

Soundbite Script – Planning the COVID-19 Vaccine and Your Next Mammogram

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“We recommend that after the age of 40 women should really get a yearly mammogram. We did see an increase in breast cancer due in part to the pandemic. Women were not coming in to have their annual screening and, unfortunately, we are seeing an up rise in that breast cancer.”

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“We are seeing an increase of some patients having their lymph nodes swollen, usually on the side where they had their COVID shot. It doesn’t happen to everyone. It’s a small percentage of patients. We are still encouraging, as long as you’re healthy and not having any problems, to make sure you’re scheduling those screening mammograms. If you are having issue before, during or after your shot, you need to speak to your primary care physician.”

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“We’re seeing a lot of physicians and hospitals are starting this process. It makes it a little more convenient for the patient and trying to show them that even though we are in a pandemic your screening appointments are still extremely important to have.”

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“If you have any concerns about that you need to reach out to your primary care physician, making that e-appointment or go in and talk to them to make sure you’re making the right choice for you.” (:10)