

# MAGEE-WOMENS IMAGING

Part of UPMC Imaging Services



## Digital Breast Tomosynthesis

Tomosynthesis, also called 3D mammography, helps to show both normal and not normal tissue, and any other mass, so that there can be a more accurate diagnosis. At Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, our breast radiologists have done research focused on tomosynthesis. We are excited to now offer this digital technology for routine screening and diagnostic services at many of our Magee-Womens Imaging sites. Below is a list of frequently asked questions about tomosynthesis.

### 1. What are the advantages of having a digital tomosynthesis exam if I am visiting for a routine screening mammogram?

With standard digital mammography, you may need to come back to figure out if there are concerns with your results. With digital tomosynthesis, there is less of a chance you will have to come back for more tests.

### 2. What are the advantages of having a digital tomosynthesis exam if I am visiting for a diagnostic mammogram?

For some diagnostic patients, the radiologist may use tomosynthesis because it makes the accuracy of the mammogram better and it will give them more helpful information.

### 3. How much longer is a tomosynthesis exam than a standard mammogram?

The mammogram and tomosynthesis are done at the same time while your breast is in compression. It will take just a few seconds longer, but you may not even notice.

### 4. How much more radiation will I receive?

The standard screening tomosynthesis technology used at Magee-Womens Imaging does not cause an increase in the dosage of radiation that you receive. If you receive both a traditional mammogram and tomosynthesis together, there is an increase, but it is still below the FDA-regulated limit for standard mammography.

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## 5. What happens if I choose not to have a tomosynthesis exam?

A standard digital mammogram will still be done.

## 6. How will I get my results?

You and your doctor will both be able to see your results in MyUPMC, an online patient health information portal. If you have not signed up for access, please speak with one of our office staff members who will be able to help.

## 7. Will my insurance pay for tomosynthesis?

Tomosynthesis is a billable service and will be billed to your insurance company. The CPT (current procedural terminology) codes are listed below. These are the numbers you will see on your insurance report for tomosynthesis.

- **77061**  
Digital Breast Tomosynthesis — unilateral
- **77062**  
Digital Breast Tomosynthesis — bilateral
- **77063**  
Screening Digital Breast Tomosynthesis — bilateral (listed separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- **G0279**  
Diagnostic Digital Breast Tomosynthesis — unilateral or bilateral

We ask you to talk to your insurance company about coverage before your appointment. If your insurance company does not cover this test, you will be responsible for the balance.

To learn more about our tomosynthesis services at Magee-Womens Imaging, or to schedule an appointment, call **1-800-649-4077** or visit **UPMC.com/MageeSees**.