

## Breast MRI New American Cancer Society (ACS) Recommendations

American Cancer Society is now recommending that certain women with an especially high risk of developing breast cancer get magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans along with their yearly mammogram. The two tests together give doctors a better chance of finding breast cancer early in these women, when it is easier to treat and the chance of survival is greatest.

### **Patients who should have an annual breast MRI screening in addition to a mammogram include those with:**

- A lifetime risk of 20% or greater (based on standard risk assessment tools)
- A first degree relative (mother, father, sister, brother, child) with breast cancer before menopause
- A positive for BRCA gene mutation
- Prior radiation therapy to the chest for lymphoma treatment (between ages 10-30)

### **Patients who should *consider* having an annual breast MRI screening in addition to a mammogram include those with:**

- A lifetime risk of 15-20% (based on standard risk assessment tools)
- A personal history of breast cancer
- Extremely dense breast tissue
- High-risk lesions on a previous biopsy

For more information on breast MRI and to find out how these new ACS recommendations affect you:

- Talk to your physician
- Call Imaging Specialists of Charleston at (843) 881-4020 for a consultation