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BREAST CANCER MYTHS DEBUNKED

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**MAMMOGRAMS ARE
ALWAYS PAINFUL**



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The discomfort associated with mammograms will vary from patient to patient. Many women experience no discomfort and others may feel brief discomfort or pressure while the mammogram is being performed.



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**YOU CAN'T GET A
MAMMOGRAM IF YOU
HAVE BREAST IMPLANTS**



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Mammograms can be safely performed after breast augmentation and regular screenings are recommended. If you have implants, tell your technologist before your mammogram starts as we may have to take extra pictures to allow for better imaging of the front part of the breast.



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**YOU DON'T NEED A
MAMMOGRAM UNTIL
YOUR 50 YEARS OLD**



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One thing we know for certain – breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the US. The American College of Radiology recommends annual screening mammograms starting at age 40. The reason being, 1 in 6 breast cancers occurs in women ages 40–49.