Dear referring physician:

In our ongoing efforts to find breast cancer early and educate patients about their breast health, we have invested in a volumetric breast density assessment software, Volpara ScorecardTM. Beyond a precise measurement of density, this software helps estimate breast cancer risk utilizing the Tyrer-Cuzick version 8 (TC8) risk model. We have also invested in automated breast ultrasound to provide comprehensive supplemental screening for your patients with dense breasts

You can expect that 40-50% of your patients1 will be found to have dense breasts. We will inform patients of their density at the time of their appointment and offer them educational materials.

**Why Volpara Scorecard?**

Volpara Scorecard goes beyond the one size fits all BI-RADS® breast density categories of a, b, c and d. Volumetric density assessment provides a reproducible, objective measurement that also reduces intra and inter reader variability. This will provide consistency across our entire screening population. The software identifies the percentage of breast density for each breast and calculates a value. The value is added to TC8 and calculates a 10-year breast cancer risk score. The score provides decision support for next steps. Patients found to be intermediate to high risk will be triaged to supplemental screening and/or further interventions.

**Educating patients**

We also ask for your continued partnership in educating patients about the importance of breast density and its relation to breast cancer risk. We have included a physician pocket card and a patient brochure for your use. The pocket card is an illustrative teaching tool as it demonstrates a white star that becomes harder to find when it is shown in the c and d density images.

We would be happy to supply your office with these materials to support patient breast care discussions. We also have posters and a website as additional educational tools.

**Supplemental screening**

Patients with c and d densities may request more information about their supplemental screening options. Supplemental screening has significant impact on finding more cancers earlier and reduces interval cancers.2 Our center offers whole (list technologies) to further screen patients with dense breasts. We have the ability to offer (XXX) on the same day as the mammography appointment if the patient desires the exam. We would welcome the opportunity to work with your office to set up a smooth process for creating supplemental screening orders for your patients.

**Finding more cancers**

Thank you for your partnership in helping women achieve early detection of breast cancer. We believe the new precise density measurement is a great advancement in patient care. We remain committed to early detection of cancer for all of our patients, and for women with dense breasts, a more comprehensive assessment of their density.

Best regards,

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1. <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/basic_info/dense-breasts.htm#:~:text=The%20breasts%20are%20almost%20entirely,about%2010%25%20of%20women>)
2. <https://densebreast-info.org/screening-technologies/cancer-detection-by-screening-method/>

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