

COVID Vaccine and Mammography Scheduling

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COVID-19 Vaccine Series and Mammography Scheduling

Background Information:

The COVID vaccine, like other vaccines, has shown to cause some lymph node enlargement in a small population of women for a short period of time just after the vaccine.

If a patient has questions regarding scheduling their mammogram and the possible side effects of the Covid Vaccine, please provide the following information:

- Is it safe to get a mammogram during or after the COVID vaccination process?
 - *Yes, it is safe.*
 - If additional questions:
Our radiologists are aware that some women may experience pain, swelling and/or enlarged lymph nodes in the armpit on the side where they had the vaccine; this is considered an expected or normal reaction. However, if you feel a lump in your armpit that lasts for more than six weeks after your vaccination, you should let your healthcare provider know.
- Do I need to wait to get my mammogram if I've had the COVID vaccine?
 - *No, there is no reason to delay your mammogram.*
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