

## **BREAST PROCEDURE POLICIES**

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Patients undergoing breast procedures are not required to hold any blood thinners prior to procedure (unless she/he chooses to do so). This policy aligns with current Society of Interventional Radiology guidelines for low-risk procedures.
- The performance of breast procedures on inpatients and ER patients is at the discretion of the biopsy radiologist.
- Breast procedures and post clip placement mammography are not contraindicated in pregnant or breastfeeding patients.

### **OUTSIDE BREAST IMAGING PRIOR TO PERFORMING PROCEDURE**

- Biopsy/Aspiration – Outside images and the report(s) that prompted the procedure are required. Earlier outside images (e.g. screening mammograms) are preferred as well.
- Localization – Outside biopsy images (including post clip placement mammograms and specimen radiographs) and report, outside diagnostic mammography and/or ultrasound images and report(s) and the biopsy pathology report are required. Earlier outside images (e.g. screening mammograms) are preferred as well.
- The Technologist should use the PowerShare Request sheet on Google Drive to obtain any outside examinations. PowerShare requests are often completed in 1-2 days compared to waiting for a disc with outside examinations to arrive. Most local institutions can share examinations via PowerShare. Contact a PACS administrator if you do not have access to the PowerShare Request sheet.
- Alternatively the Technologist can have the patient complete a release authorization form and fax the form to the File Room.
- If outside reports do not arrive with the outside images, contact the facility and have the reports faxed over. Scan the reports into the appropriate examination folders in PACS.

### **REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BREAST MRI FOR CONSIDERATION OF MRI-GUIDED BIOPSY**

- MRI-guided breast biopsies are currently only performed at Southside hospital.
- Only radiologists who perform MRI-guided breast biopsies (Drs. Bathala and Rezaei) are allowed to review/approve these biopsies.
- MRI-guided breast biopsies cannot be scheduled until an invasive sheet has been signed by either Drs. Bathala or Rezaei.

- Breast MRIs from outside institutions will not be reviewed for MRI-guided biopsy unless the examination was performed at NAS Jacksonville. Breast MRIs from many outside institutions are often technically inadequate or suboptimally interpreted. These patients either need a repeat breast MRI at St Vincents or Optimal Imaging, have an existing breast MRI from NAS Jacksonville or have repeat diagnostic evaluation at St Vincents or Optimal Imaging.