



Help Women Detect Breast Cancer Early with Tomosynthesis 3D Mammography!

Overcoming Barriers to Breast Cancer Screenings across the State of New Mexico

The Southwest Women's Law Center and Assured Imagining are working together to ensure women across the State of New Mexico have access to the most up to date breast cancer screening.

What Is Tomosynthesis?

Tomosynthesis (also known as 3D mammography) is a new protocol used to detect breast cancer. This protocol is paired with a traditional mammogram (2D mammography) to get a better image of breast tissue to help detect cancer cells. Using Tomosynthesis technology, doctors can detect a breast cancer cell as small as a pen point.

When Do Women Get Tomosynthesis?

Women can get Tomosynthesis when they go in for their routine mammogram. Tomosynthesis is done at the same time women get their traditional mammograms.

What does Tomosynthesis Cost?

Southwest Women's Law Center and Assured Imagining will be providing Tomosynthesis to qualifying insured women with no additional cost. Many insurance companies and Medicaid do not cover this additional screening. Women can pay out of pocket for this service even if it is not covered. The out of pocket cost for Tomosynthesis is \$60.

Where Can Women Get Tomosynthesis?

Tomosynthesis is available in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Belen, Santa Fe, and Alamogordo. Women in other areas of the state should contact the Southwest Women's Law Center to find out when the Assured Imaging mobile mammography van will visit their location.

Why 3-D mammograph will benefit women

Tomosynthesis increases breast cancer detection by 10%-30% over 2D imaging alone. Breast Tomosynthesis allows doctors to examine breast tissue one layer at a time, which helps them find very small cancer cells and ruling out "false positives." Using Breast Tomosynthesis and digital mammography together for screening has been proven to reduce false positive results.

For more information, call the Southwest Women's Law Center at (505)244-0502 or email info@swwomenslaw.org.

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