

Breast Radiologists Increasingly Collaborating With—and Adding Value to—Multidisciplinary Care Teams

A study published in the *American Journal of Roentgenology* found the outcomes of breast care can be optimized when it is delivered in a multidisciplinary domain, provided such treatment includes screening, diagnosis of borderline and high-risk lesions, and management of the breast cancer patient. The researchers cite a recent study conducted to examine the usefulness of regional lymph node ultrasound evaluation in 865 patients presenting with clinical stage III breast cancer. They determined ultrasound identified extraaxillary nodal metastases in 325 patients, which led to revisions in radiation treatment plans. About 85 percent of the patients with extraaxillary disease had infraclavicular involvement, 40 percent had supraclavicular involvement, and 30 percent had internal mammary involvement.