



Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guideline 2022 Update

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- Digestive Health SCN GI pathways Committee (honorarium)
- Chair of the Pearls for Family Practise Course
- Pharma: Nil



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AWARENESS MONTH**



GET THOSE PUPPIES CHECKED!

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The who
the why &
the how?

Who?

Public Health and Preventative Medicine Physicians, Family Physicians, Radiologists, Radiology Tech, Nurse Practitioner, Patient Advocate, Medical Oncologist, Surgical Oncologist, Research Team and External Reviewers

Why?

New evidence in literature and new international guidelines since last update 2013

How?



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Where do I find the new guideline?



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Screening For Life > For Health Providers > Breast Screening Information

Breast Screening

Clinical practice guidelines Shared decision making

Radiology clinic resources All breast screening resources

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Clinical Practice Guidelines

Alberta follows the breast cancer screening guideline developed by the Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guideline Committee.

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Clinical Practice Summary - Online

The Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guideline Committee also publishes a summary algorithm in a format tailored for online viewing.

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Two-page summary document and quick links

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Average-Risk Population: Recommendations →

Individuals who do not meet any of the criteria for higher-than-average risk or high risk are considered average risk. The majority of people fall into the average-risk category.

USE DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY (DM) FOR SCREENING →			
39 YEARS & UNDER	40 TO 44 YEARS	45 TO 74 YEARS	75+ YEARS*
Screening is not recommended	Routine screening is not recommended. It may be considered based on informed discussion and individual preference. For those individuals requesting screening, the optimal interval is one year	Screening recommended Screen every 2 years	Consider individual health factors and personal preference to continue screening

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OTHER SCREENING-RELATED TECHNOLOGY →

Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT/3D mammography): 2D digital mammography remains the standard for screening average-risk individuals. At the present time there is not enough evidence to provide a strong recommendation for or against the use of DBT (3D mammography) in the average-risk population.

Ultrasound: Not recommended as a standalone screening test for the average-risk population. May be used as a supplemental tool by a radiologist for considering current and prior imaging (if available), and history.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (including fast/abbreviated MRI): Not recommended as a screening test for the average-risk population.

Thermography: Do not use thermography as a screening test for breast cancer. There is no evidence to support thermography for breast cancer screening or as an adjunct to mammography. Breast thermography is not approved by Health Canada for use in breast cancer screening.

Key Discussion Points for Healthcare Providers and their Patients

- 1. Perform an assessment of breast cancer risk →**
An assessment for breast cancer risk should occur for all individuals. It should be opportunistic and periodic. Consider a person's age, medical history, maternal and paternal family history, mammographic density and other associated risk factors in determining their screening recommendations (see next page).
- 2. Initiate discussion about breast cancer screening with individuals of the appropriate age, including potential benefits and risks →**
To reduce anxiety, healthcare providers should remind individuals of the possibility of additional tests needed beyond the initial screening modality. For age-specific benefits and risks, refer to "Making an Informed Decision About Breast Cancer Screening." Available at: screeningforlife.ca/for-health-providers
- 3. Encourage breast awareness →**
Individuals should report changes in their breasts, with particular attention to: nipple discharge/flush/inversion, skin dimpling, or new mass in the breast or axilla.
- 4. Discuss modifiable risk factor(s) →**
While some risk factors for breast cancer are not modifiable (e.g., gene mutation, breast density), the ones more amenable to modification include: alcohol consumption, inactivity, obesity and smoking. These should be addressed in the context of overall disease prevention, as should appropriate use of hormone replacement therapy.

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Individuals requiring more intensive screening →

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Family history of breast cancer in a first-degree relative but not meeting criteria for Medical Genetics or the Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC) Clinic	→ • Annual mammography starting 5 to 10 years younger than the youngest case in the family, but no earlier than age 30 and no later than age 40 • Consider annual clinical breast exam

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High risk due to family history +/- germline mutation as assessed by Medical Genetics or HBOC Clinic	→ Follow screening and risk reduction recommendations as per Medical Genetics or HBOC Clinic (see appendix A)

CLINICAL BREAST EXAM (CBE) →

- There is no evidence that routine CBE reduces breast cancer mortality. It should not replace mammography for screening.
- However, CBE is encouraged as part of a periodic physical exam, as it provides an opportunity to discuss breast awareness with the patient (see below).
- CBE should be included in the work up for any new breast symptom.

Breast Awareness: Breast awareness is the practice of becoming familiar with the look and feel of one's own breasts over time. Specific changes to be aware of include—but are not limited to—new lumps, nipple inversion/discharge/flushing/bleeding/flush, dimpling or thickening of the skin in one area of the breast. Any changes or concerns should be discussed promptly with a healthcare provider.

Breast Self-Examination (BSE): BSE is the practice of regularly checking one's own breasts for signs of breast cancer. Evidence has shown that the harms of this practice outweigh the benefits for the average-risk population. Therefore, BSE is not recommended as a cancer screening method for the average-risk population.

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2022 UPDATE: SCREENING RISKS, BENEFITS



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What are the risks and benefits to screening?

Making an Informed Decision About
Breast Cancer Screening:
For Women 50 and Older



Alberta Breast Cancer
Screening Program



Version: July 2021

Benefits	Risks
Lives Saved: Having a regular mammogram is the best way to find breast cancer early when treatment is most likely to be successful.	False Positive: Sometimes screening can lead to further testing even though no cancer is actually present.
Mammograms are safe and effective: Mammograms can usually find lumps 2 to 3 years before you or your health care provider can feel them.	Over Detection: You may end up getting treatment for a cancer that never would have become life-threatening even if it was untreated.
Easier Treatment: Finding Breast Cancer early can often mean that less invasive treatment is needed.	Missed Breast Cancer: Mammogram x-rays aren't perfect. You may develop breast cancer that doesn't get seen by screening.
Peace of Mind: You may feel better knowing that your are taking steps to find breast cancer early.	Anxiety: You may find breast cancer screening to be stressful because it may detect cancer that you were not aware of. You may also find the screening itself uncomfortable. Low Doses of Radiation: Mammograms use low doses of radiation, the benefits of make up for the risks of getting these small amounts of radiation.



Stay tuned for an updated guide for 45+

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Target population

Mammograms are recommended as per the guidelines for all:

1. Asymptomatic (cis-gender*) women, *or*
2. Transgender, gender diverse and non-binary people who are:
 - a) Assigned female at birth and have not undergone top surgery (mastectomy); or
 - b) Assigned male at birth and have been on feminizing hormone therapy for 5 or more years in total.

*Cisgender refers to people who have a gender identity that matches the sex they were assigned at birth.

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First assess your
patient's breast
cancer risk

Average risk

Higher than average
risk ****NEW

High risk



Non-modifiable

Age and sex – 1/7 women will be dx with breast cancer and 1/35 will die from the disease

Family hx – both maternal and paternal

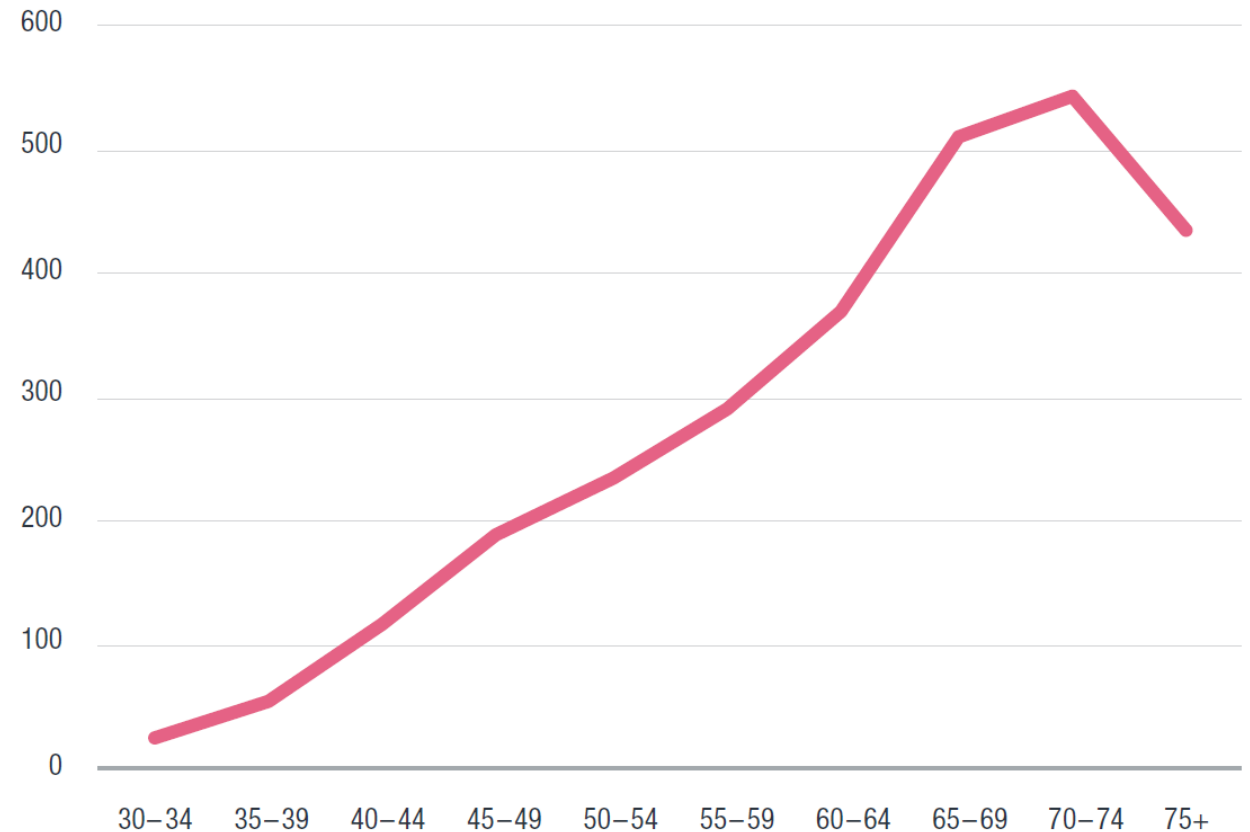
Breast density (*much smaller than age/sex*)

Previous abnormal breast biopsy

Chest wall radiation

Early menarche, late menopause

Alberta breast cancer (all types) incidence per 100,000 in 2018 by age



2022 UPDATE: RISK

Risk factors

Modifiable

Excessive
body weight

Low physical
activity

Alcohol
consumption

Smoking

BCP, HRT

Breast



~28% of
breast
cancers are
preventable

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New recommendations for the average risk population (80% of the population)

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Why did we change the recommended age and frequency of mammograms for average risk women?

New higher quality evidence in the literature

Epidemiology of breast cancer in Alberta

Simulation modeling outcomes using Alberta data

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NEW!



Previously “High Risk Population”

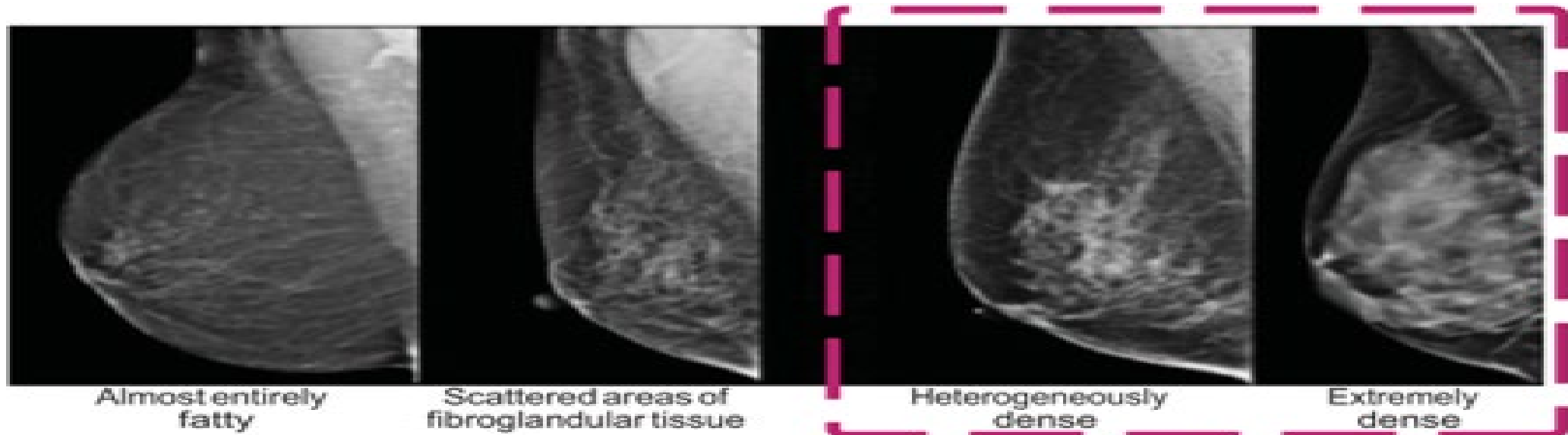
Previously no earlier than age 25

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- A – almost entirely fatty
- B – scattered areas of fibroglandular density
- C – heterogeneously dense, may obscure small masses
- D – extremely dense, lower sensitivity of mammograms, 2.1 x higher relative risk of breast ca (now moves them into the higher-than-average risk category)



2022 UPDATE: HIGH RISK RECOMMENDATIONS



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Previously
age 25

Updated to match current clinic criteria

Previously no end age

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What about: Clinical breast exam vs. self breast exam vs. breast self awareness?



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What about
supplementary
screening with
tomosynthesis,
breast ultrasound,
MRI?

Tomosynthesis (DBT)

Supplemental Breast
US

MRI

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How will I change my practise with these new guidelines?
I have changed my “goals” of care for mammograms

Abby Test
47 years 01-Oct-1976 Female
Phone: (403) 403-6285
Chart#: T1001
Provider: L. Stevenson

Concerns, Staff Alert: Contract Signed
Patient eligible for 03.04A
Due to calculate FRS
Click here to record

Deactivated Next Gen Launch Summary Search Family
Netcare Help

Demog Visits Tasks Bills Allg Meds Profile Labs Invest Consults Imm Goals Appt

Patient Goals

Name: Status: Active Due Before: 30-Oct-2022 Out Of Range: All
Goal Met: All Individualized: All Reason:

Active Goals

Goal Name	Target	Last Value	Last Date	Repeat	Next Due	Met?
Diabetic due for HbA1c q6mo	> 1 %			6 month	Unknown	No
Due for cholesterol screen	> 0.1			3 year	Unknown	No
Pap smear				1 year	Unknown	No
ALT For Fatty Liver				1 year	Unknown	No
ESTIMATED GFR	> 1			1 year	Unknown	No
Diabetic pt due for bp q6mo	> 1 mm Hg	132	21Dec2021	6 month	Overdue	No
Hypertensive pt due for bp check	> 1 mm Hg	132	21Dec2021	6 month	Overdue	No
Mammogram				2 year	Unknown	No
Tetanus			28Jun2019	10 year	28Jun2029	Yes

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Run a search – your HIC can help with this and provide outreach to your patients

Practice Mgmt Reporting - Google Chrome

calrsm.med-access.net/patient/RefreshAdvancedSearchReport.do?advancedSearchData.id=13477

Practice Mgmt Reporting

Download Batches Reference Help

Criteria Unmask

Template: Mammogram goal 📄 📄 📄 📄 🔄 ✕

Demographics ✕

Gender	Female	▼	
Status +	Active	▼	
Primary Provider	Stevenson, Lisa	▼	
Age Range	45	to	74

Profile +

Visits +

Task +

Observation +

Medications +

Allergy +

Goals +

Billing +

Appointment +

Reports ▼

Type: ...Select Report... 🖨️ ?

Searching ▼

Services ▼

A nice little
QI project!

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- New ABCSP guideline is both practical, and easy to follow with great healthcare provider resources and patient resources
- New recommendation to lower the recommended age for biennial screening for average risk individuals from age 50 to age 45
- A new higher-than-average risk category requiring more intensive screening
- The high risk category is more clearly defined with referral information for both high risk assessment clinics and high risk genetics clinics