

ABCSP Position Statement on Supplemental Ultrasound

Supplemental (Screening) Ultrasound

Supplemental whole breast ultrasound (i.e. added to screening mammography) for the purposes of screening of average risk women is not considered a standard of care. This is because evidence to date shows a significant increase in harms (recall rate, biopsy rate, false positive rate, etc.) and lack of data showing significant benefit when added as part of screening for average risk women. However, it may be added to screening mammography for higher risk women or on a case-by-case basis.

Note: 'supplemental ultrasound' only refers to ultrasounds planned to compliment a screening mammogram as part of screening. Ultrasounds used to clarify a finding or issue with the mammogram are not considered screening.