

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Breast MRI

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
Melanie Akason	"THIS IS A PICTURE OF MY GRANDPARENTS."
	MELANIE AKASON IS AT HIGH RISK FOR BREAST CANCER. SEVERAL WOMEN IN HER FAMILY HAVE HAD BREAST OR OVARIAN CANCER AND MELANIE CARRIES A BREAST CANCER GENE.
Melanie	"I DISCOVERED SEVERAL YEARS AGO THAT I AM A BRCA-1 CARRIER. I COME IN EVERY SIX MONTHS TO HAVE AN EXAM."
Sandhya Pruthi, M.D.	"FOR HIGH RISK WOMEN, MRI HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE BETTER THAN MAMMOGRAPHY IN DETECTING DISEASE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGE."

	<p>MRI'S CAN PICK UP CANCERS THAT MAMMOGRAMS SOMETIMES MISS, ESPECIALLY IN WOMEN WITH DENSE BREAST TISSUE.</p>
	<p>MRI GIVES DOCTORS A CLEARER LOOK AT DENSE BREAST TISSUE, BUT IT HAS LIMITATIONS. IT'S EXPENSIVE AND IT CAN MISS TINY CALCIFICATIONS REGULARLY PICKED UP BY MAMMOGRAMS. SO THE KEY IS TO ALTERNATE BETWEEN MAMMOGRAMS AND MRI. DOCTOR PRUTHI SAYS THAT'S WHAT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RECOMMENDS.</p>
	<p>TWO COMPLEMENTARY SCREENING TOOLS TO HELP DETECT BREAST CANCER EARLY WHILE IT'S STILL CURABLE.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS</p>