

Breast Imaging Center of Excellence Requirements



Overview

The American College of Radiology recognizes breast imaging centers that achieve excellence by seeking and earning accreditation in all of the ACR's voluntary breast imaging accreditation programs and modules in addition to the mandatory Mammography Accreditation Program by providing them a certificate that identifies them as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence. The College will award the designation and one certificate at no additional fee to a center to acknowledge their dedication to improving women's health by participating in these rigorous quality assurance programs. All Breast Imaging Center of Excellence facilities will be identified by the symbol shown below on the ACR's "[Accredited Facility Search](#)" Web page. (Visit www.acr.org/accreditation.aspx and click on "Accredited Facility Search.")



In order to receive the ACR's Breast Imaging Center of Excellence designation, a center must be fully accredited in:

- Mammography by the ACR (or an FDA-approved state accrediting body),
- Stereotactic Breast Biopsy by the ACR,
- Breast Ultrasound by the ACR (including the Ultrasound-Guided Breast Biopsy module), and
- Effective January 1, 2016, Breast MRI by the ACR. (Centers may also satisfy this requirement if they refer their patients to another facility for breast MRI and breast MR-guided biopsy outside their center. This facility must be accredited by the ACR in Breast MRI and may be within their facility system or in a referral relationship with the Center of Excellence.)

The ACR is the leader in quality programs for breast imaging. As such, it is developing new initiatives to stay current with the science and technology that drive radiology practice as well as the clinical needs of the profession. In the future, centers may need to meet more rigorous requirements, such as performing expanded audits or achieving accreditation in Breast MRI, to maintain their designation as Breast Imaging Centers of Excellence.

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