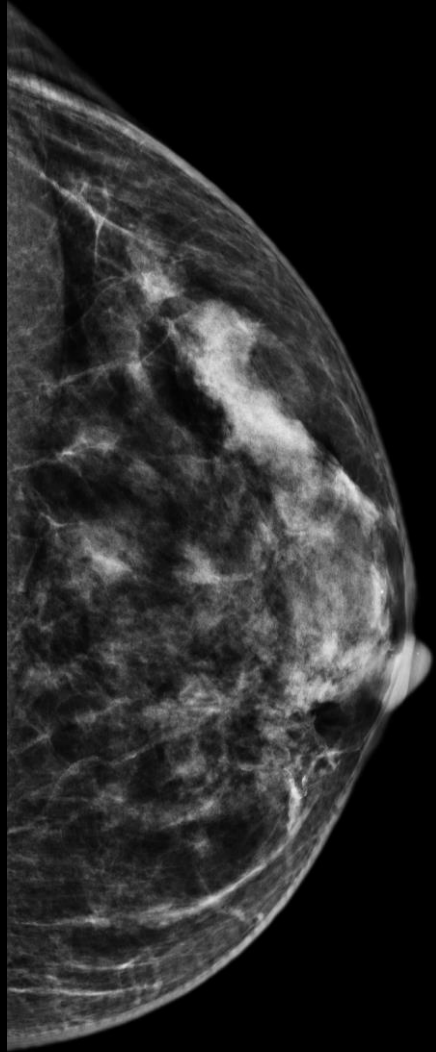


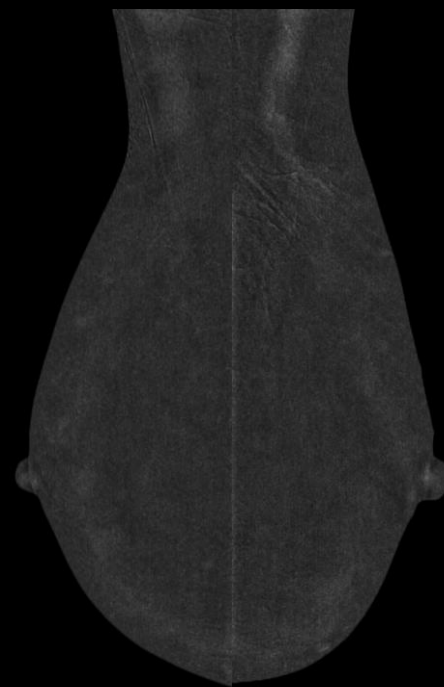
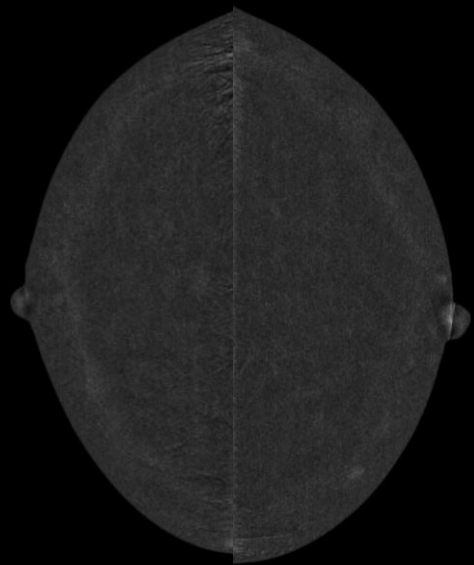
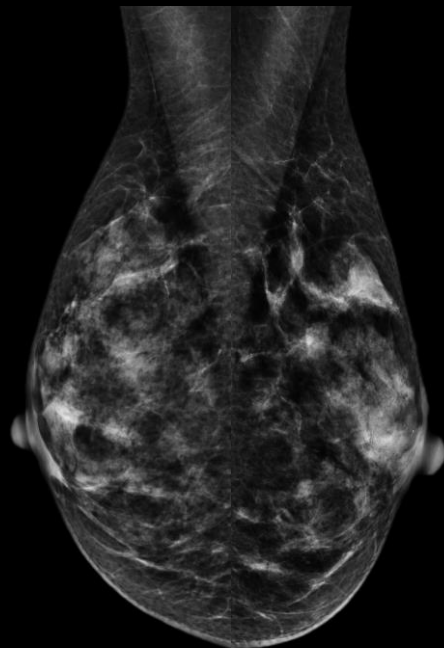
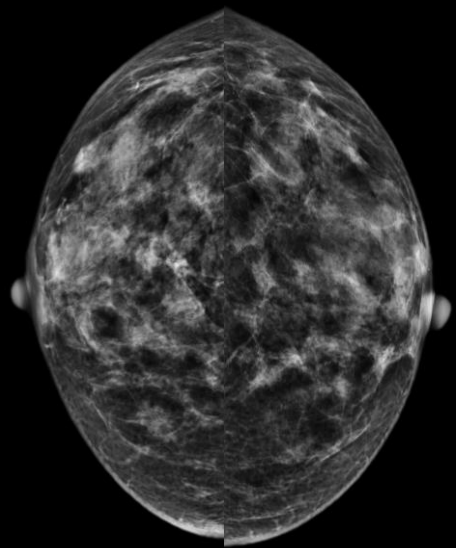
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Diagnostic Problem Solving (initial workup)

Architectural distortion

Asymmetries

ABUS recalls
(particularly non mass)

- Dense tissue, especially extremely dense
- Intermediate/high risk not getting vascular (CEM/MR) screening
- One view, focal, global
 - *vs. developing asymmetry → biopsy*

CEM and asymmetries

CEM has high NPV

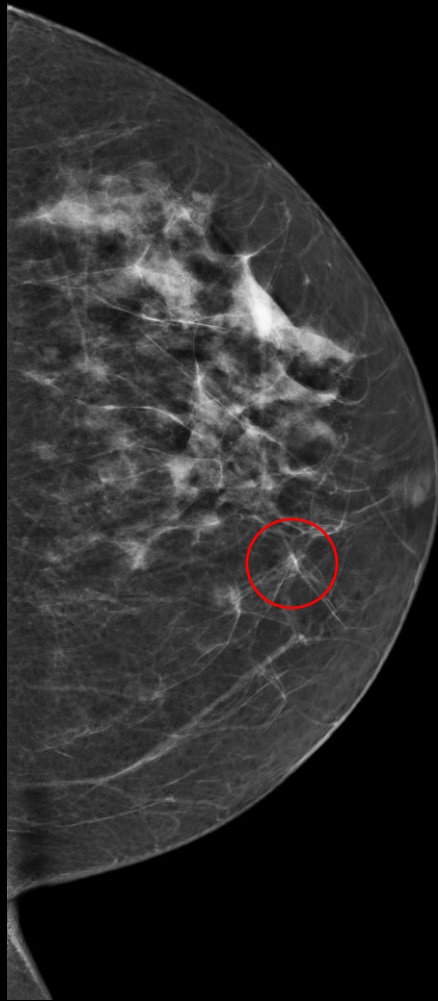
 Allows return to screening

- Wessam et al, BJR, 2019
 - 125 asymmetries
 - **100% NPV**
 - 1 developing asymmetry enhanced and was malignant
- Kamal et al, Egypt J Radiol Nucl Med, 2019
 - 380 asymmetries
 - **96% NPV**
 - 14 false neg CEM (9 non enhancing, 5 “faintly enhancing”)
 - 98% NPV if include “faintly enhancing”
 - 99% NPV if add US (only 3 FN, one “faintly enhancing”)

Developing Asymmetry

- Leung et al, AJR, 2007
 - Developing asymmetry at screening PPV 13%
 - We use CEM less here, anticipating progressing **directly to biopsy**

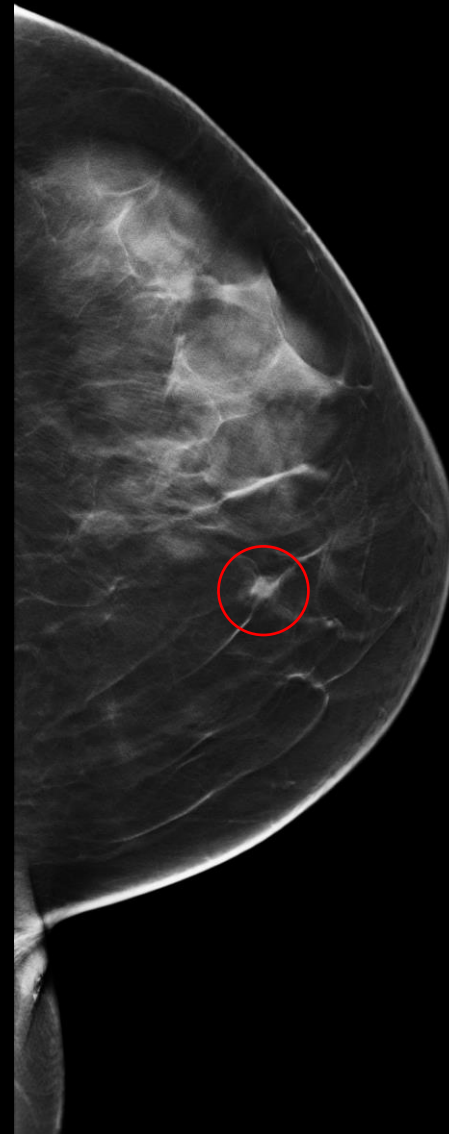




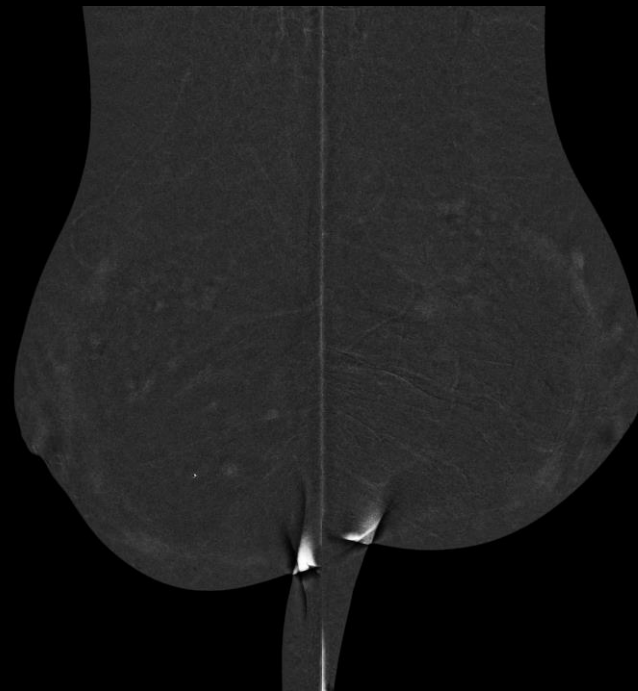
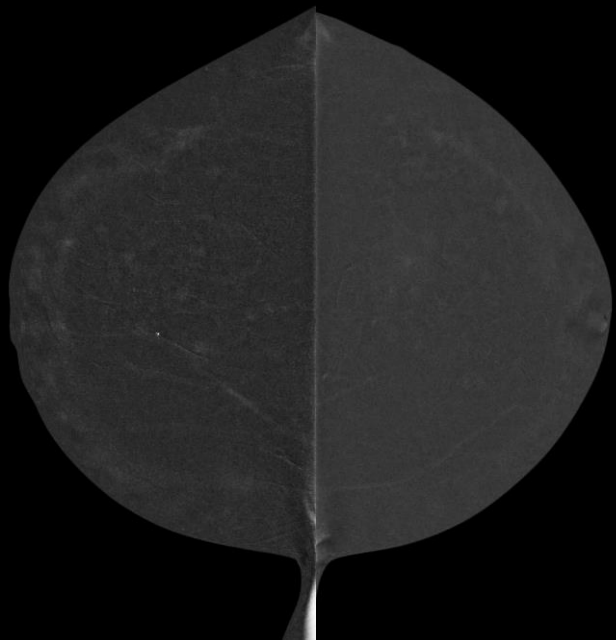
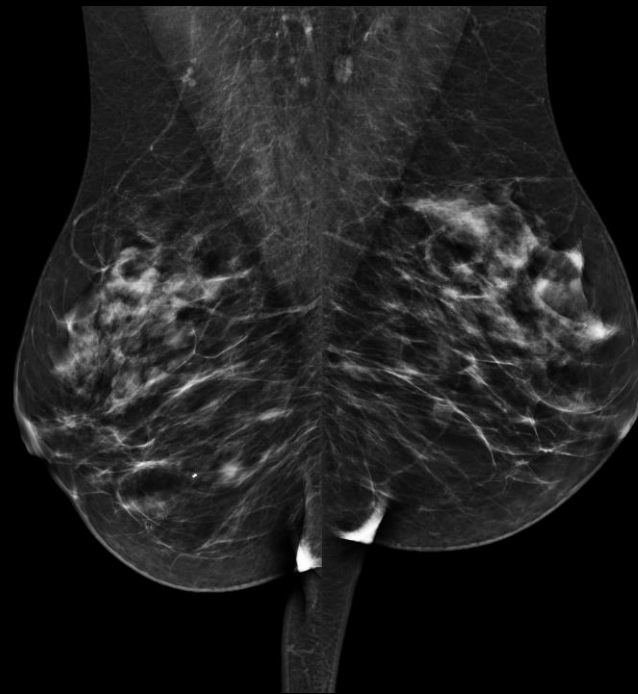
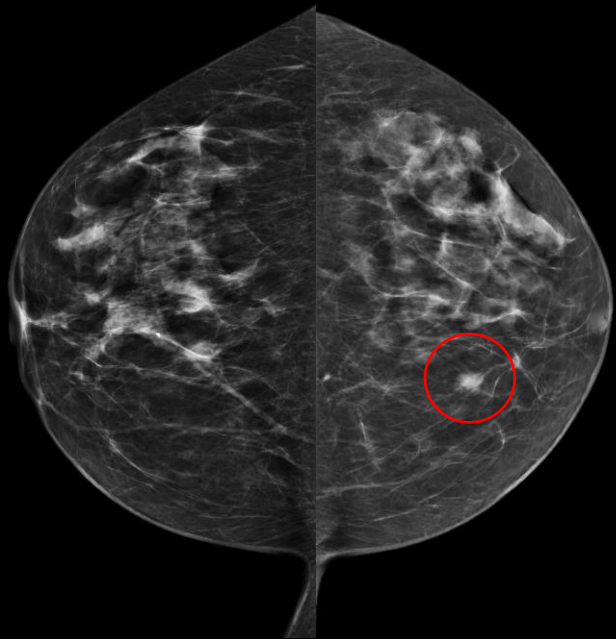
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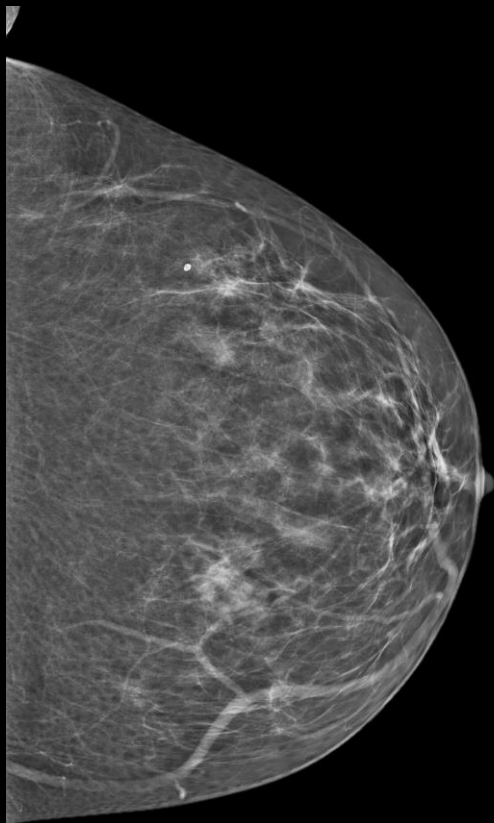


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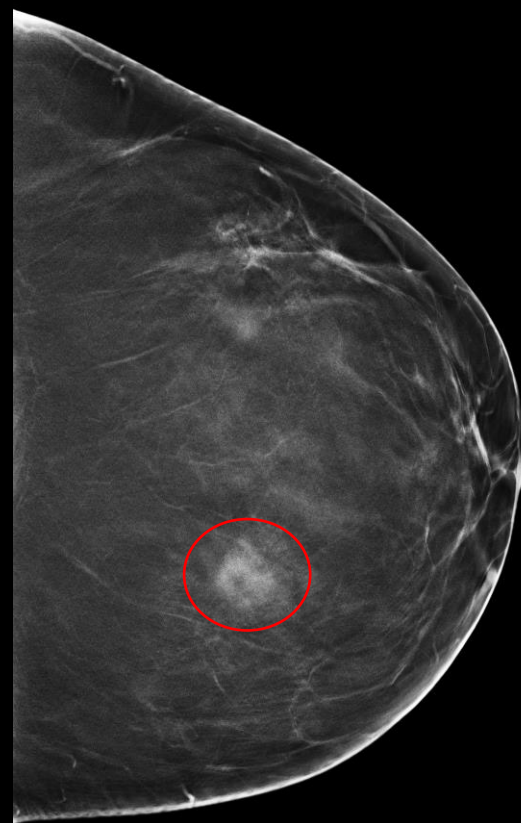
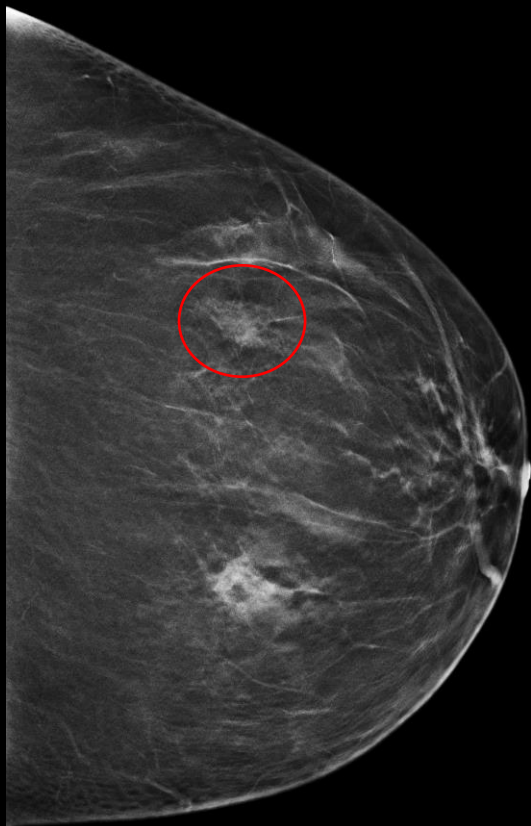


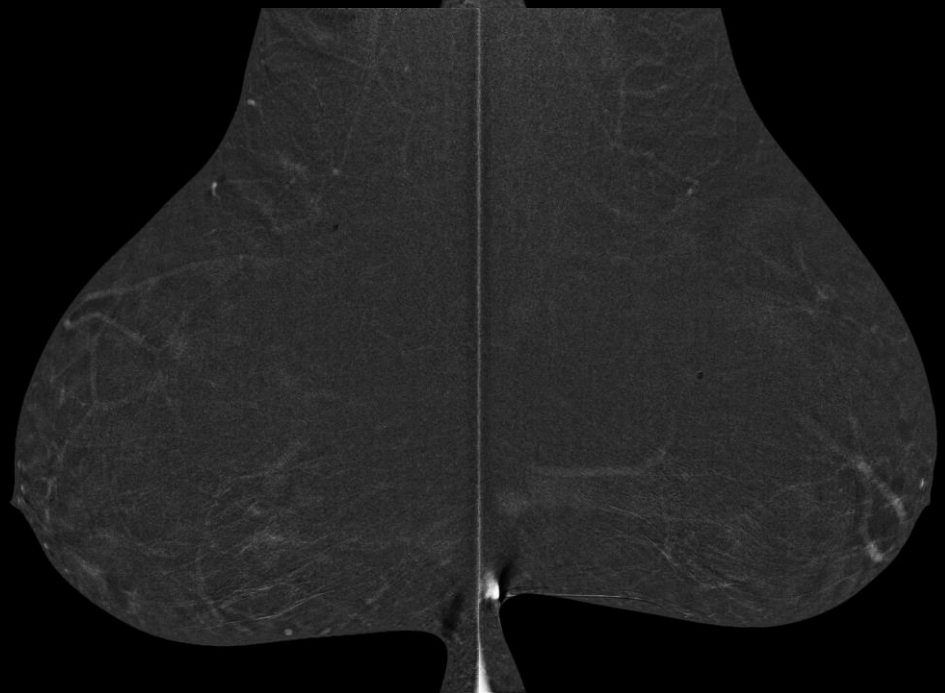
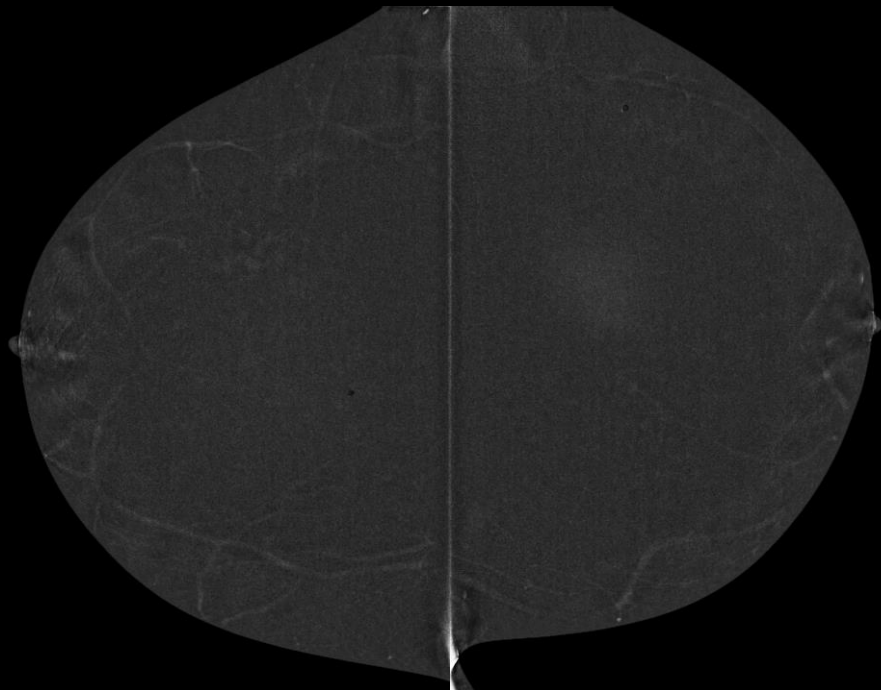
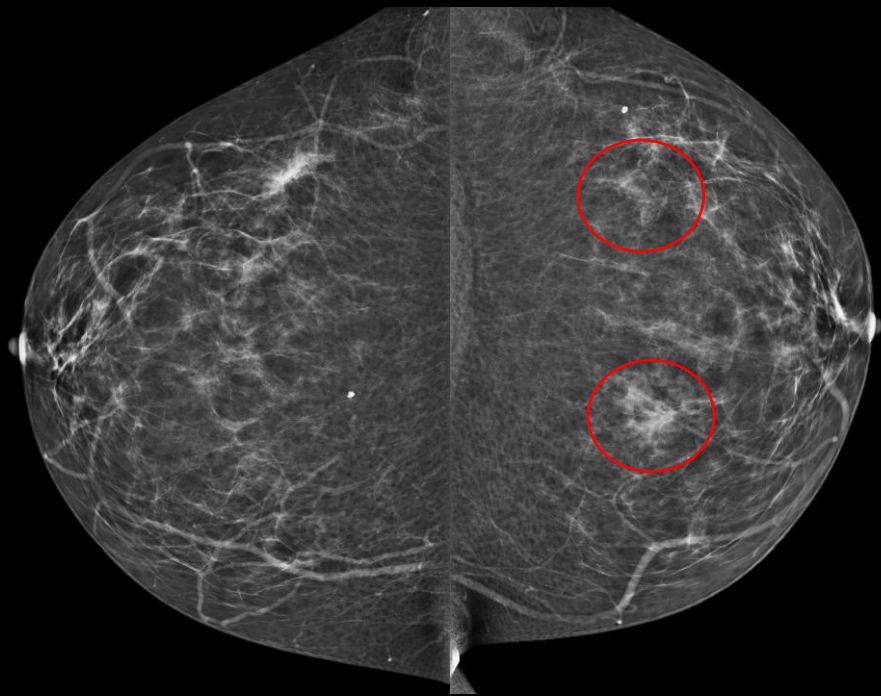
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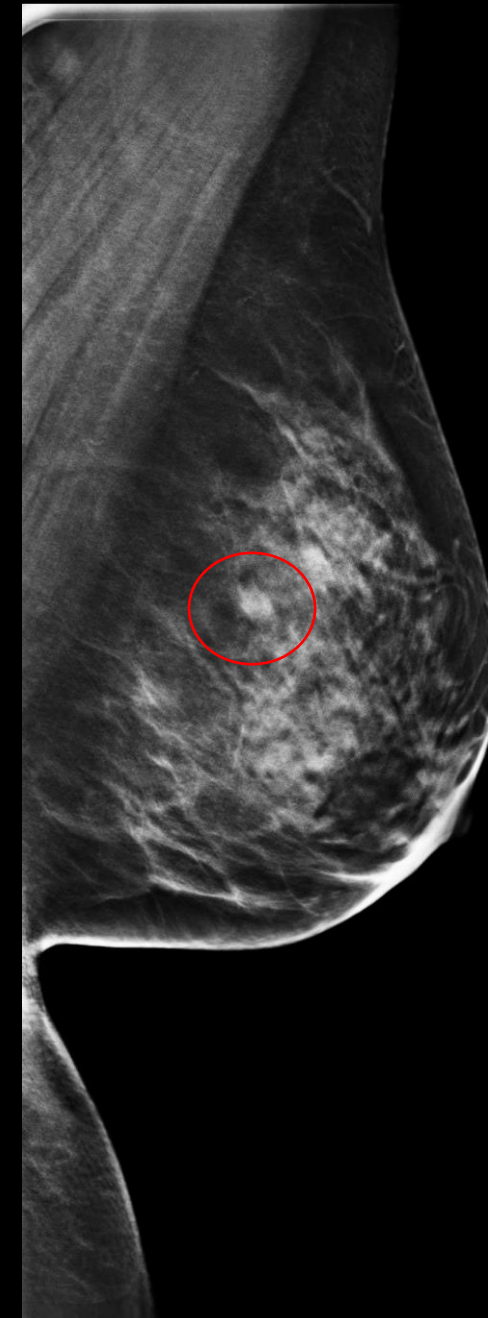
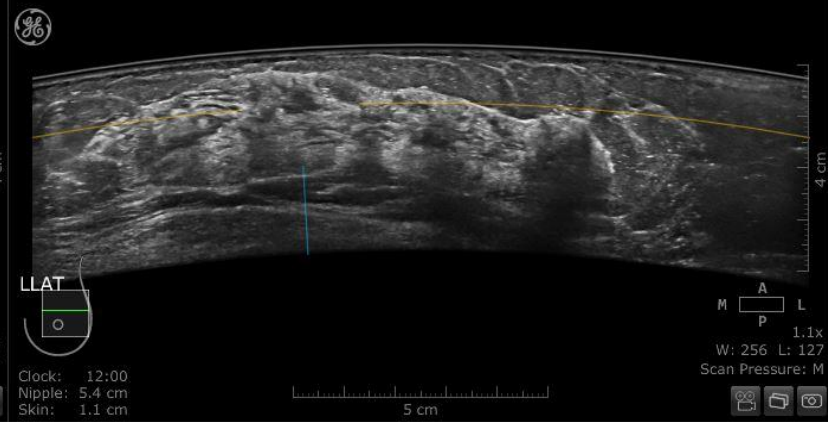
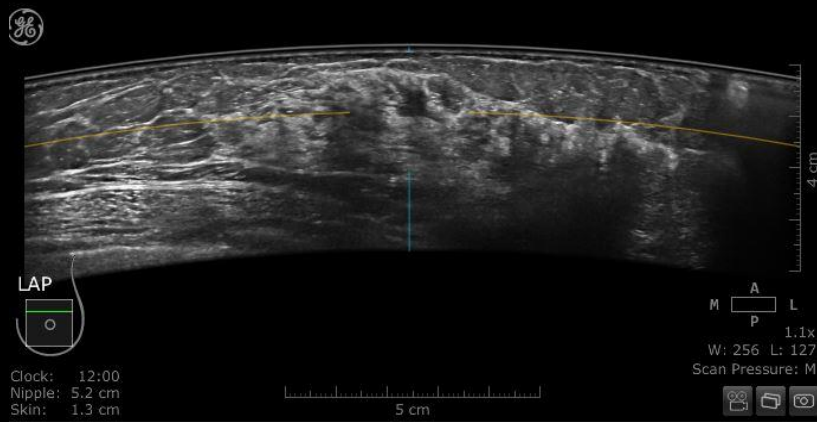
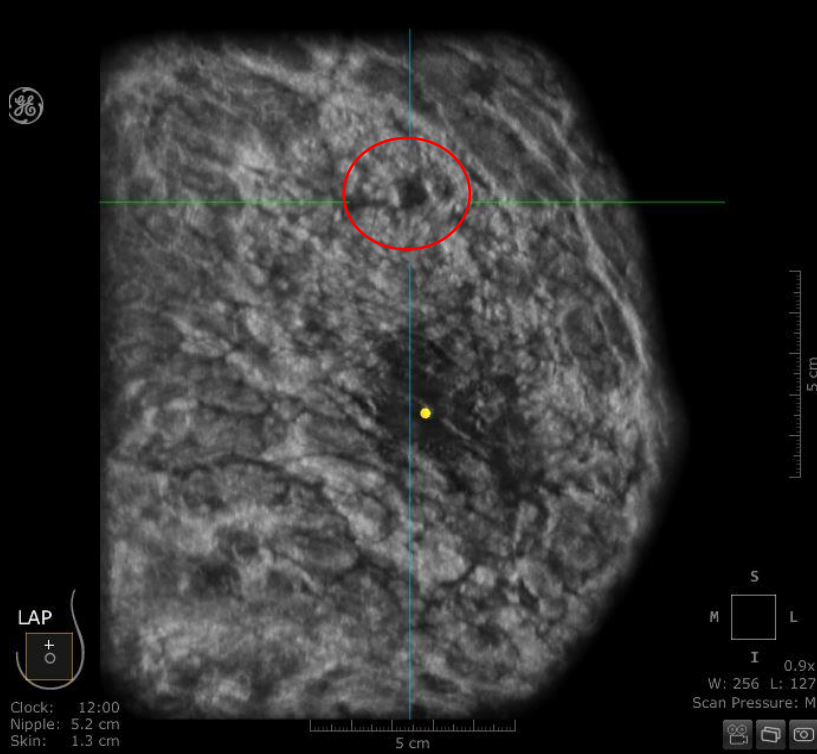
Diagnostic Problem Solving (initial workup)

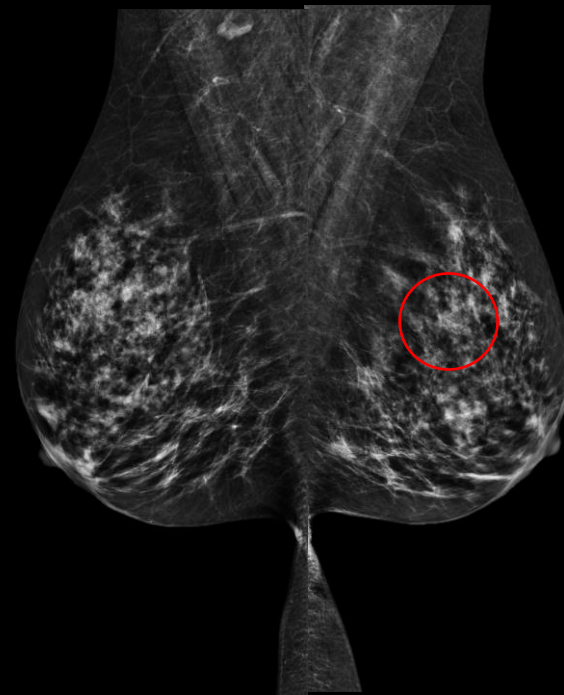
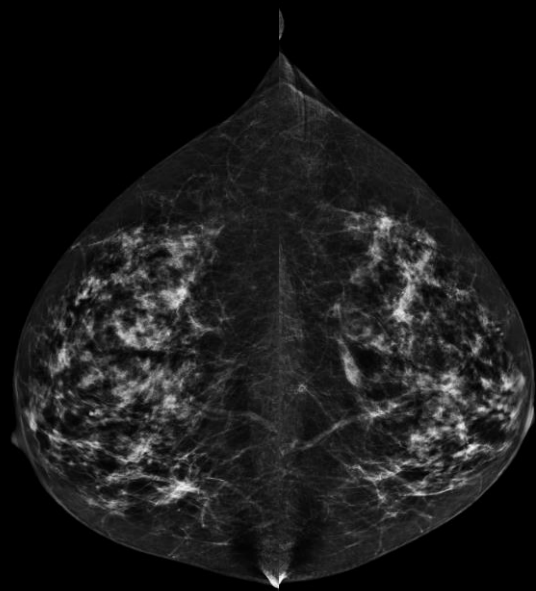
Architectural distortion

Asymmetries

ABUS recalls
(particularly non mass)

- Intermediate/high risk
- Multiple callbacks
- Limitations to ABUS technique
 - *Breast size*
 - *Surgical changes*
 - *Tissue heterogeneity/shadowing*





CEM rarely used for screening recalls of:

Calcifications

Magnification views remain our primary diagnostic tool

Masses

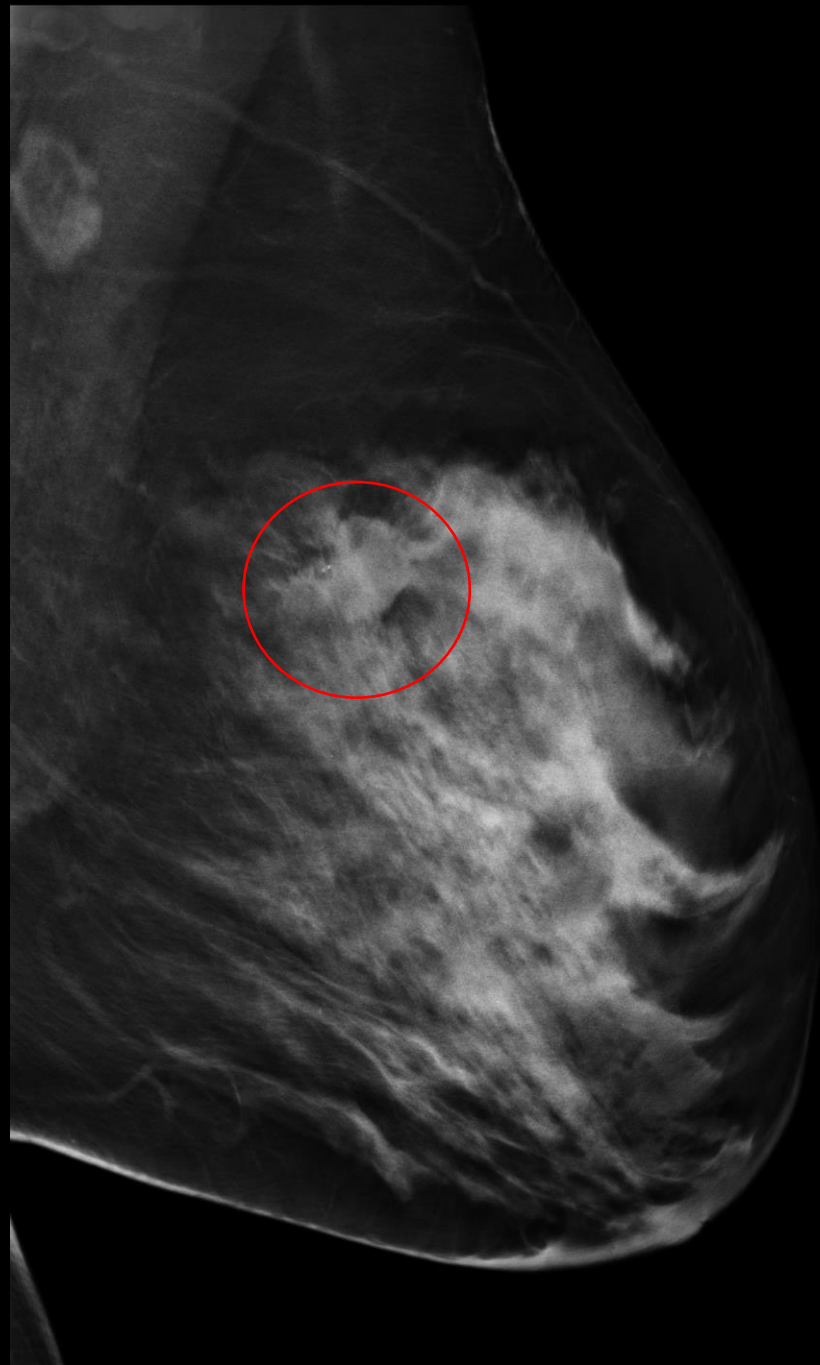
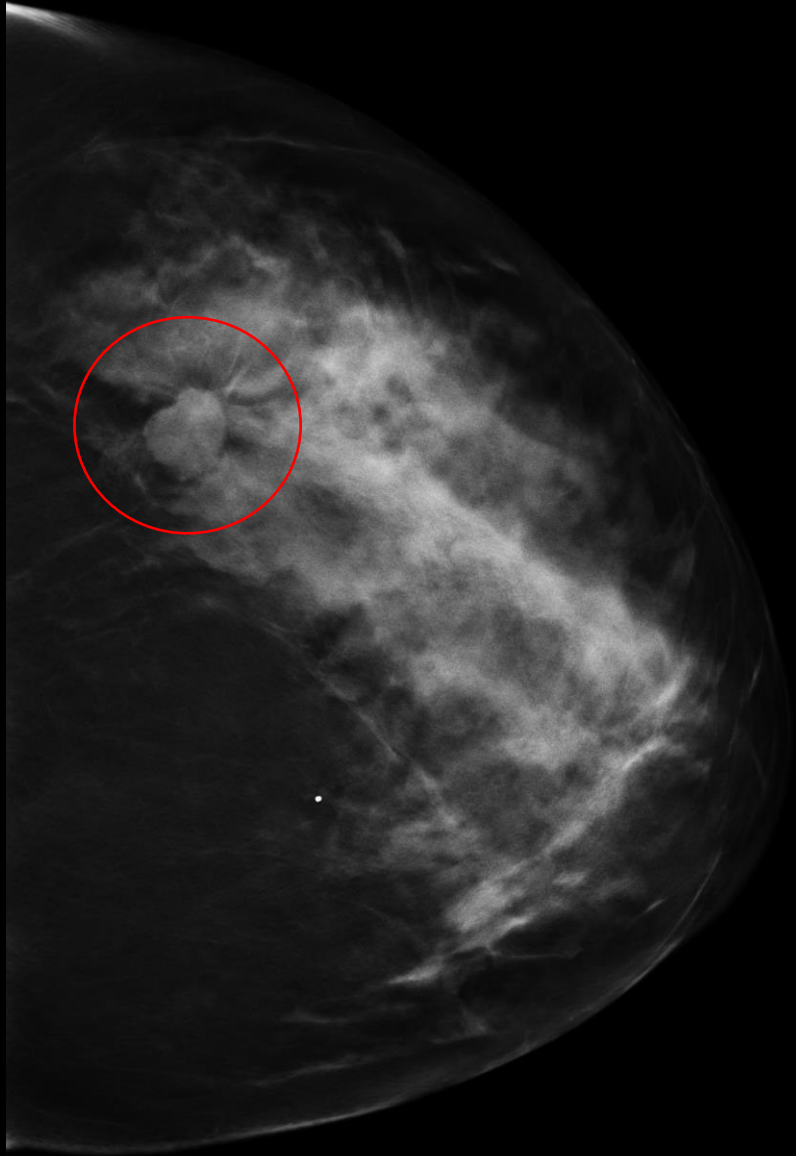
Ultrasound remains our primary diagnostic tool

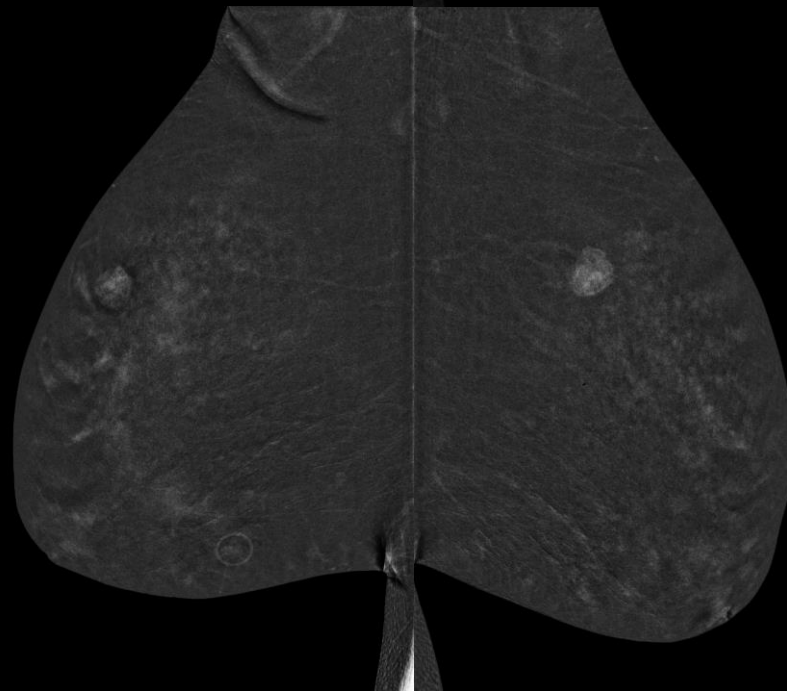
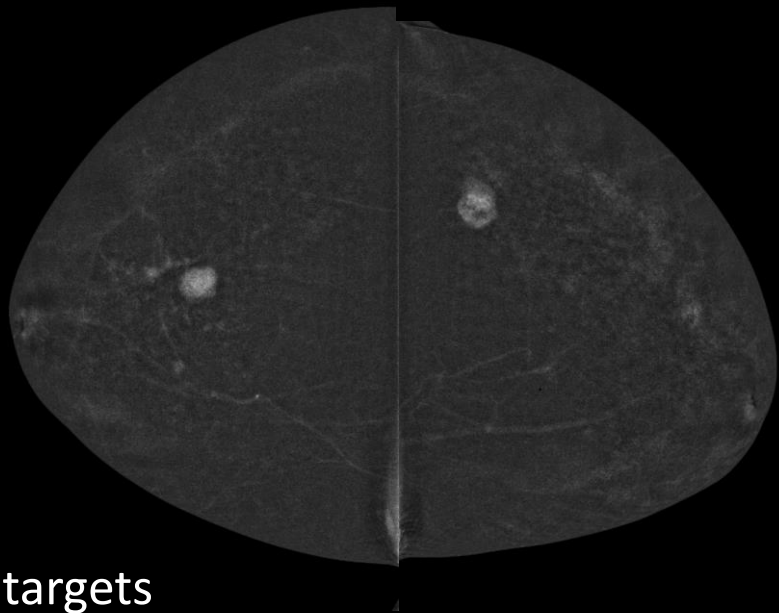
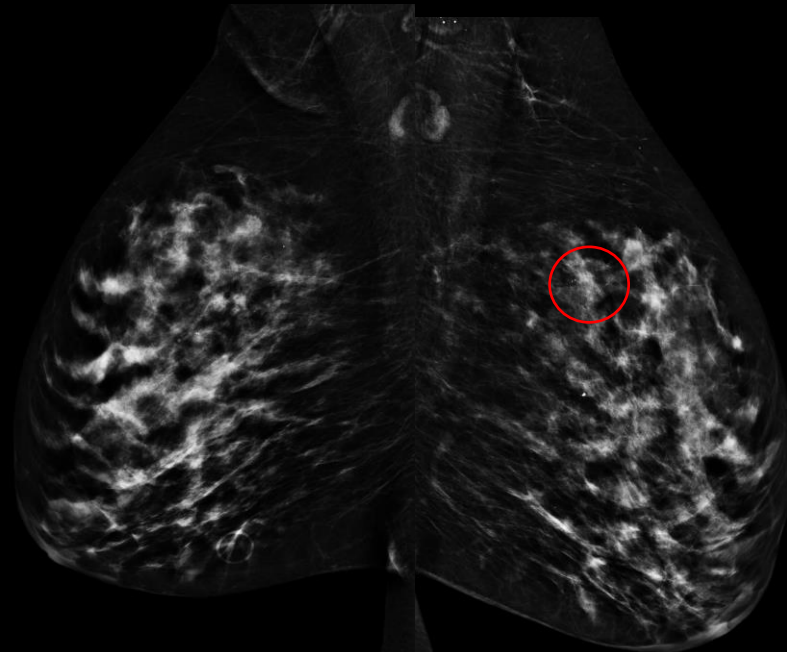
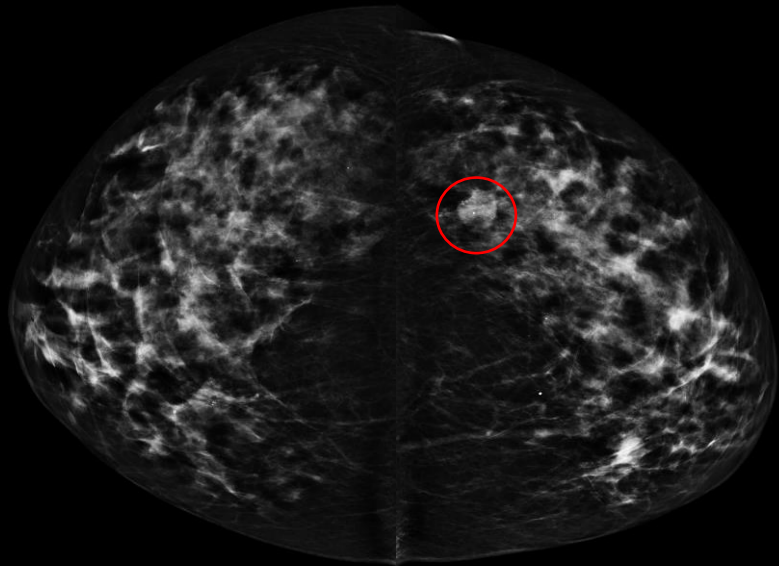
BUT...

Sometimes use CEM if either are highly suspicious and/or in dense tissue

- Extent of disease, targeting biopsies (multiple?)
- Screen for other sites of occult malignancy (high risk, not being screened with MRI)







Bilat US targets
Bilat IDC

CEM after initial diagnostic work-up



Prior to targeted US if an asymmetry resolves but dense, high risk



To add confidence to negative diagnostic work up (dense, high risk)

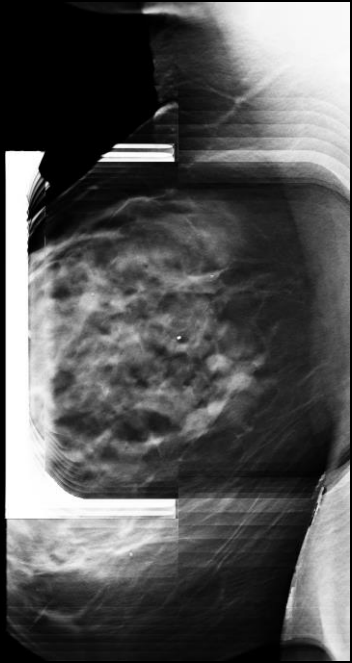
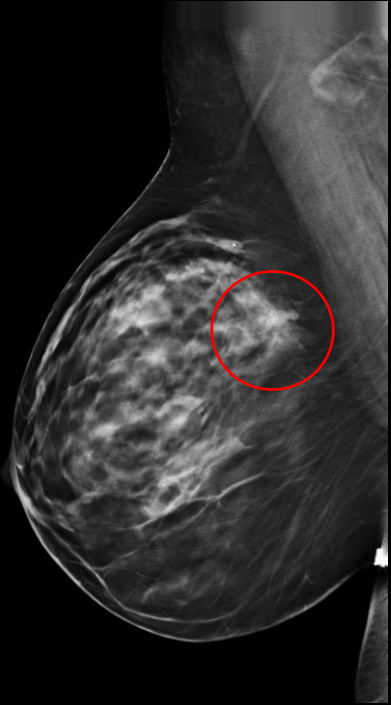
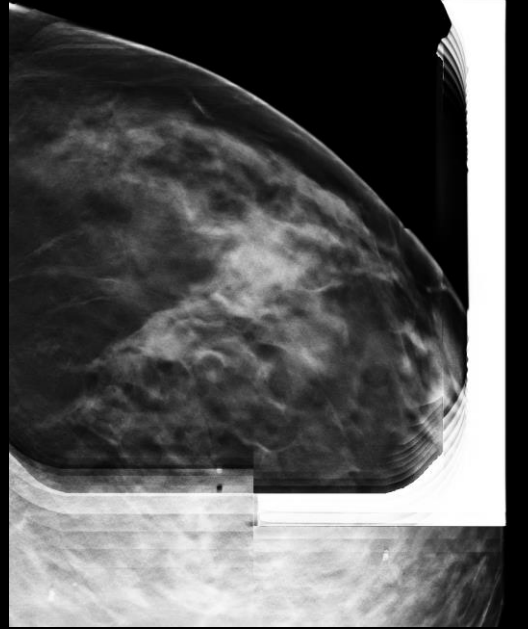
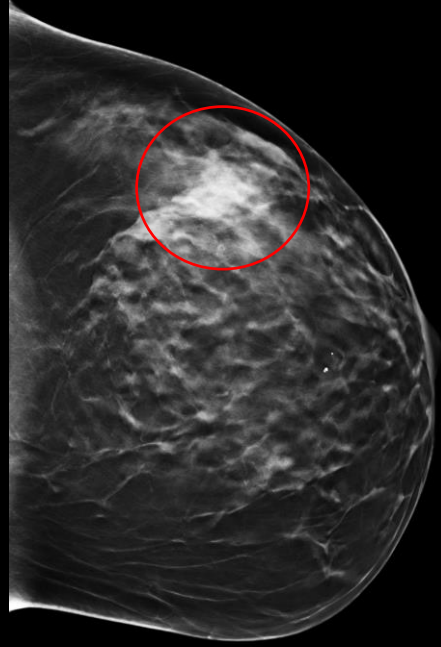
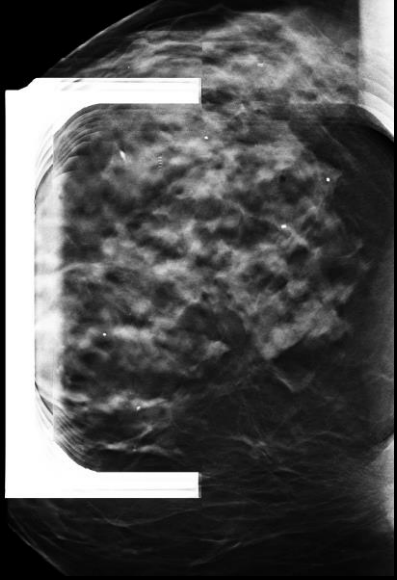
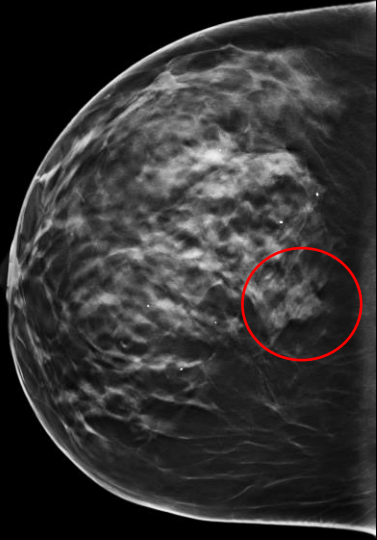


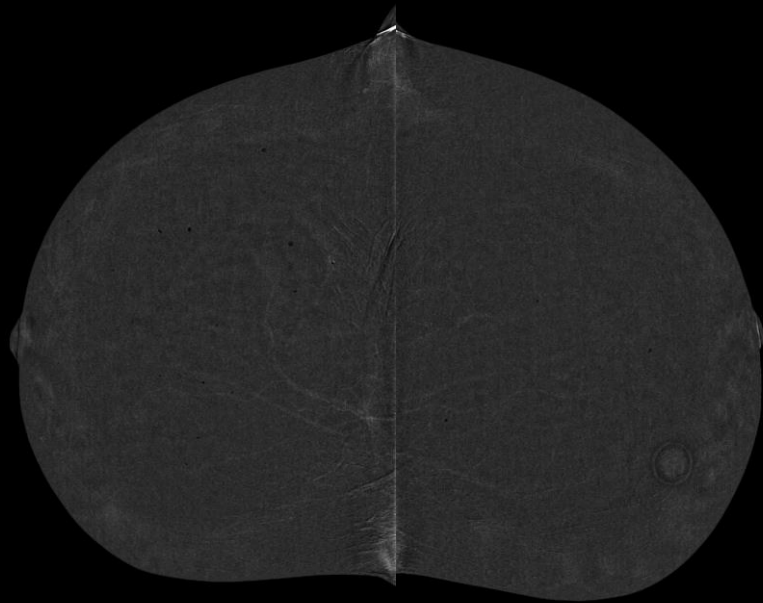
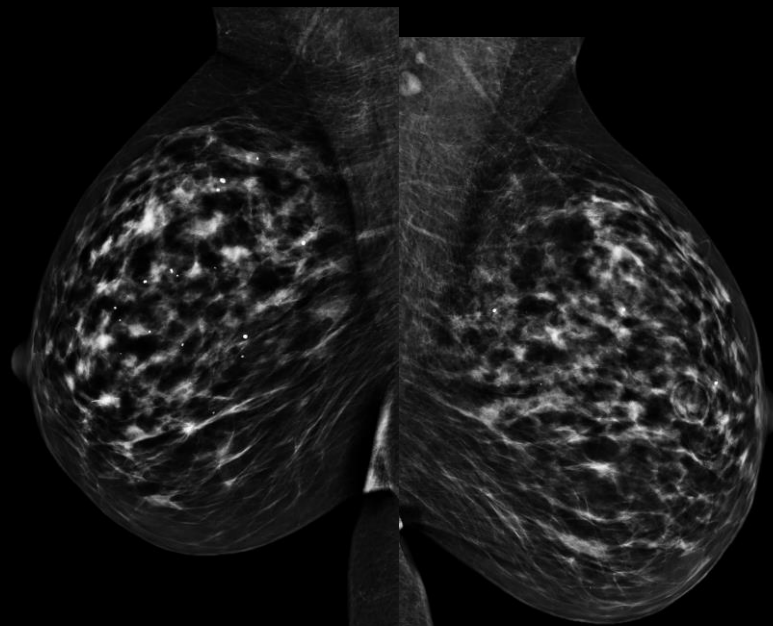
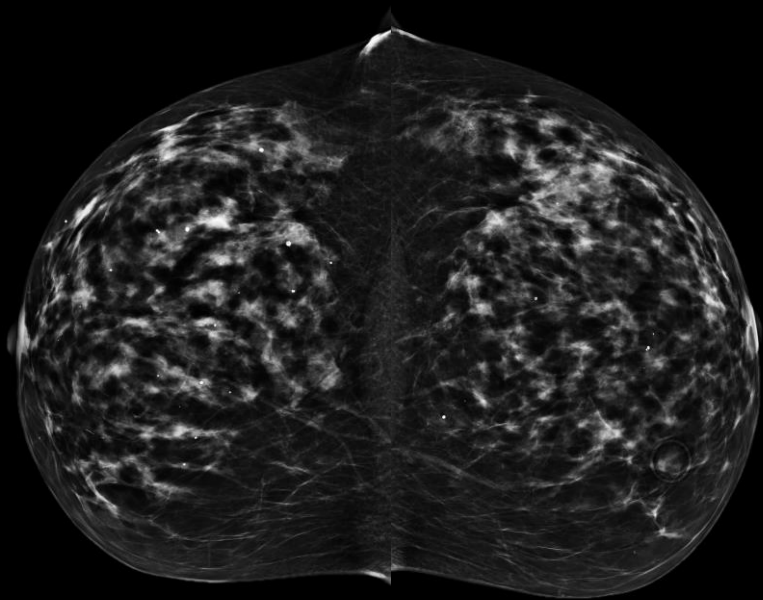
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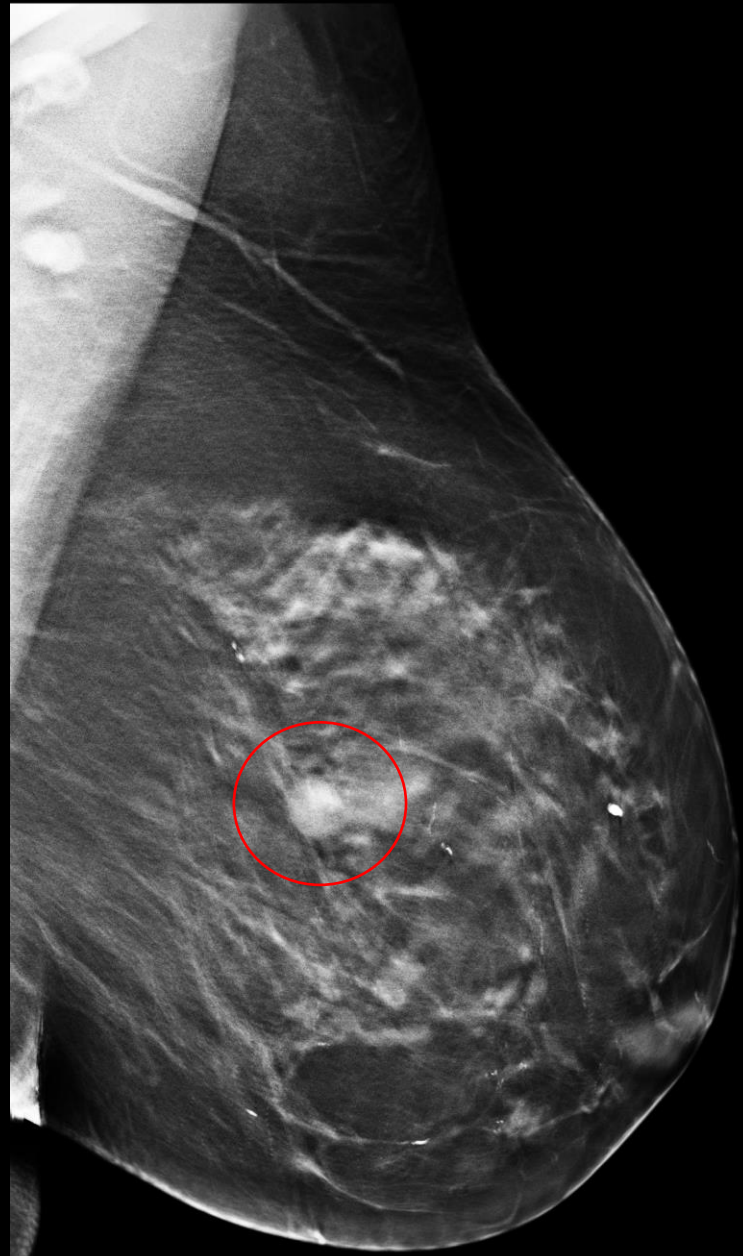
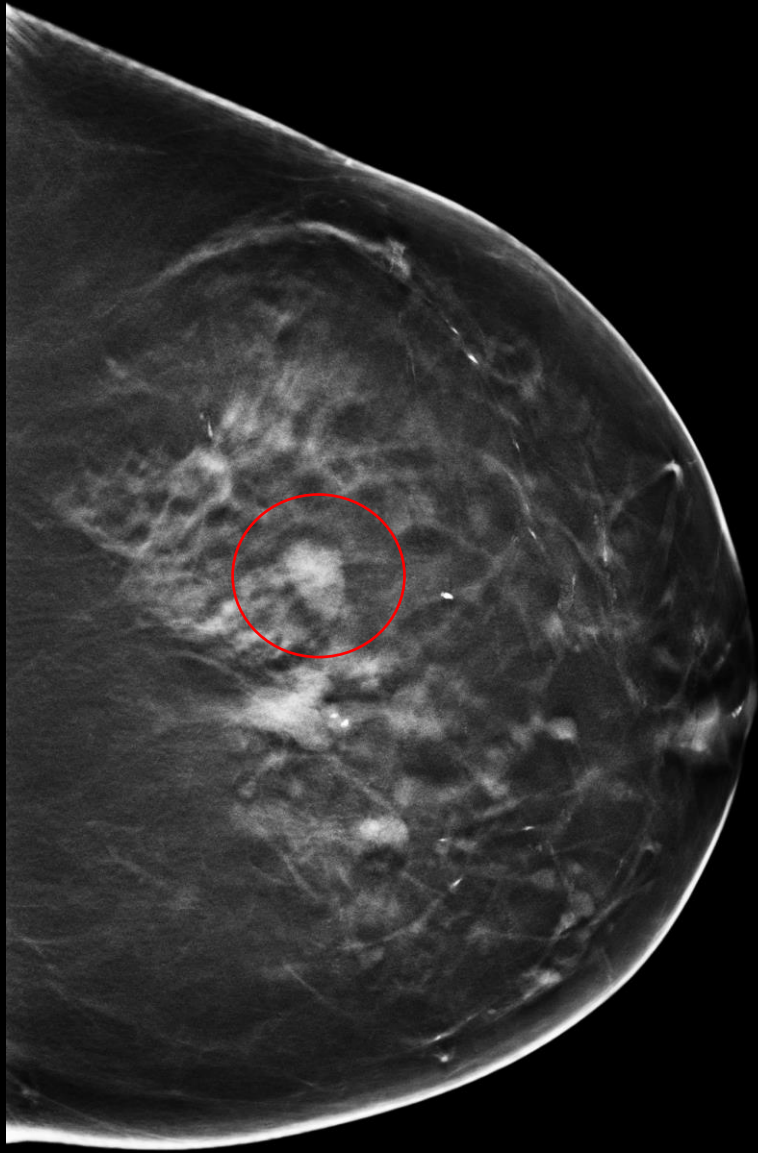


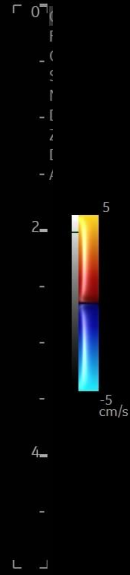
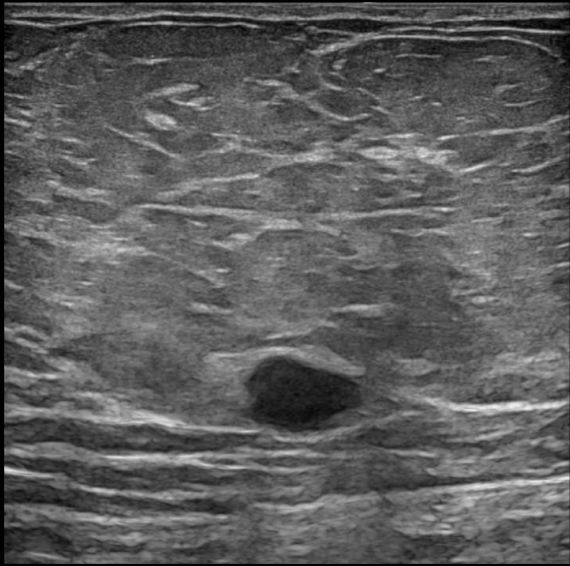
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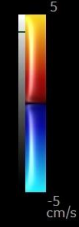
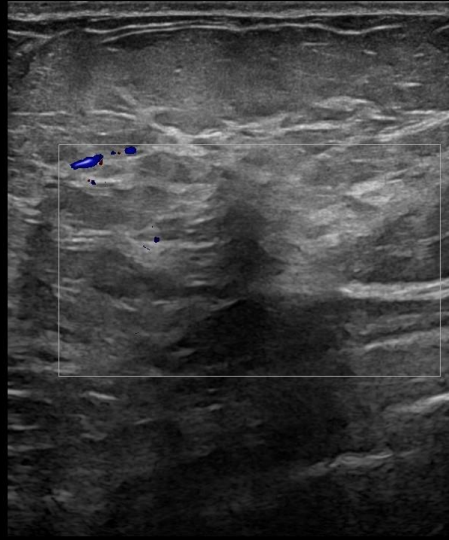




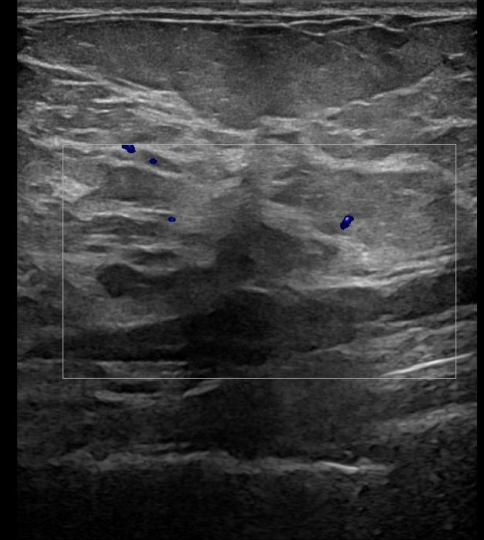




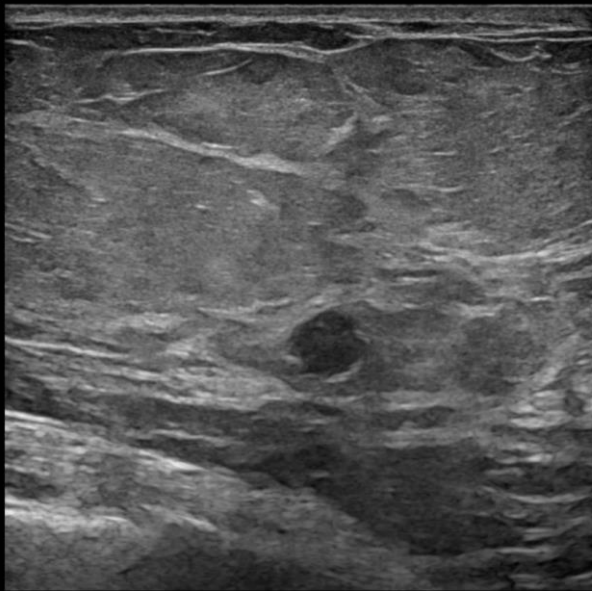
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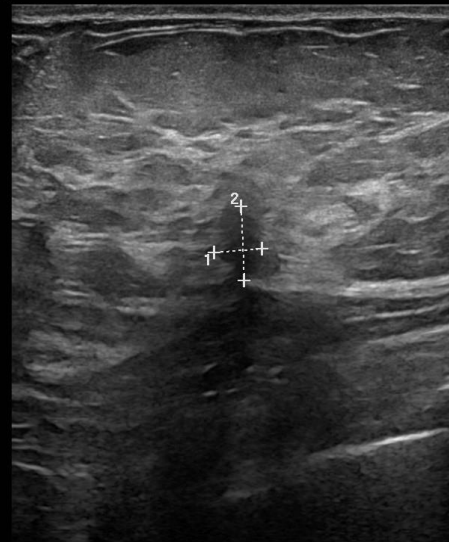
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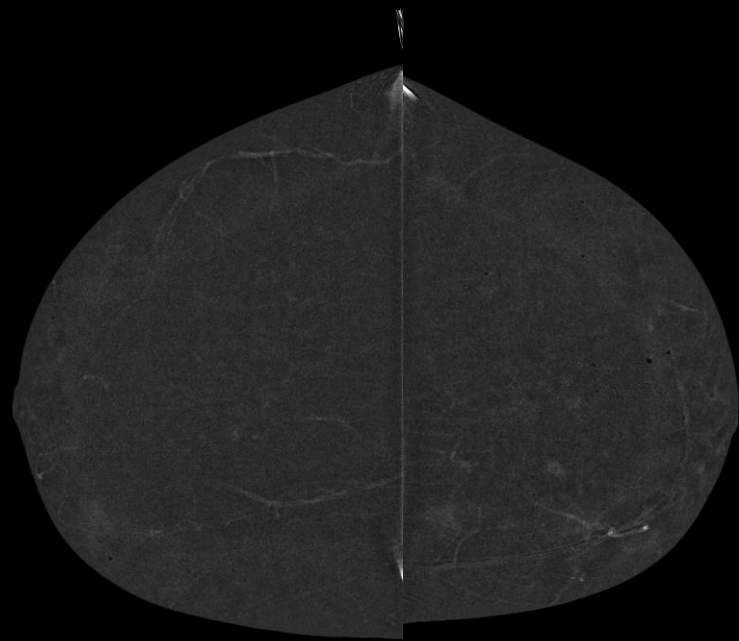
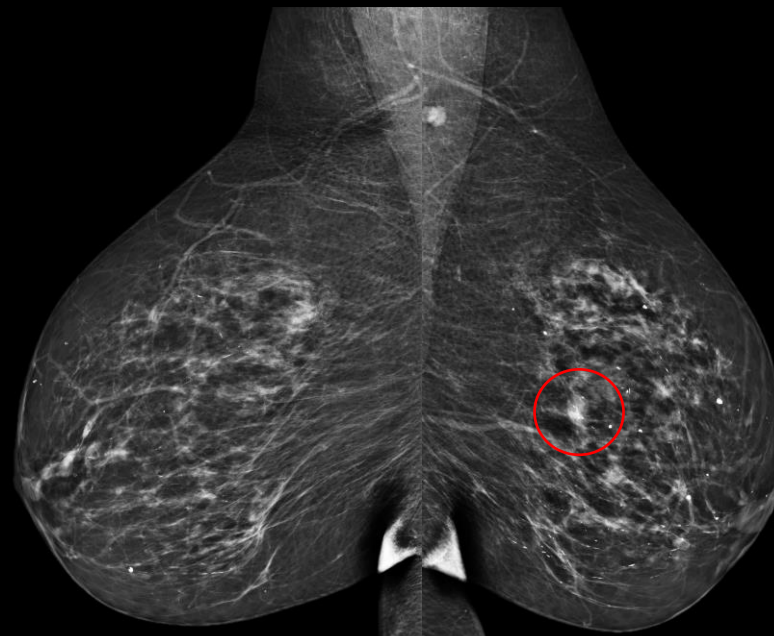
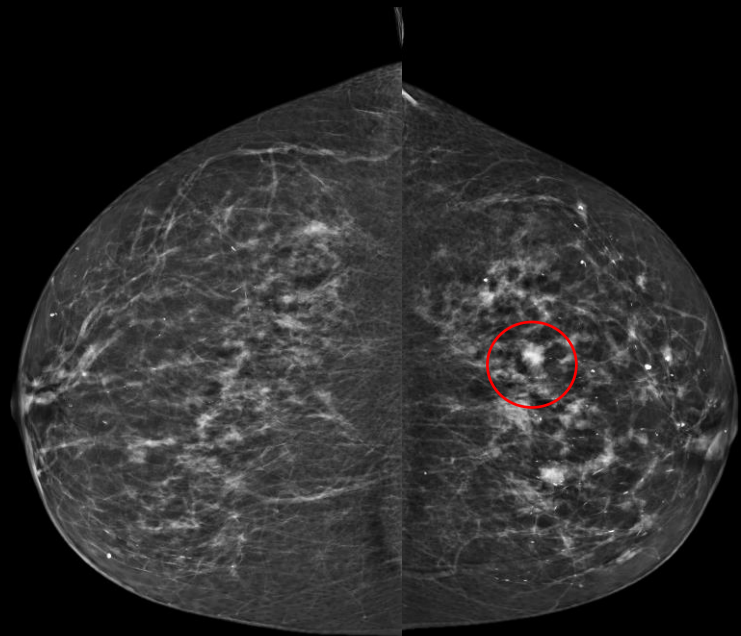


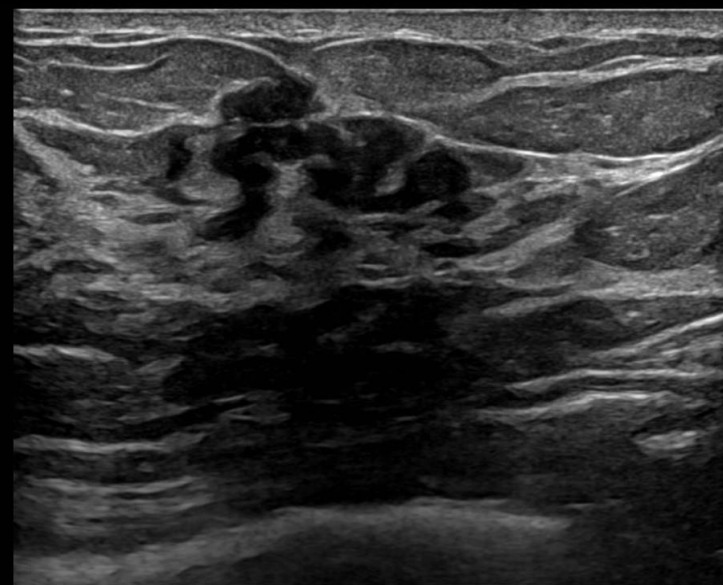
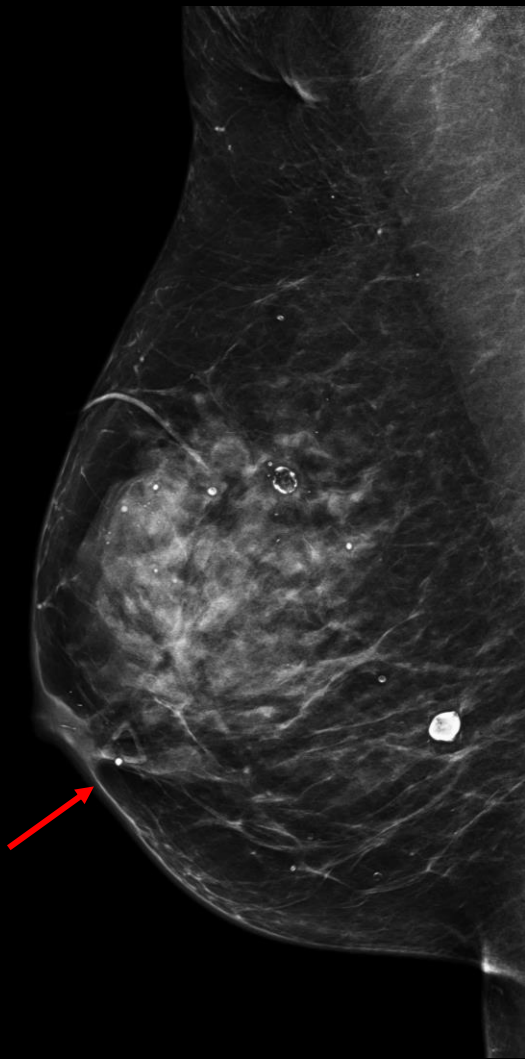
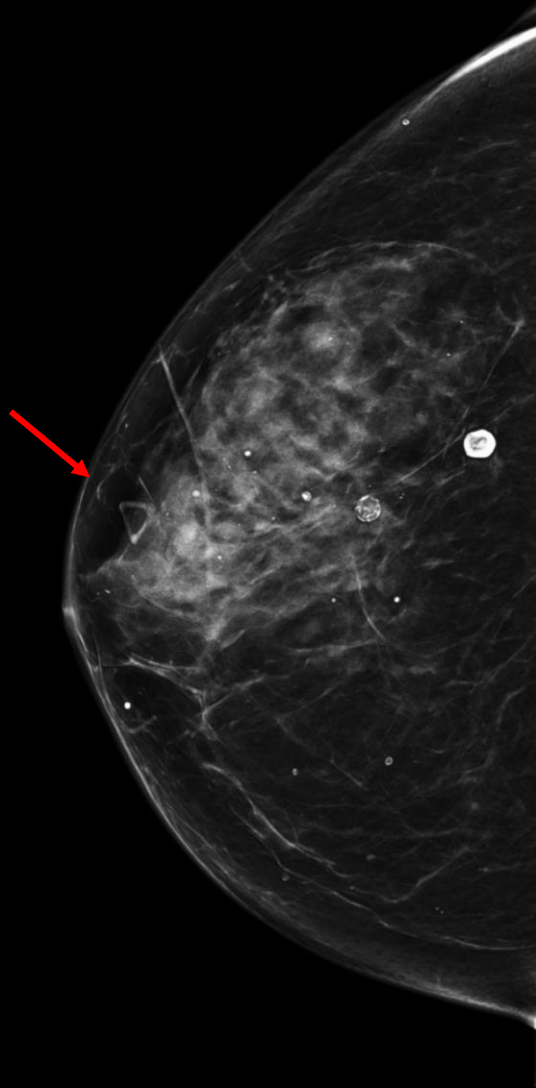
● REC
1 L 0.54 cm
2 L 0.83 cm



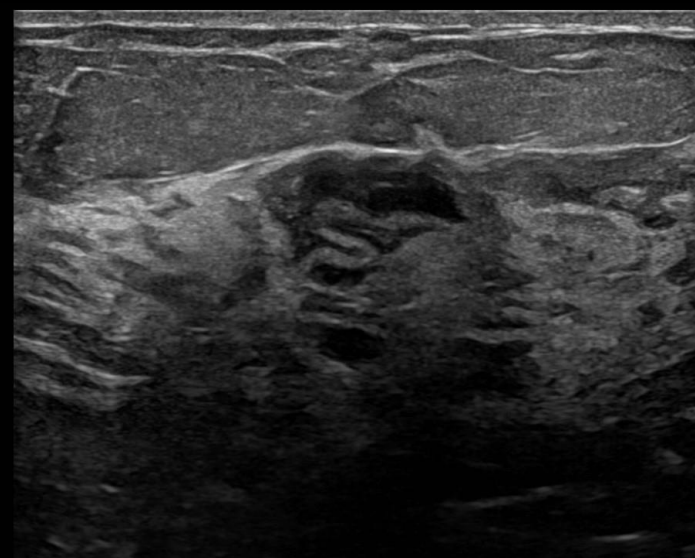
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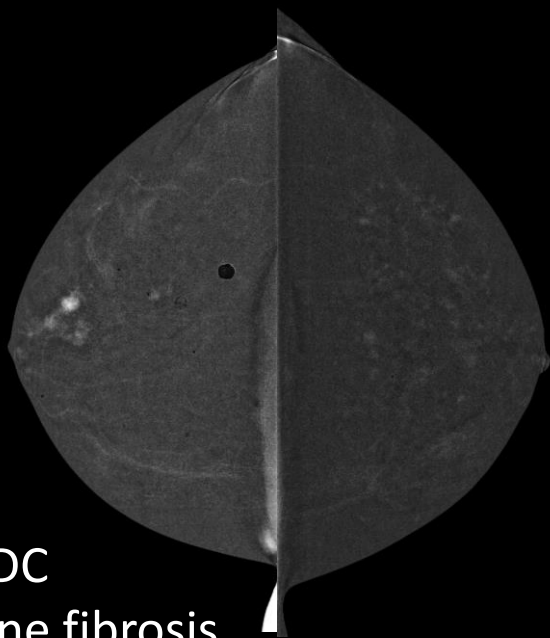
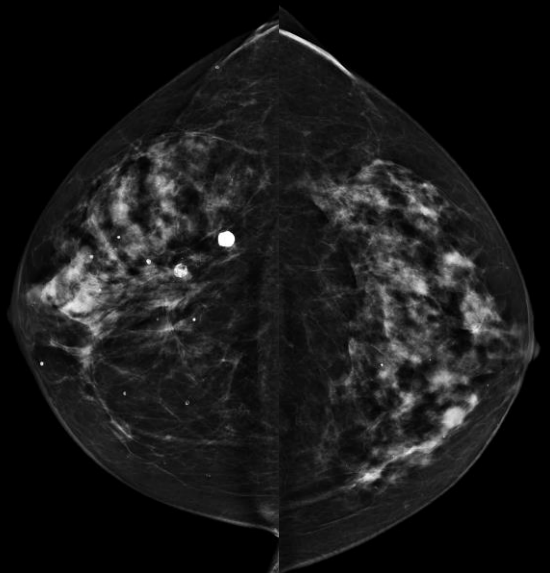


ANTI-RAD RT BREAST 8:00 RETROAREOLAR AREA OF CONCERN



RT BREAST 12:00 3CMFN RADIAL

Prior lumpectomy
New palpable at 8:00



8:00 palp = IDC
12:00 = hyaline fibrosis

Unique “Start with CEM” Diagnostic Situations

Post lumpectomy or mastectomy dense tissue/age less than 50

- Not being screened with MR

Palpable/pain/nipple discharge

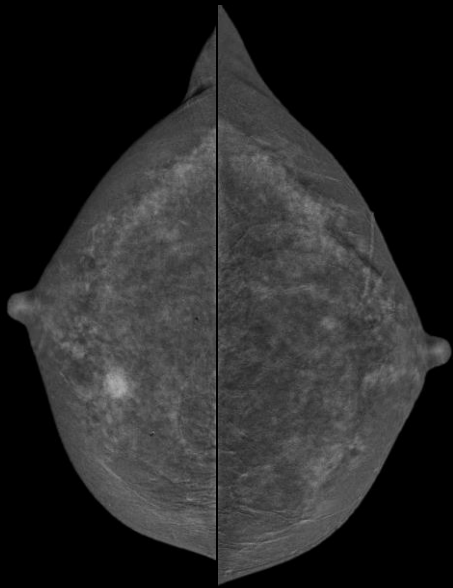
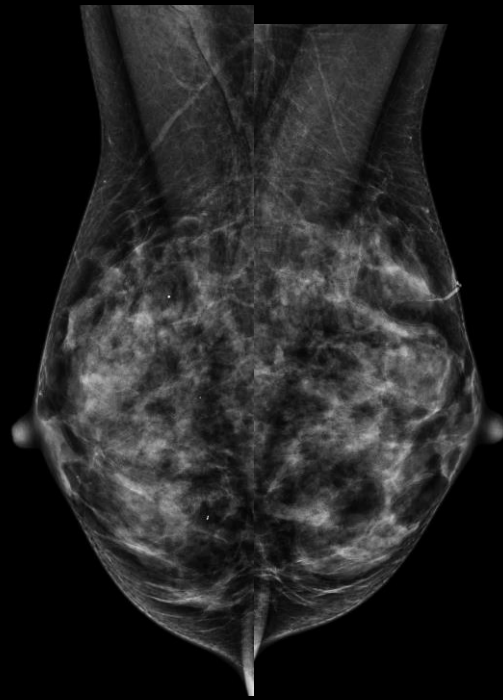
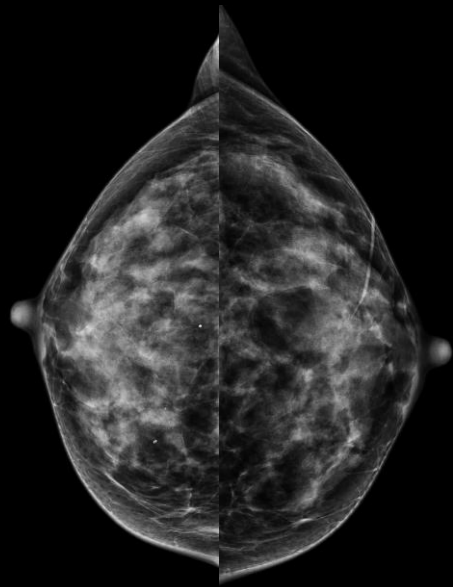
- Rarely start this way; occasionally in known high risk
- Persistent clinical concern, but negative mammo/US workup

Follow up after biopsy when there is question of concordance

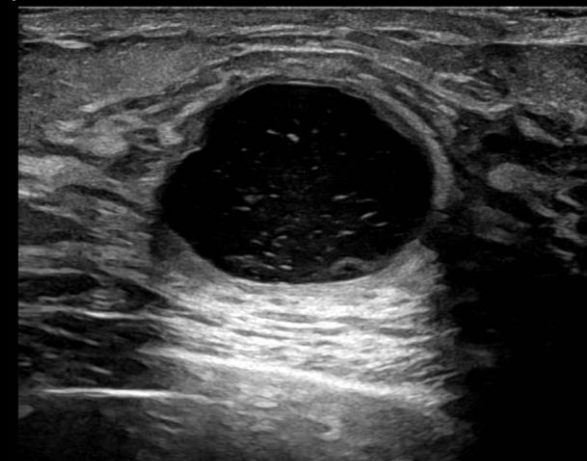
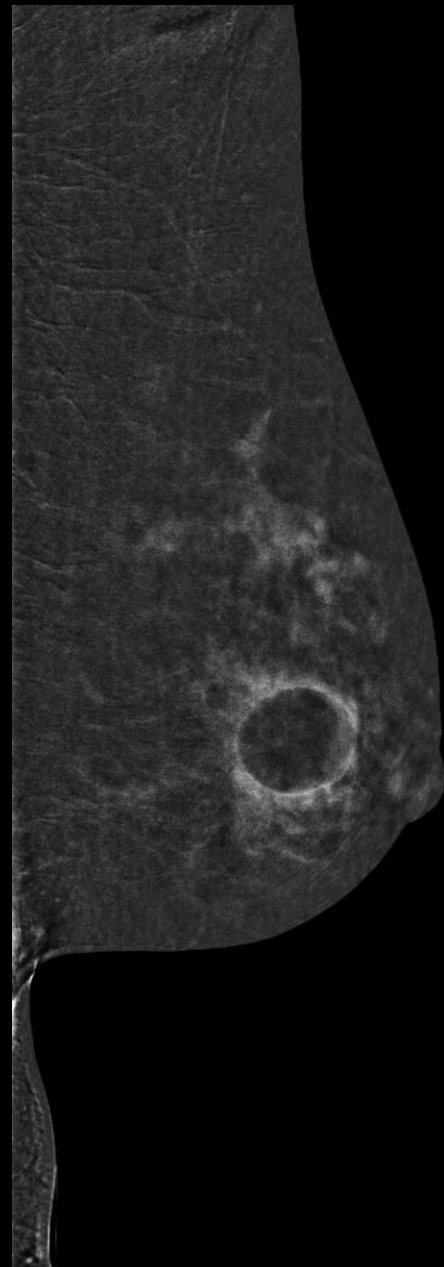
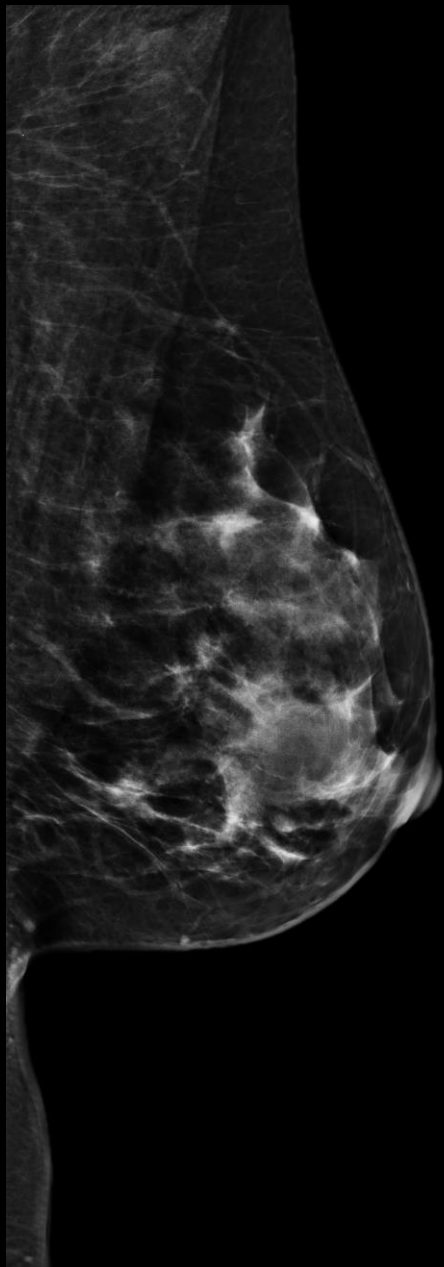
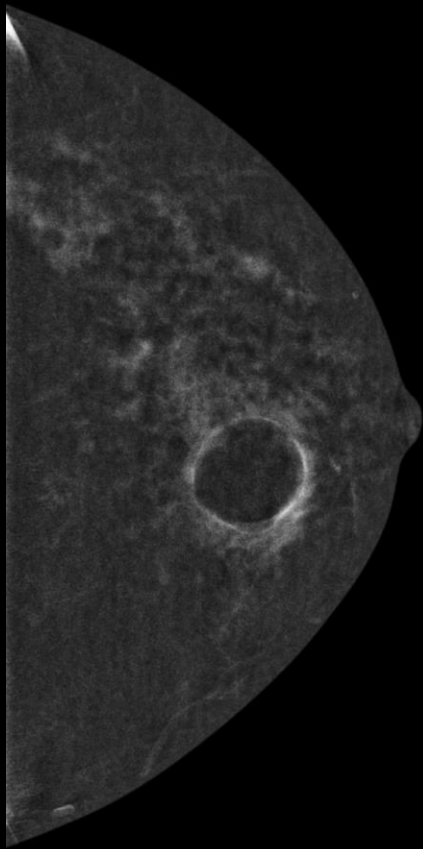
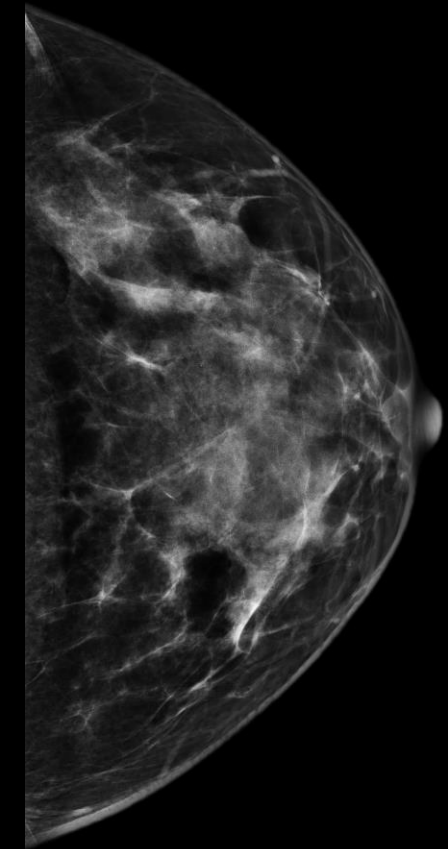
- Benign, concordant biopsy with clip migration or architectural distortion without typical explanatory pathology

Abnormal PET CT, enhancing finding on Chest CT





Palp 3:00
US bx = fibroadenoma



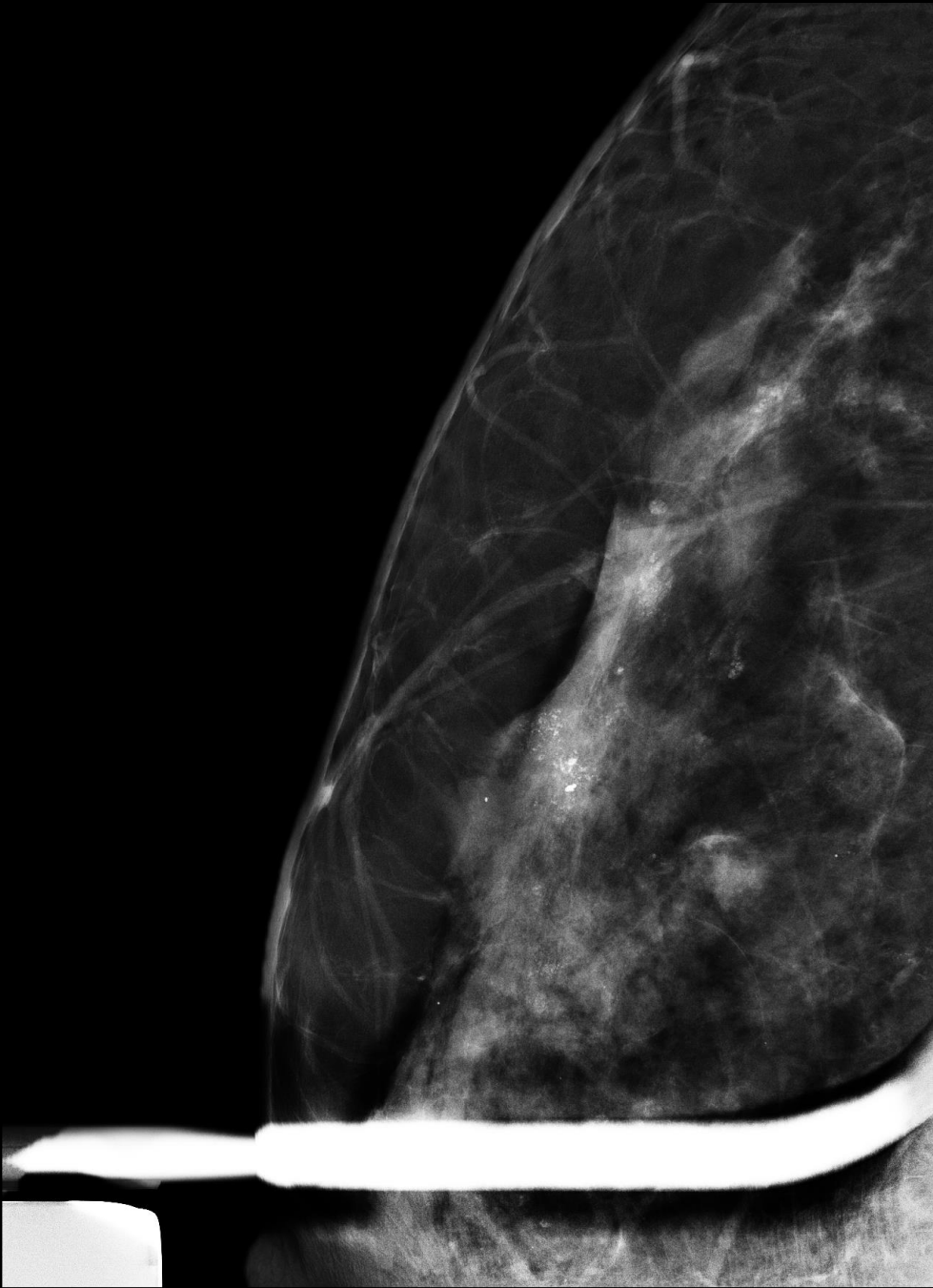
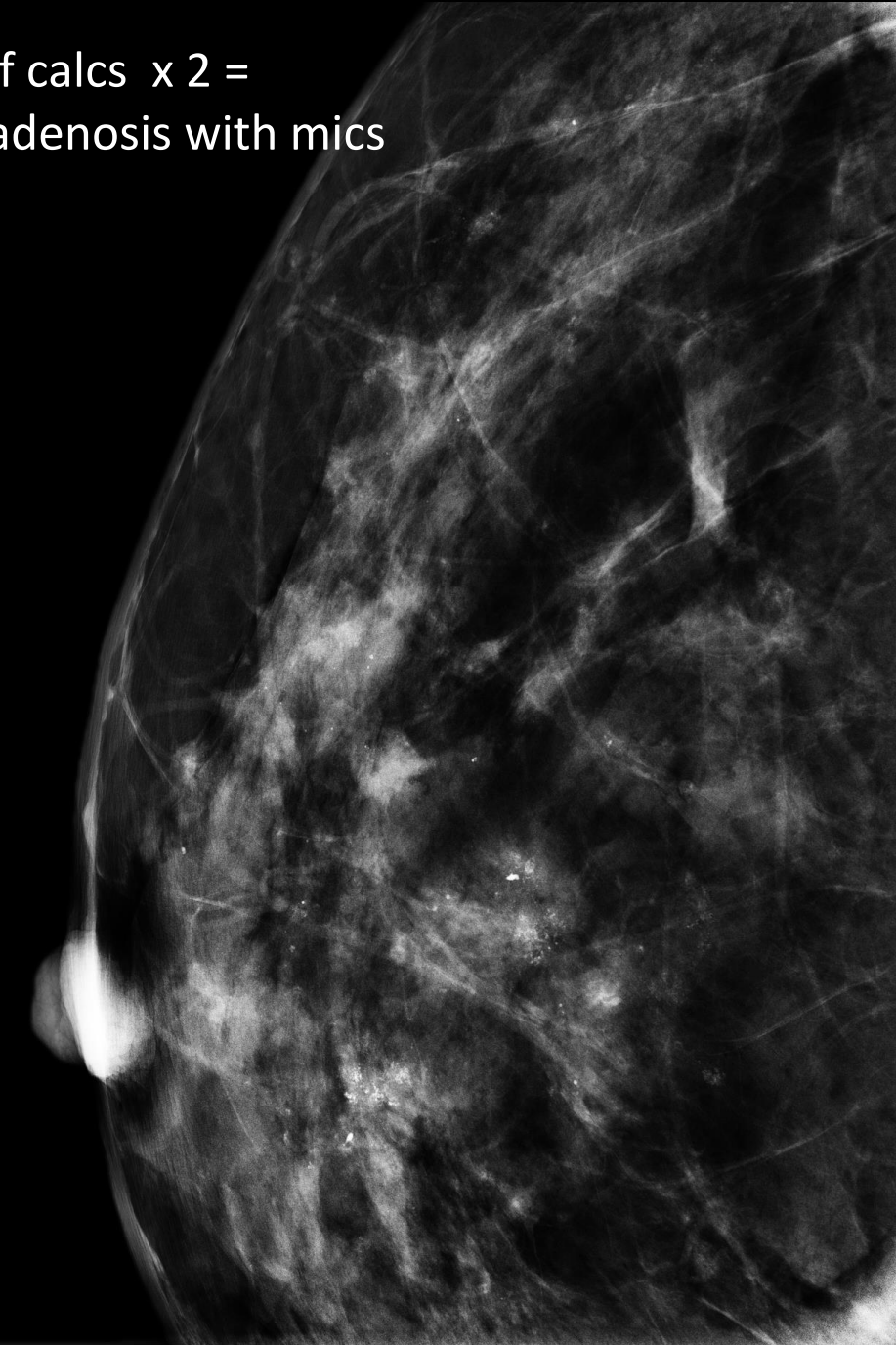
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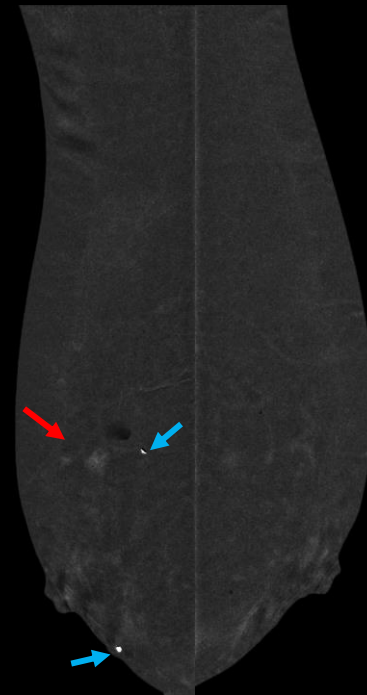
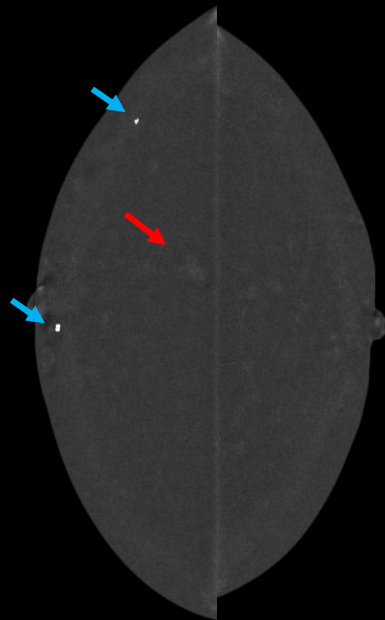
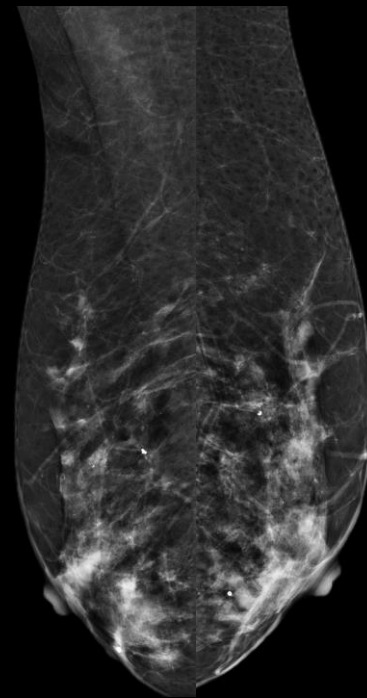
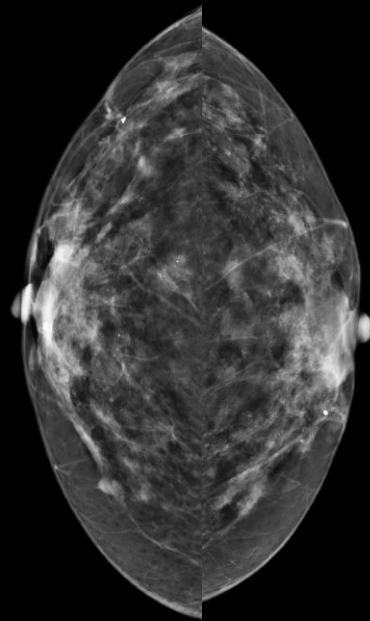
Palpable left breast mass

“Eclipse sign”

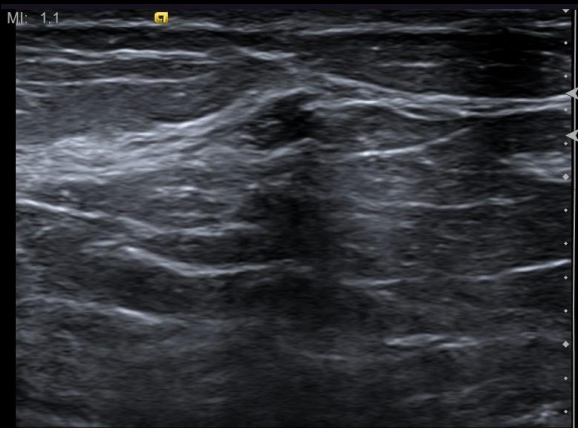
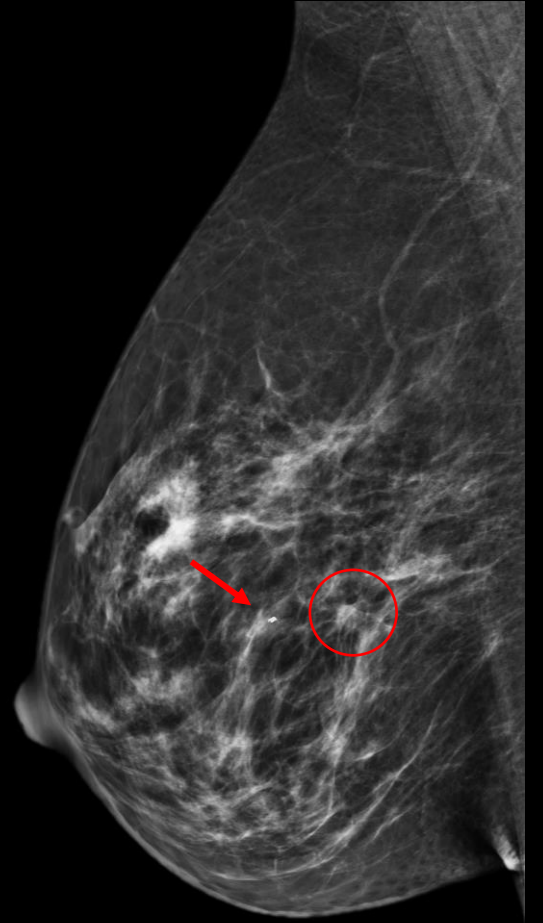
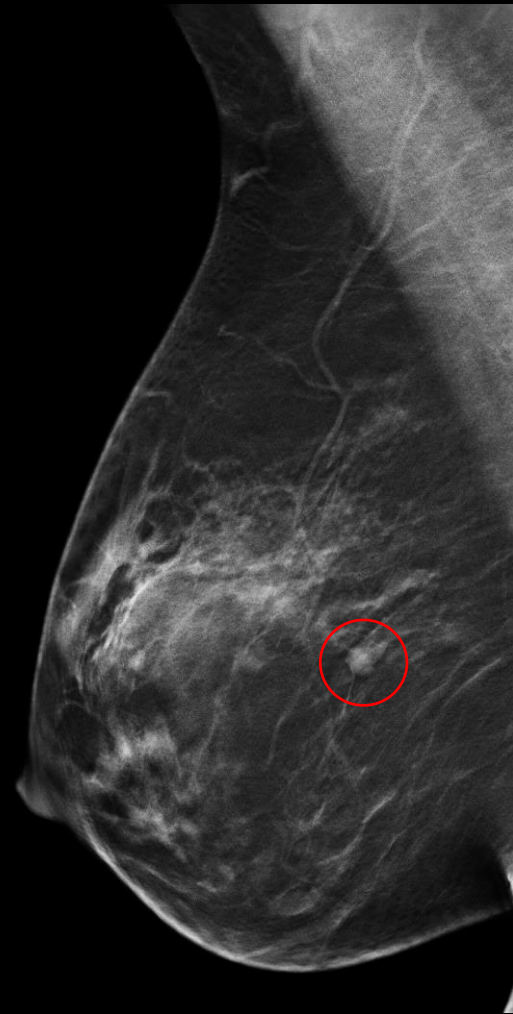
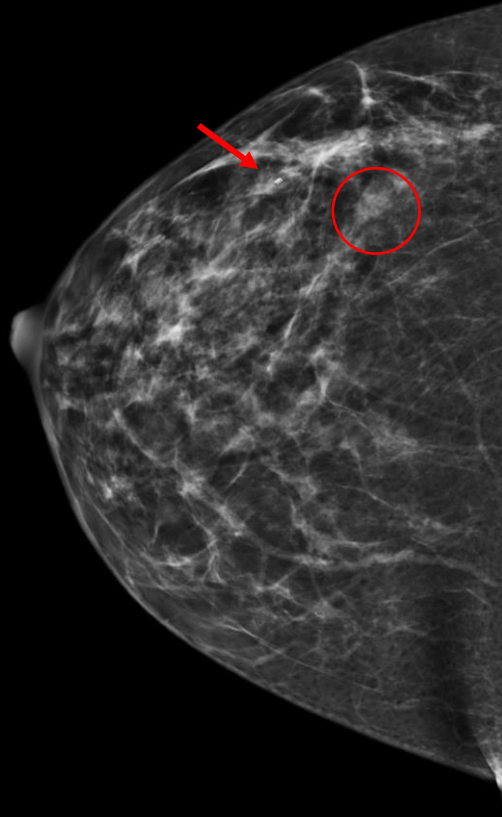
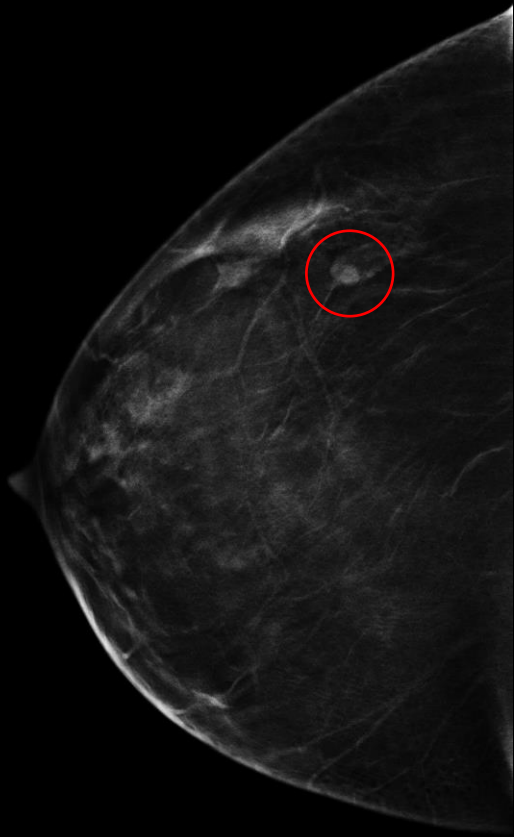
Debris filled inflammatory cyst

Stereo bx of calcs x 2 =
Sclerosing adenosis with mics



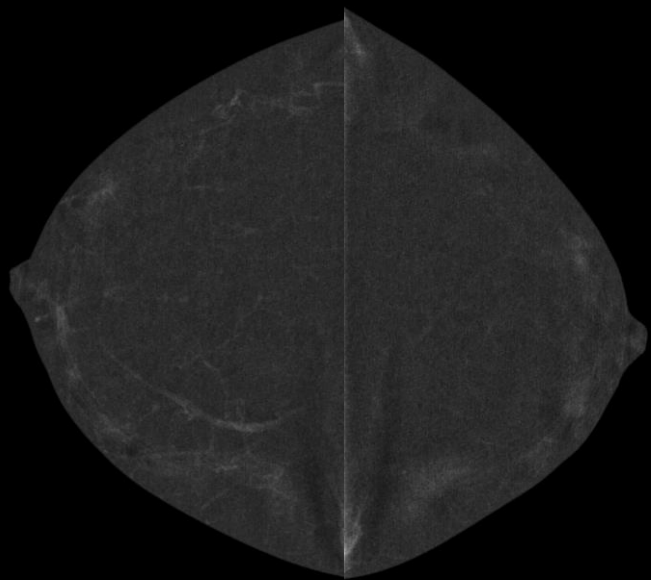
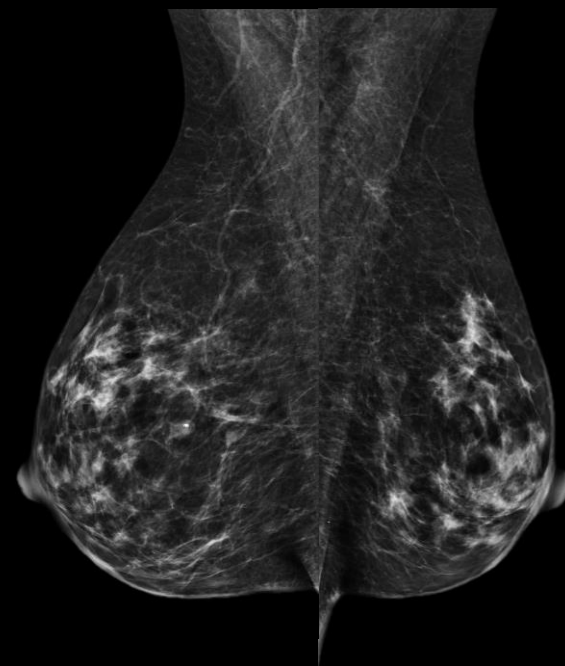
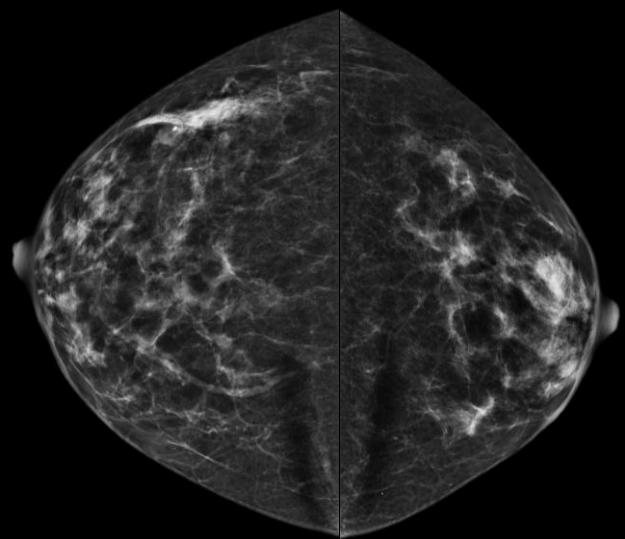


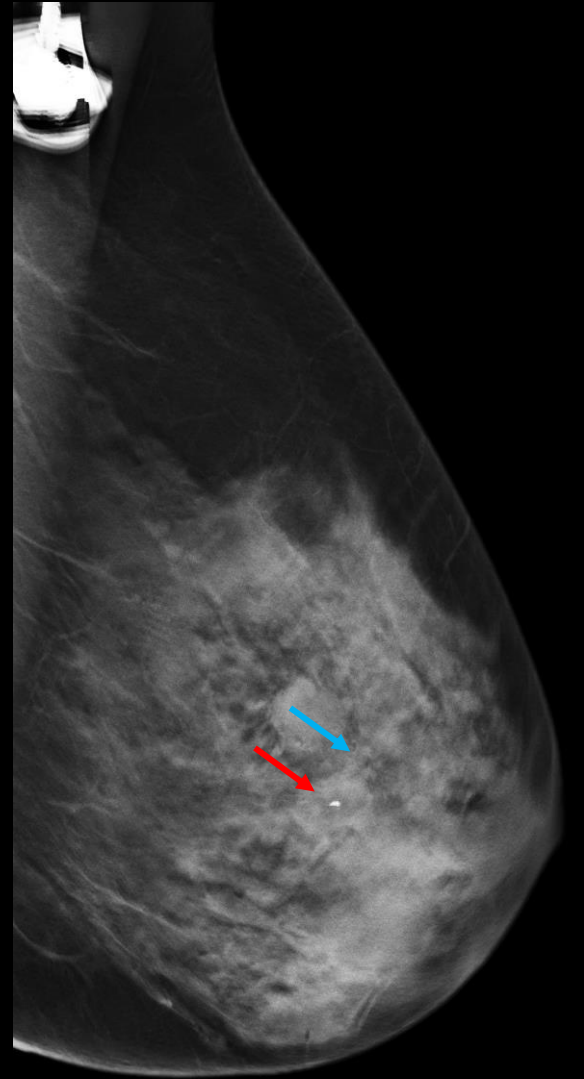
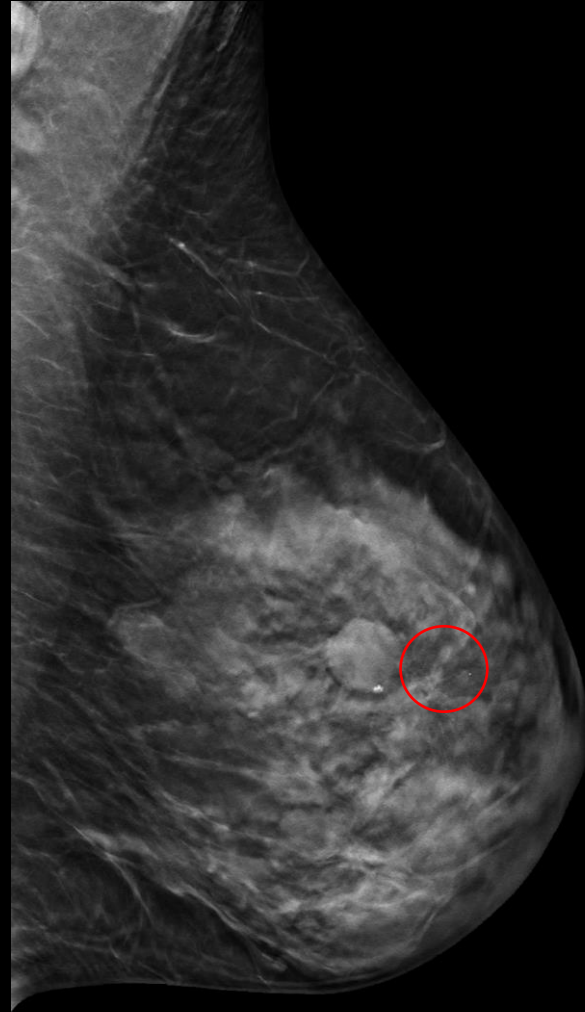
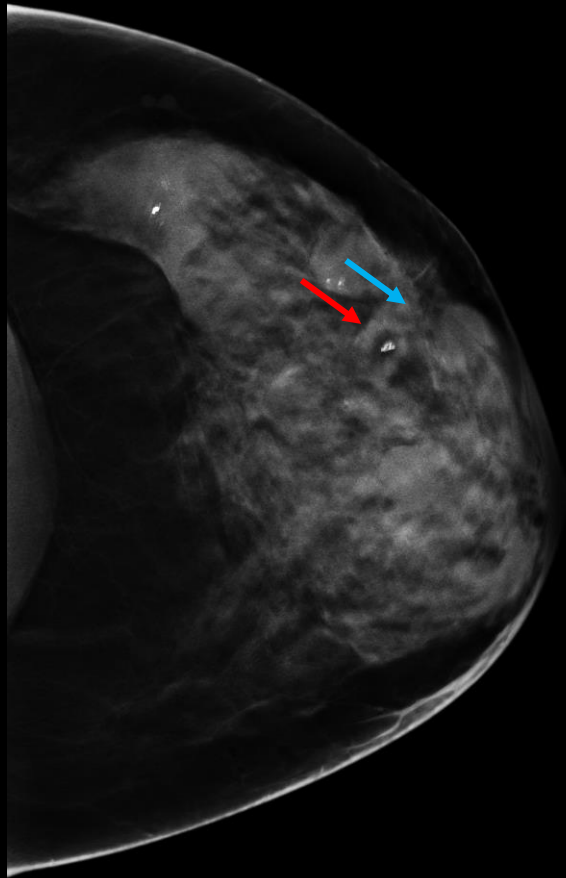
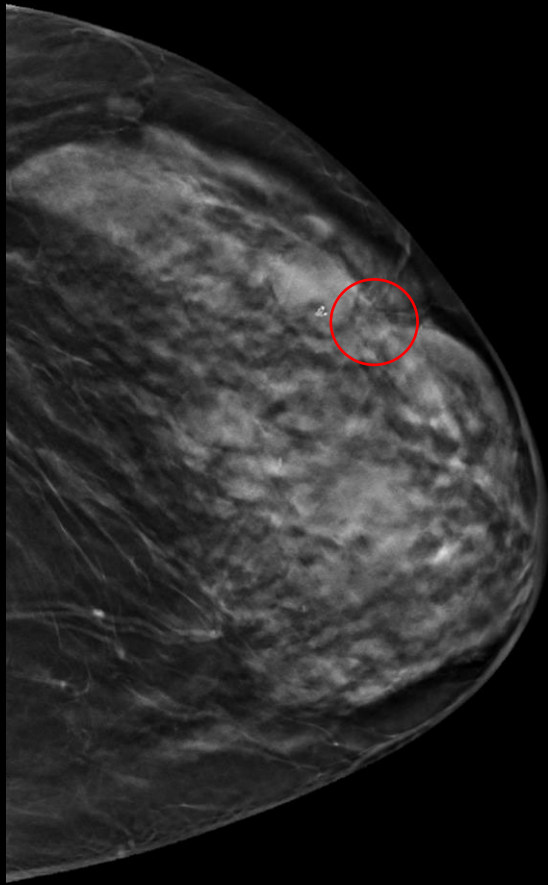
Implant displaced
Tomo bx = DCIS grade 2 with comedonecrosis



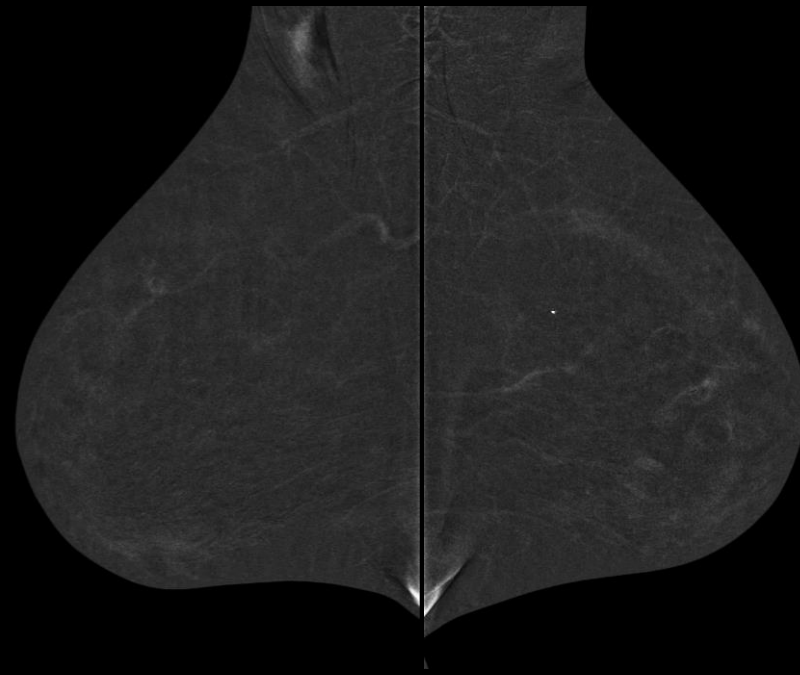
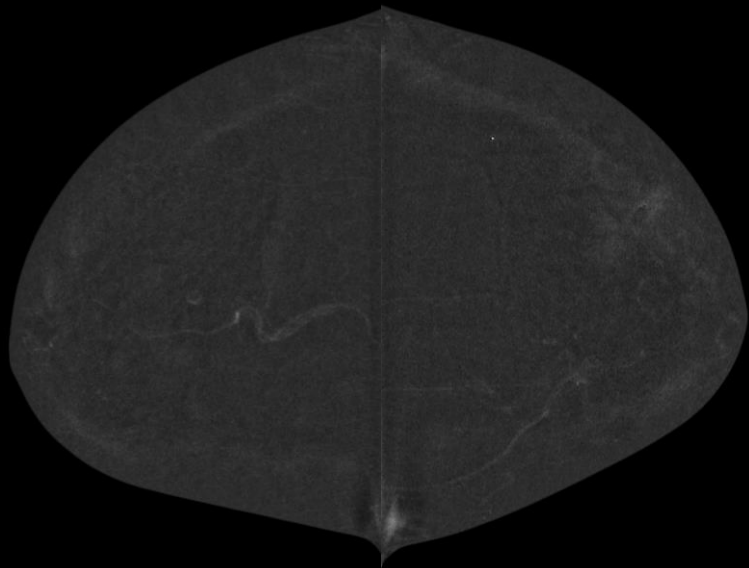
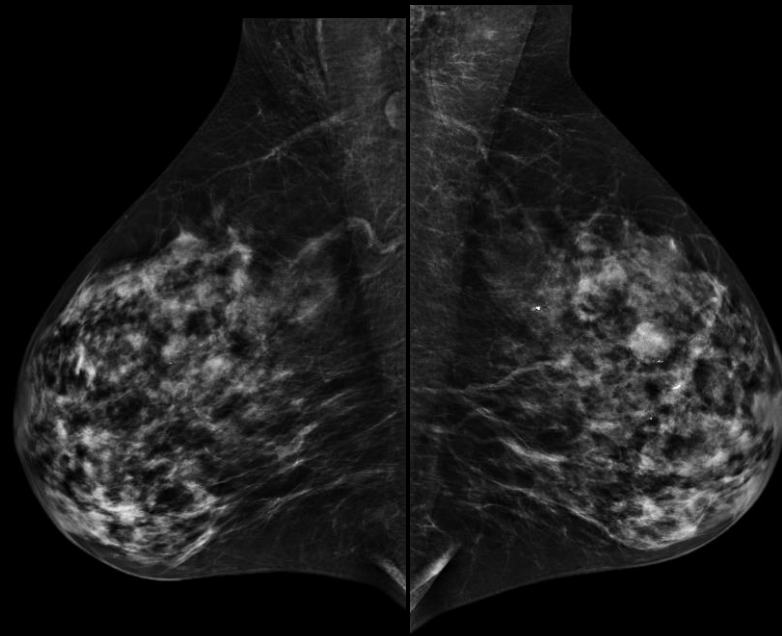
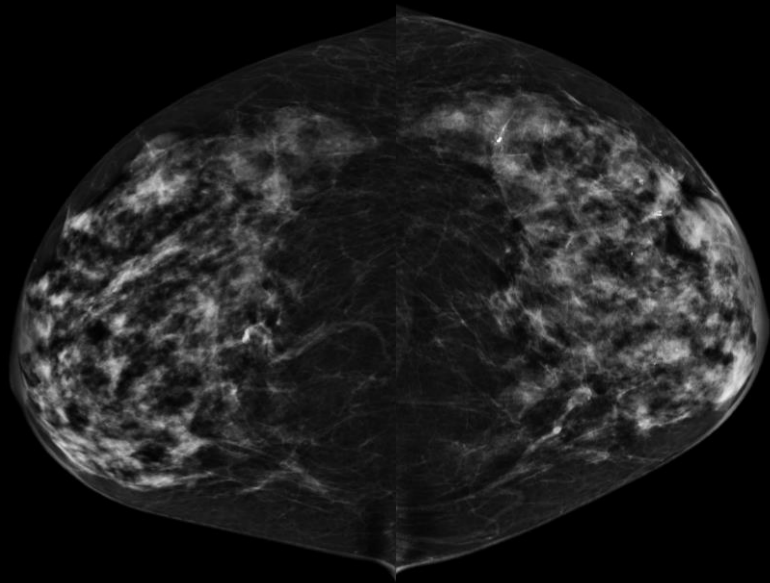
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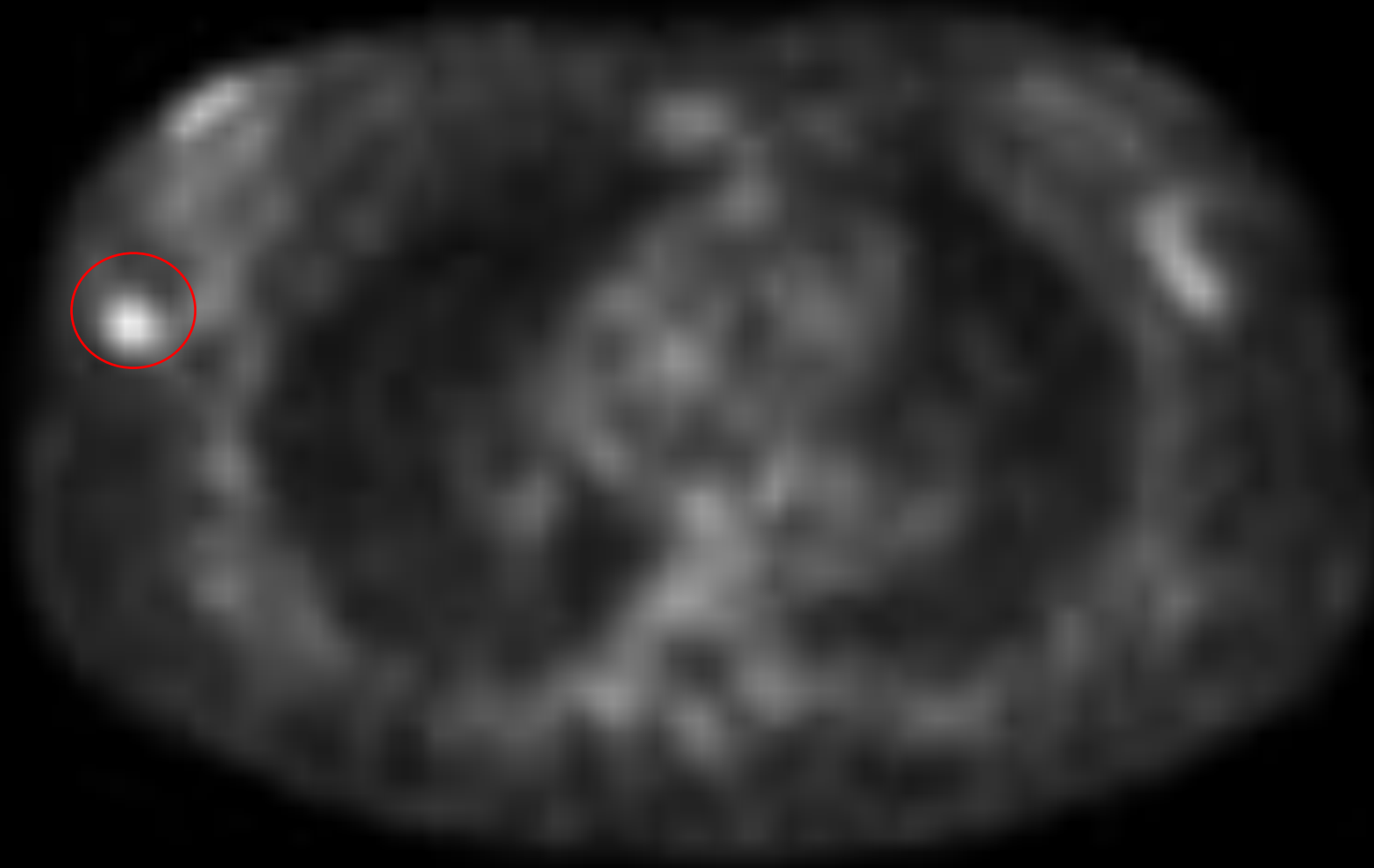
US bx = FA



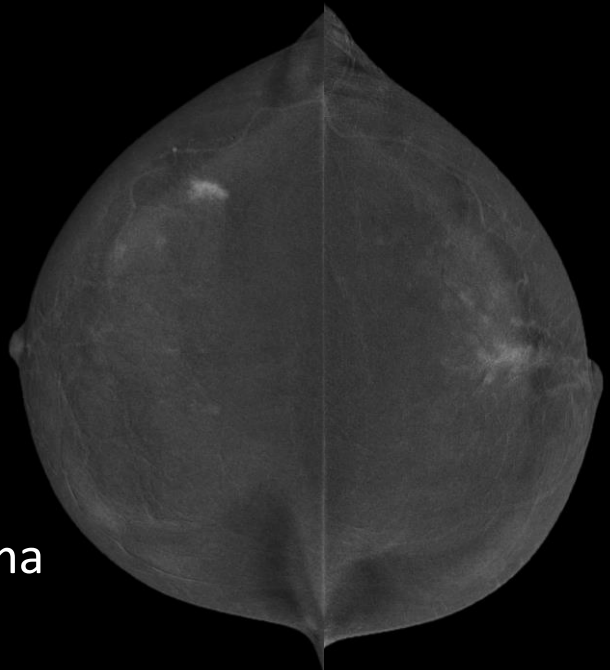
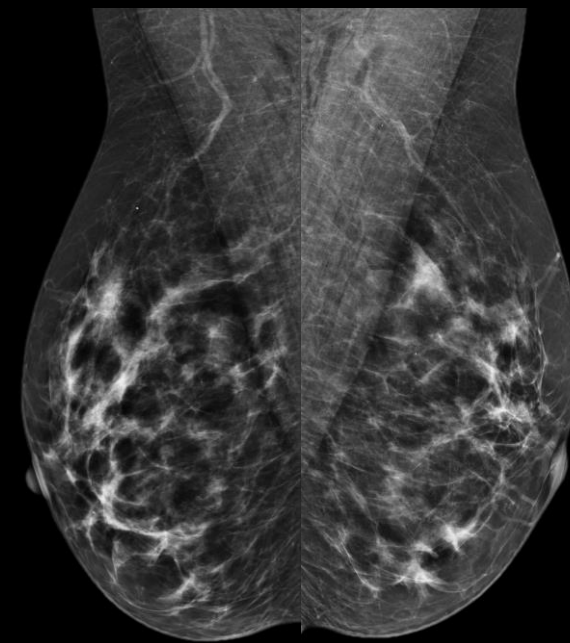
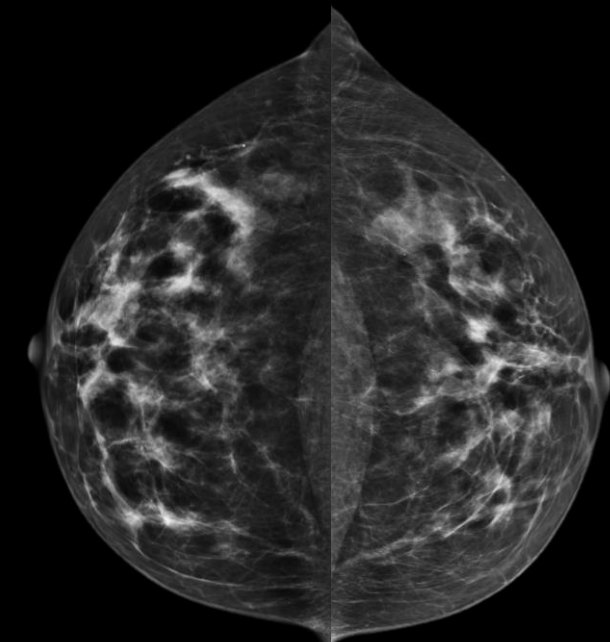


Tomo bx =
Usual ductal hyperplasia, cystic duct dilation, apocrine change

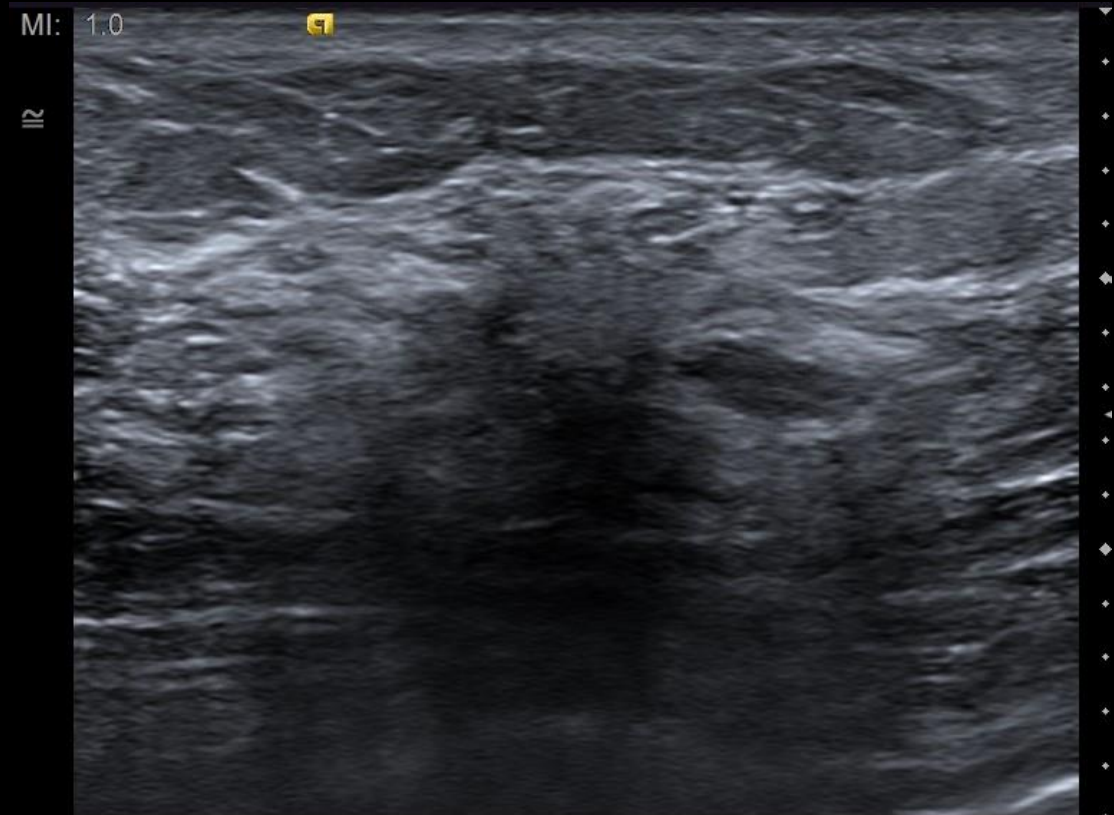
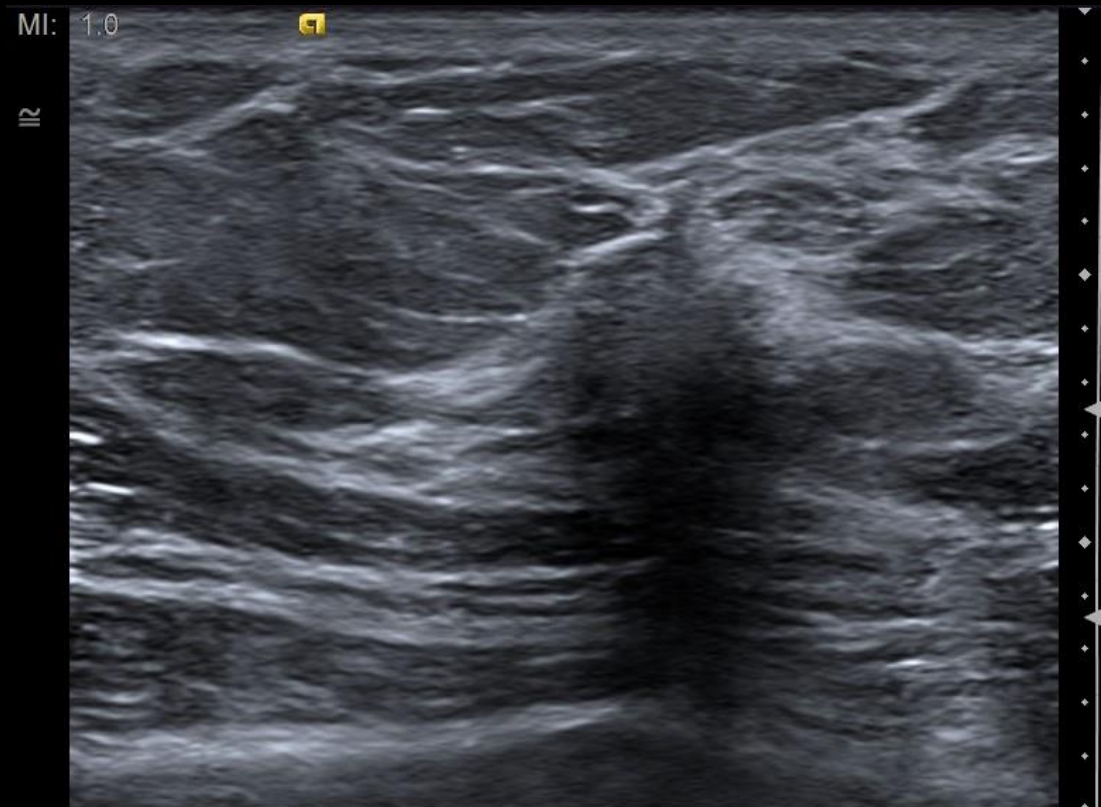




Dotatate PET
Appendiceal carcinoid



Left tomo bx =
sclerosing papilloma
and cystic dz



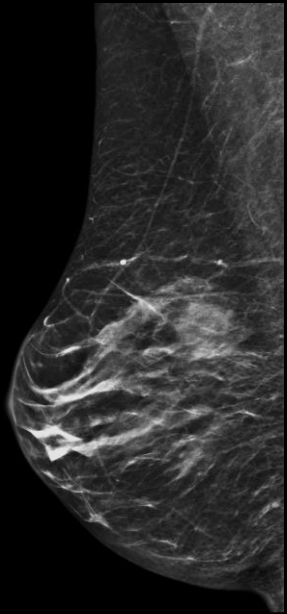
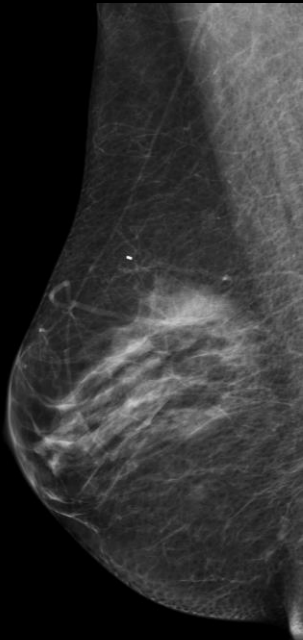
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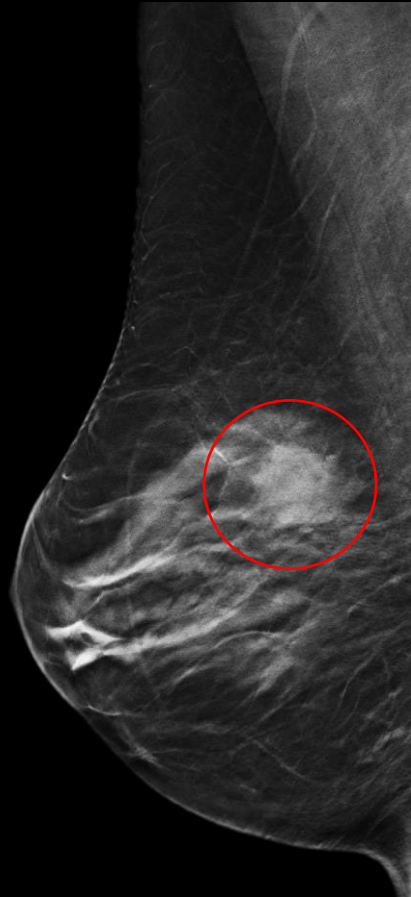
38fps 3cm

Rt US bx = invasive mixed ductal lobular

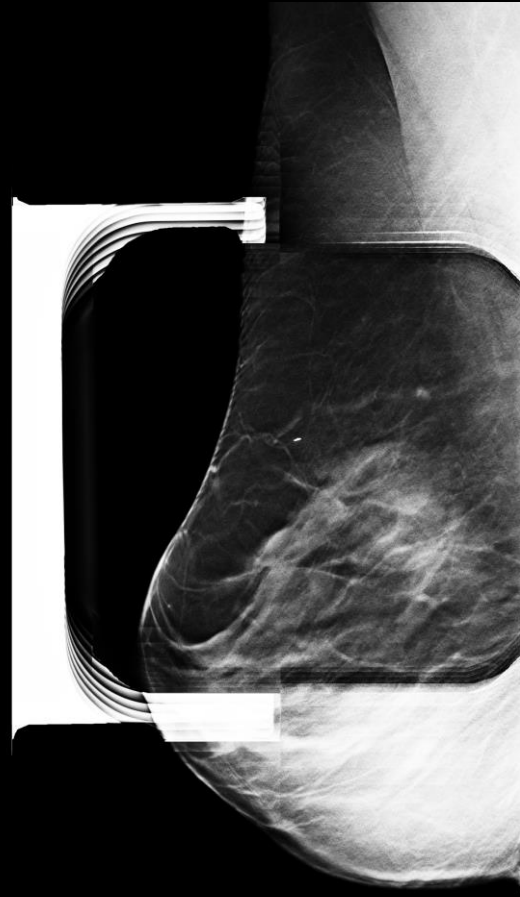


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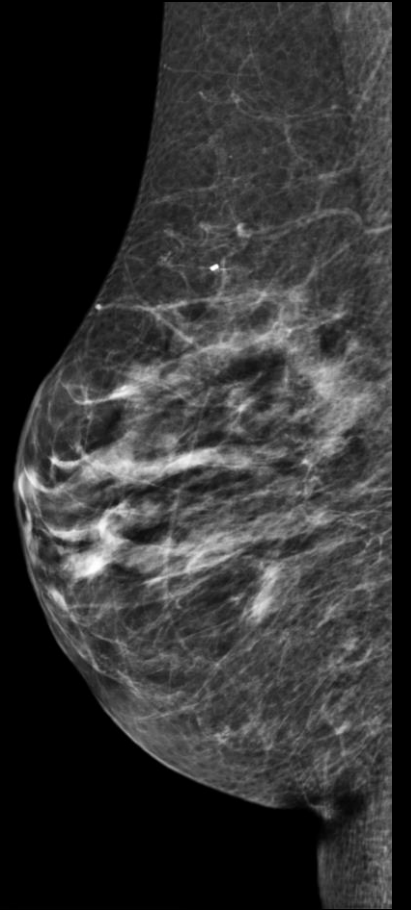
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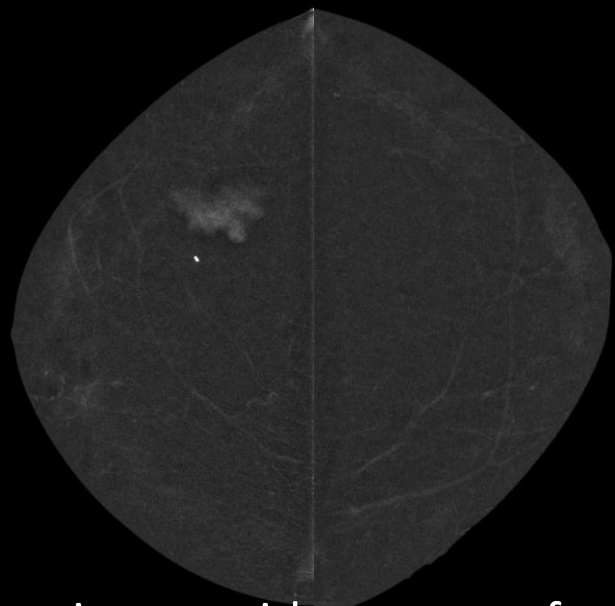
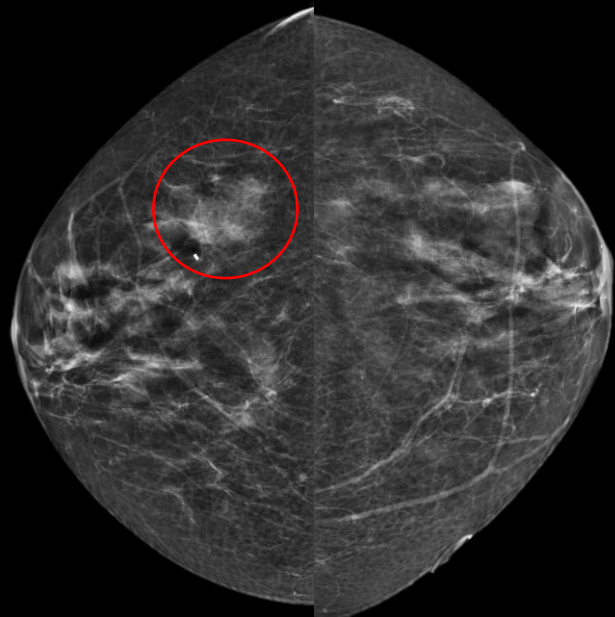
Tomo callback



Neg US, return to screening







Tomo bx =
Inv mammary carcinoma with secretory features

How we use CEM:

Diagnostic problem solving

Alternative to MR

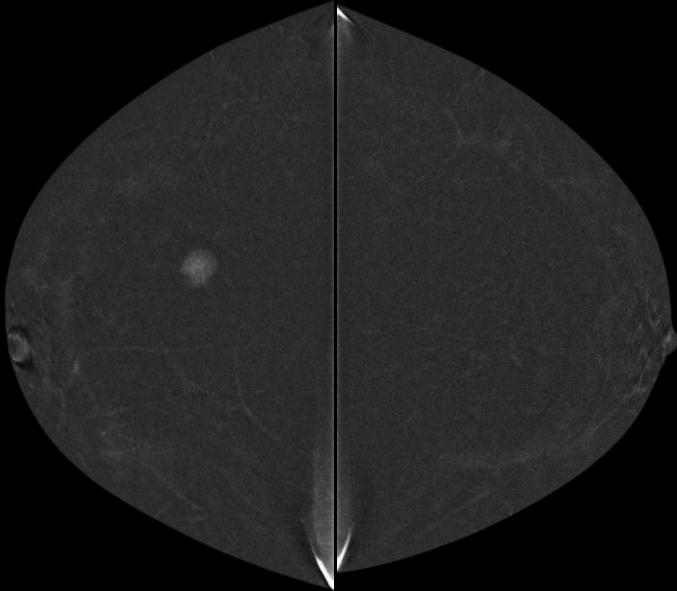
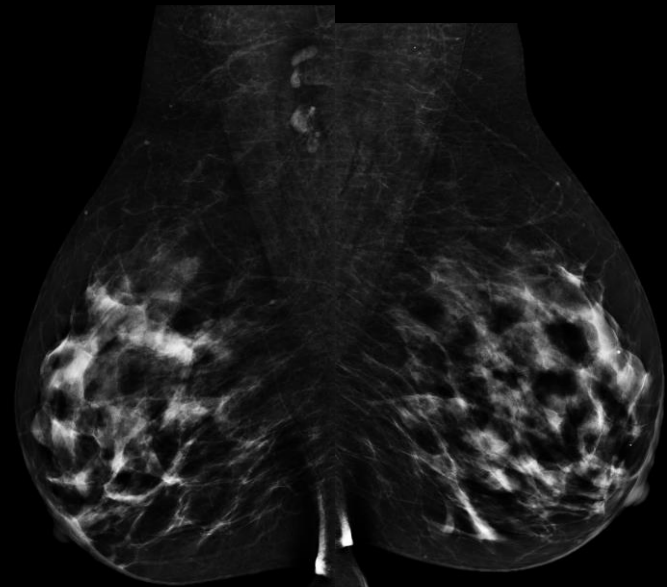
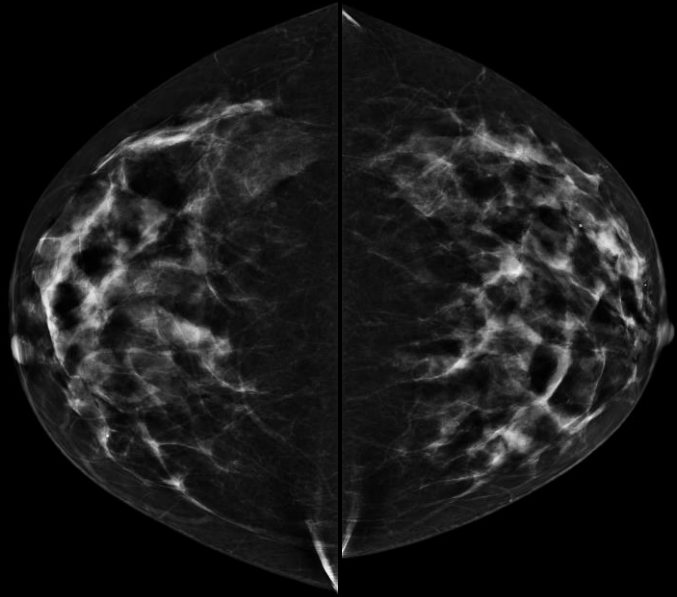
Screening dense tissue (as an alternative to ABUS)

- Preop staging
- Personal hx breast cancer, dense tissue
- Personal hx breast cancer dx age < 50
- High risk patients (> 20% T-C)
- Dense tissue (2023 ACR recommendations)

Monticciolo et al. "Breast Cancer Screening for Women at Higher-Than-Average Risk: Updated Recommendations From the ACR." *JACR* Sept 2023.



High risk screening



Invasive carcinoma,
mixed ductal and lobular

CEM for staging after cancer diagnosis:

Our surgeons love it! **When do we hesitate?**



? Lobular, mucinous histology

! Cancer near chest wall

! IM nodes may be involved, need RT

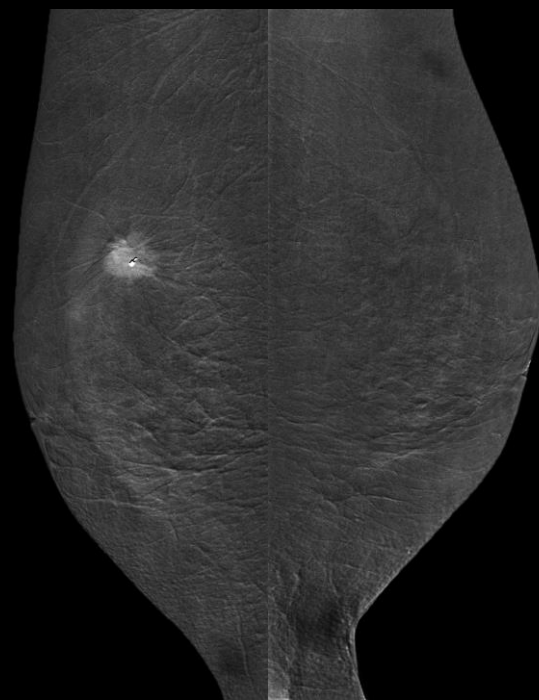
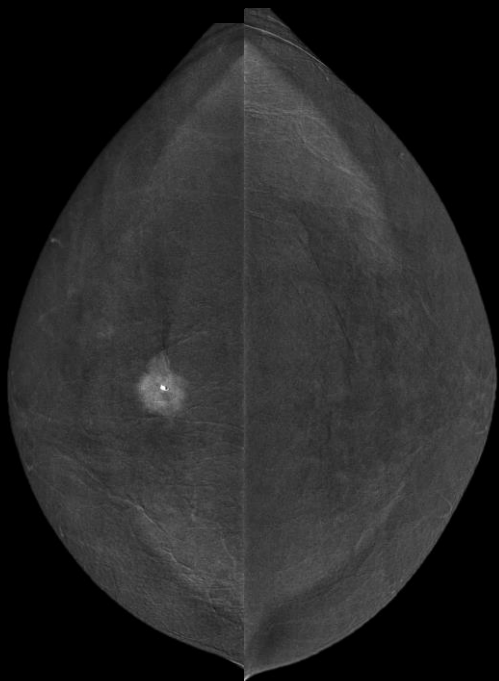
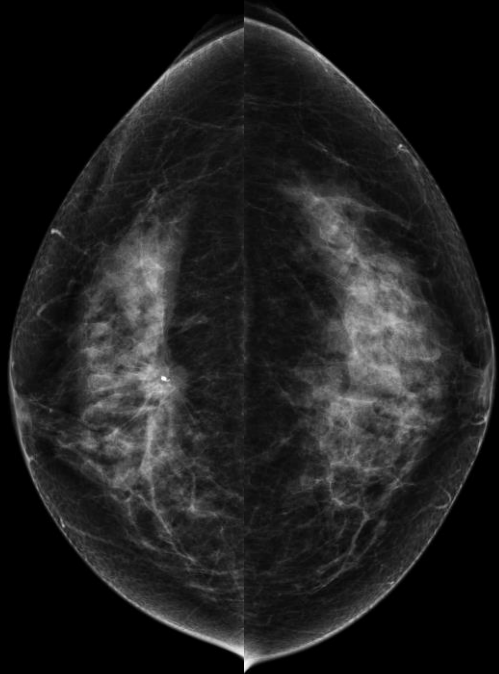
✗ Axilla not well evaluated with US

🔪 Implants

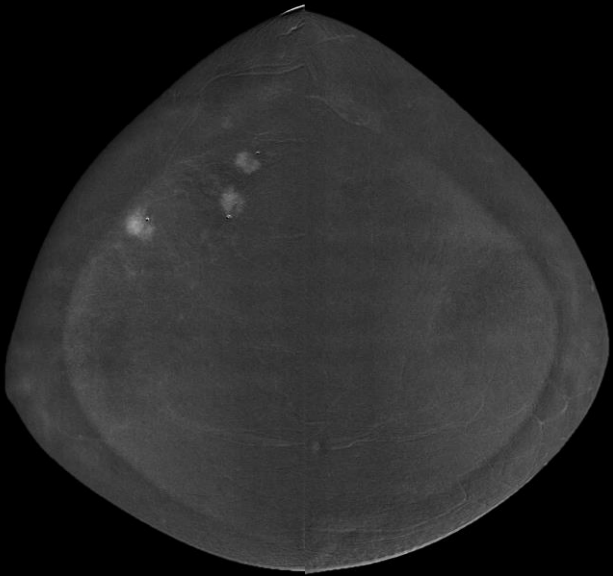
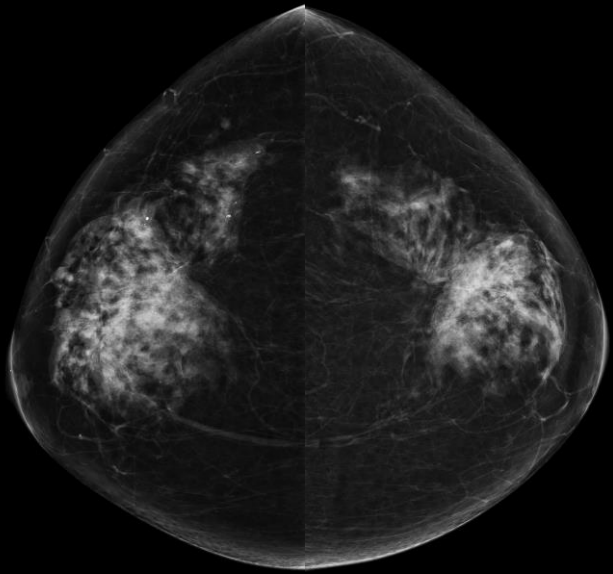
✂ Oncoplastic techniques are planned

👍 MRI anticipated for follow up

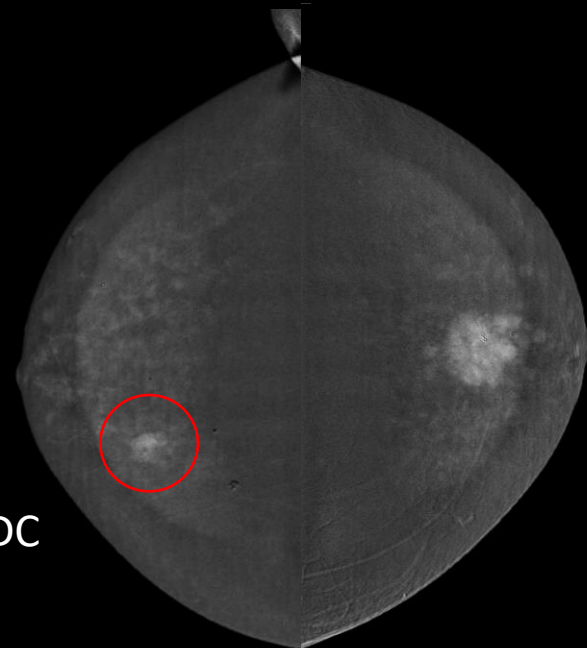
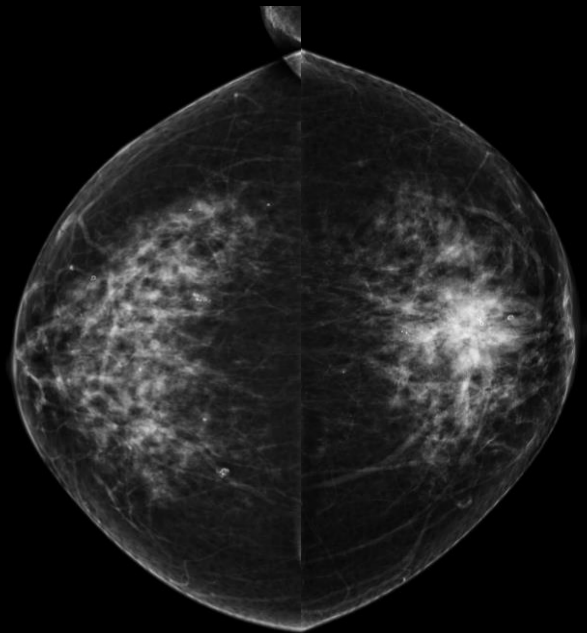




Right IDC post bx



Right IDC post bx x 3



Left IDC post bx



Rt US bx = IDC

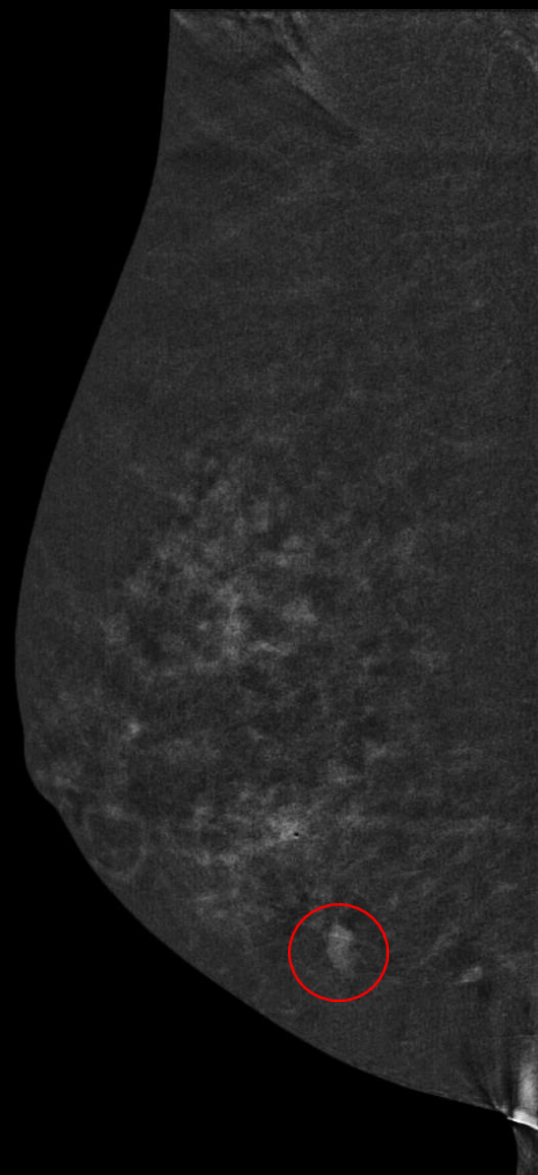
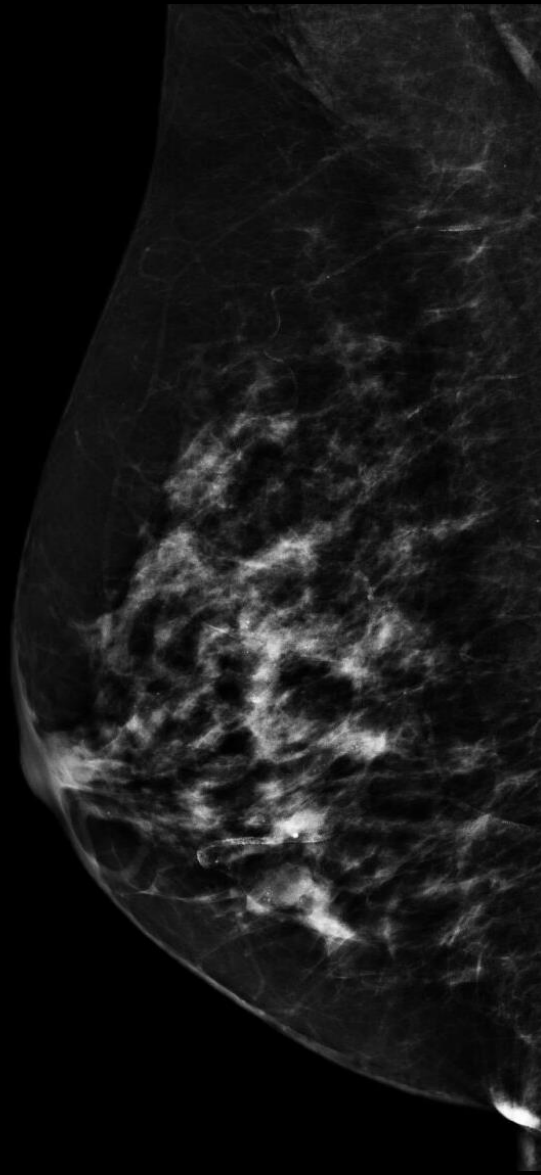
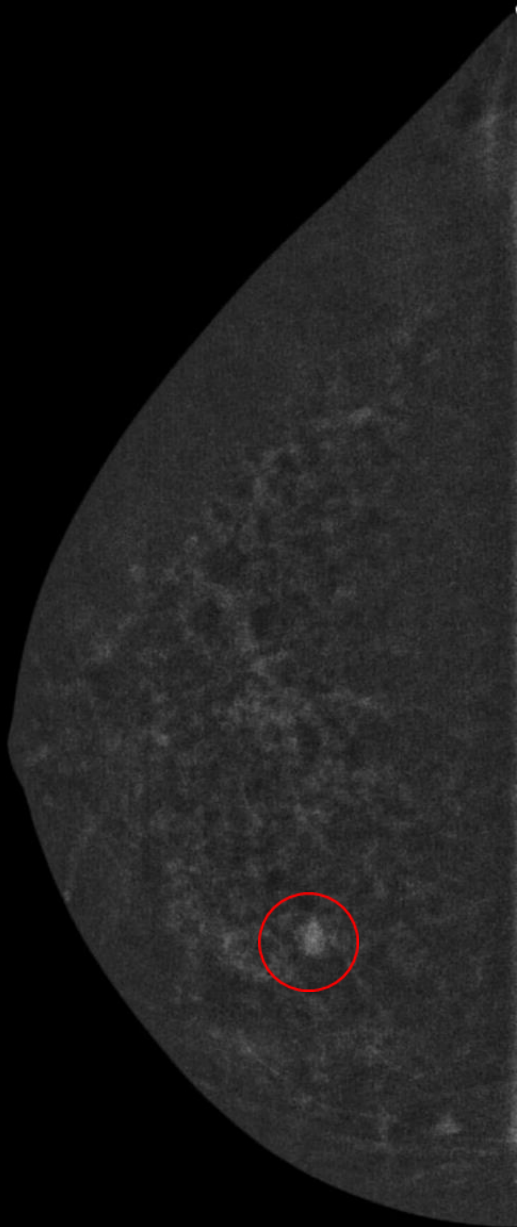
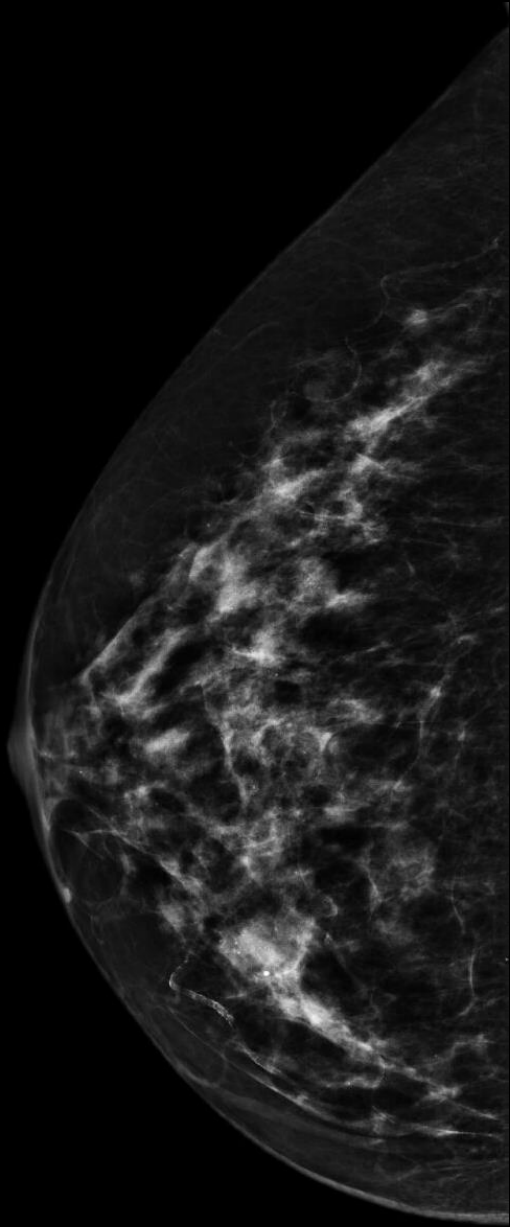
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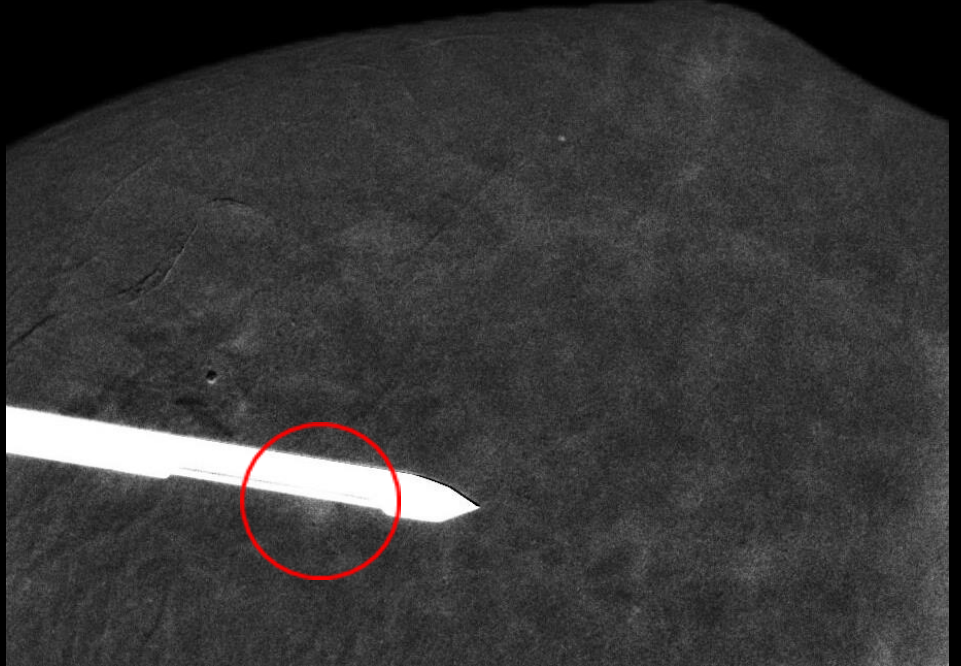
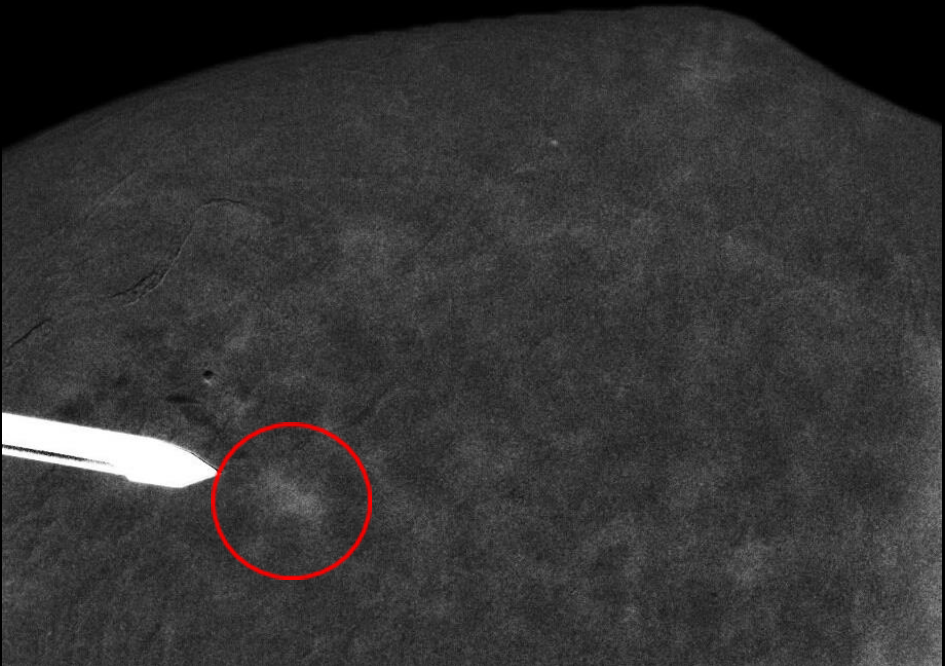
Diagnostic problem solving

Alternative to MR screening

Screening dense tissue (as an alternative to ABUS)

- Off-label
 - *Ordered and performed as a diagnostic exam*
- Intermediate risk
- Frequent callbacks
 - *Including recalls from ABUS*
- Breast size, surgical changes, tissue heterogeneity/shadowing on US limit ABUS technique





Contrast Enhanced Mammography: A “Just Right” Solution



CEM Overview



CEM use cases in screening and diagnostic setting



When anatomic imaging only is “too little,” and vascular based imaging with MR is “too much,” CEM can be “just right”



Thank you!

