

# What is **Abbreviated Breast MRI**

Abbreviated breast MRI is a supplemental breast cancer screening tool that is used in conjunction with mammography for women with dense breasts.

## Why is abbreviated breast MRI an important advancement in breast cancer screening?

While the latest mammography technology is more accurate than ever, MRI is capable of finding even more cancers:

**Abbreviated MRI was found to detect 11.5 more invasive cancers per 1,000 screens than digital mammography alone.<sup>1</sup>**

**The abbreviated procedure makes highly sensitive breast MRI available to more women who could benefit from it.**

## Who should consider this screening option?

- Women with dense breast tissue with a lifetime risk assessment below 20%
- Women with dense breast tissue experience a higher incidence of breast cancer.<sup>2</sup>
- Mammography is less sensitive in women with dense breast tissue.



The American Cancer Society advises women with a 20% or greater lifetime risk of breast cancer to undergo high-risk full breast MRI and mammography every year.<sup>3</sup> Many insurance policies cover breast MRI for women with a 20% or greater lifetime breast cancer risk.

## Calculate Your Lifetime Risk

[Get Started](#)

## What should I know about the procedure?

- Abbreviated breast MRI is best done during the second week of your menstrual cycle
- The entire appointment takes about 45 minutes with just 10–15 minutes of scan time
- Images will be taken before and after you receive an injection of contrast dye through a vein in your arm

If you have questions about abbreviated breast MRI at Iowa Radiology, feel free to contact us. Abbreviated breast MRI is not currently covered by insurance. \$449 is due at the time of service.

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