



Pregnancy Disclosure and Consent to Imaging

I am scheduled for a breast imaging procedure today and may be or am currently pregnant.

The exam I am scheduled for is: Screening Mammogram
Diagnostic Mammogram

I understand that my unborn child may be at risk from the radiation incurred from this type of exam. I also understand that radiation exposure during the first trimester can pose the greatest risk.

I have the right to speak with my ordering physician, if applicable, and/or the on-site radiologist regarding the risk/benefit analysis of receiving radiation during my pregnancy and can request an approximation of the total dose incurred with such exam. I also have the right to refuse this exam today and may choose to reschedule to a later stage in my pregnancy or until I am no longer pregnant or breastfeeding.

The Elizabeth Jekot Breast Imaging Center also has the right to refuse to perform this exam if the potential incurred risk outweighs the benefit of having this exam performed at this time.

I consent / do not consent to undergoing my scheduled exam today.

MRI

Although there are no documented studies linking Magnetic Resonance Imaging examinations with potential risk to an unborn child, the EJBIC requires all pregnant/possibly pregnant and breastfeeding patients to sign this consent.

All breast MRI imaging performed at this facility includes a contrast media injection of Omniscan, a gadolinium based imaging contrast. Gadolinium allows the radiologist to identify additional details about your breast tissue that may not be apparent without its use. Gadolinium is filtered out of the bloodstream by your kidneys and eliminated from your body in your urine within 24 hours of injection. It is clear so it will not be visible to you upon elimination. Side effects are very rare and may include nausea and/or vomiting, headache, and local discomfort at the injection site. Severe reactions are extremely rare.

The use of gadolinium based contrast media is contraindicated during pregnancy. For this reason, the EJBIC will not perform breast MRI exams on pregnant patients.

In regards to patients who are currently breastfeeding, I have the right to speak with my ordering physician, if applicable, and/or the on-site radiologist regarding the risk/benefit analysis of receiving gadolinium at this time. I also have the right to refuse this exam today and may choose to reschedule until I am no longer breastfeeding.

The EJBIC also has the right to refuse to perform this exam if the potential incurred risk outweighs the benefit of having this exam performed at this time.

I consent / do not consent to undergoing my scheduled exam today.

Patient signature: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name printed: _____