Supplemental Screening Summary for BreastScreen NSW Eligible Clients							
Modality	**Benefits**	**Limitations**	**Available at BSNSW for screening**	**Available at BSNSW for assessment (client recalled from screening for further tests)**	**Requires GP referral for screening**	**IV Contrast Media required for examination**	**Radiation exposure**
2D Mammography (BreastScreen NSW)	~Current population screening standard of care ~Self referred ~No cost for client ~Double blind reading for screening program	~Reduced sensitivity for extremely dense breasts	Y	Y	N	N	Y
3D Mammography	~Increased cancer detection rates for whole population ~Generally accessible in diagnostic imaging services	~Radiation exposure ~Extremely dense breasts can be challenging to interpret ~Potential out of pocket expense	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Breast Ultrasound	~No radiation ~Accessible with GP referral ~Complementary modality to mammography - potential to detect mammographically occult cancer ~Generally accessible diagnostic imaging services	~Increased investigation of benign disease and benign biopsies ~Operator dependant	N	Y	Y	N	N
ABUS (Automated Breast Ultrasound)	~No radiation ~Accessible with GP referral in Sydney ~Complementary modality to mammography - potential to detect mammographically occult cancer	~Increased investigation of benign disease and benign biopsies ~Limited availability	N	N	Y	N	N
Contrast Enhanced Mammography	~High cancer detection rate ~Increased sensitivity for dense breasts	~Iodinated contrast media risks including allergy, renal toxicity and extravasation ~Limited availability, emerging modality ~Increased radiation dose to 3D mammography alone ~Interpretation can be limited by background breast parenchymal enhancement ~No specific Medicare item number, can incur higher out of pocket expense	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Breast MRI	~ Higher cancer detection rate compared to mammography alone	~Potential significant out of pocket expense ~Limited availability ~Increased investigation of benign disease and benign biopsies ~Interpretation can be limited by background breast parenchymal enhancement ~Contrast media considerations, i.e cumulative gadolinium exposure ~People with limited mobility can find positioning difficult ~Contraindications for claustrophia and those with metallic implantable devices	N	N	Y ~Specialist referral required for Medicare rebate	Y	N
UltraFast Breast MRI and Abbreviated Breast MRI A6:A9	~ Higher cancer detection rate compared to mammography alone ~Non contrast protocols used in some institutions ~Fast acquisition time relative to standard Breast MRI ~Greater potential for screening	~Potential significant out of pocket expense ~Limited availability ~Increased investigation of benign disease and benign biopsies ~Interpretation can be limited by background breast parenchymal enhancement ~People with limited mobility can find positioning difficult ~Contraindications for claustrophia and those with metallic implantable devices ~Contrast media considerations, i.e cumulative gadolinium exposure	N	N	Y ~Specialist referral required for Medicare rebate	Y	N

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