

Policy Title: Definition of Post-Screen Cancer	
Section: Diagnostic Follow-up	Reference No. SE 020
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1. SCOPE

All Breast Screening Program Staff

2. POLICY

A Post-Screen Cancer is a new breast cancer detected after a normal Breast Screening exam, or after an abnormal screen-initiated work-up that did not result in a breast cancer diagnosis. Breast cancers found on serial follow-up of an abnormal screening exam (such as 6-month repeat mammography) are considered to be Post-Screen Cancers

Post-Screen cancers may be categorized as:

- **X-Month Interval Breast Cancer**

An interval breast cancer is a post-screen cancer that presents or is detected within a defined period of time (X months e.g. 12 months, 24 months, etc.) after a routine screen in which findings are considered normal.

- **Contradiction Cancers**

A Contradiction Cancer is a post-screen cancer for which the location of the cancer is determined to be the same as the abnormal finding on the most recent Breast Screening exam, and the screen occurred < 30 months prior to the diagnosis. If the diagnosis occurs ≥ 30 months after the last screen, then it is an Interval Cancer.

3. RELATED POLICIES

SG160 – Post-Screen Cancer Review

4. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Screening Operations Director
Breast Screening Medical Director