

Radiologist Explains How Her Practice Educates Women On Breast Screening Modalities.

In a special piece for [Aunt Minnie](#) (4/2), Dr. Amy Thumond, director of Women's Imaging & Intervention, writes that in her own practice in Oregon, "for every patient, along with the written breast density notification required by law, we provide a table that shows the six breast cancer screening modalities – digital mammography, tomosynthesis, ultrasound, breast-specific gamma imaging (BSGI), MRI, and thermography – side-by-side," providing comparisons of "the modalities by energy source, radiation, whether an injection is needed, and approximate cost for cash pay." That table has proven to be helpful "during the patient discussion of modalities and risks compared with benefits for each option." Dr. Thumond also points out that the American College of Radiology's website "and its companion patient site mammographysaveslives.org are excellent resources for ordering physicians to help them respond to common patient questions."