What is 3D mammography?

3D mammography, or digital breast tomosynthesis, is an advanced technology that creates multiple thin images of the breast. These “thin slices” allow our specialized breast Radiologists to view the breast tissue more clearly and identify abnormalities more accurately.

The patient experiences very little difference when having a 3D mammogram. The imaging equipment and positioning are similar to that of a conventional 2D mammogram. The real difference between the two procedures is the amount and detail of information available to the Radiologist.

3D Mammography is especially recommended for women with dense breast tissue, which can obscure suspicious abnormalities. The enhanced precision of 3D mammography is beneficial to all patients, regardless of density, but can be especially helpful for women with dense breast tissue which can obscure suspicious abnormalities.

The radiation dose is below the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Mammography Qualifications Standards Act requirement. Our FDA-certified machine is tested annually to ensure that it meets this standard.

3D Mammography Increases Cancer Detection and Reduces False Alarms

3D mammography finds more invasive cancers and reduces unnecessary callbacks, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

When 3D mammography is used, the study found:

- 41% increase in invasive cancers detected
- 15% decrease in callbacks for false alarms
- 29% increase in the detection of all breast cancers

Mammograms matter... every woman, every year!
First in Colorado, First in Care

Invision Sally Jobe was the first breast center in Colorado to offer 3D mammography as part of an early clinical trial of tomosynthesis in 2009. In 2011, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved tomosynthesis in combination with standard digital mammography for breast cancer screening. Invision Sally Jobe’s breast radiologists remain the region’s foremost experts on this technology.

“The study we co-authored in the Journal of the American Medical Association confirms what we already know: 3D mammography finds more of the invasive, important cancers we want found and saves more women the anxiety and cost of having additional workups. Most importantly, it saves lives.” said Dr. Lora Barke, medical director of the Invision Sally Jobe Breast Network.

Quality, Compassionate Care from Colorado’s 3D Mammography Experts

Invision Sally Jobe, an American College of Radiology (ACR) Breast Center of Excellence, proudly offers 3D mammography exams performed by caring, experienced technologists in a warm and welcoming environment.

Insurance Coverage and Financial Concerns

Exams are most often covered by insurance, as long as they are clinically indicated. Please contact your insurance carrier if you have questions. We recognize that financial concerns may prevent some patients from seeking necessary healthcare exams. We pride ourselves on being sympathetic and flexible. We offer a dedicated financial navigator, as well as assistance with pre-authorization and any necessary insurance appeals after the exam is completed. If you have financial concerns or need additional guidance on how to speak with your insurance company about your exam, please call our Patient Care Coordination line.

Locations

Invision Sally Jobe offers convenient locations throughout the Denver metro area. Visit www.invisionsallyjobe.com to find the location nearest you.

Why Invision Sally Jobe?

Every Invision Sally Jobe breast imaging site is a National Quality Measures for Breast Centers® (NQMBC) Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence™. This designation is awarded to facilities that consistently demonstrate excellence in patient care and adherence to the highest clinical quality standards. Invision Sally Jobe is the only breast network in Denver metro area to earn this distinction.

Invision Sally Jobe is also an American College of Radiology (ACR) Breast Imaging Center of Excellence and fully certified by the FDA.

For more information about our commitment to quality, please visit www.invisionsallyjobe.com.

To schedule an appointment, call 720.493.3700.

For other inquiries, call our Patient Care Coordination line at 720.493.3459 or email pcc@riaco.com.

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