

CAROLINA FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.
STANDING ORDER

TITLE: SO-103 Breast Cancer Screening

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 09, 2022

SECTION: Standing Order
REFERENCE POLICY: N/A

RESPONSIBLE CHIEF OF STAFF: Chief Medical Officer
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE: Medical CIT

REVIEWED: 10/07/2025

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish a standing order for support staff to order screening mammograms on behalf of the medical providers.

II. STANDING ORDER

Under this standing order, Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Nurse (RN), and Mammography Technologist with proper training may order screening mammograms every two years for women 40-74 years of age who are at average risk for breast cancer as per USPSTF Grade B recommendation.

Average risk is defined as: asymptomatic women age 40 years or older who do not have pre-existing breast cancer, or a previously diagnosed high-risk breast lesion and who are not at high risk for breast cancer because of a known underlying genetic mutation (such as a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation or other familial breast cancer syndrome), or a history of chest radiation at a young age. Patients with a greater than average risk need more frequent screening. Their screening cadence is determined by their medical provider.


Contraindications for a screening mammogram:

1. Women with breast complaints. These women will need evaluation by a medical provider. Staff help coordinate the appointment with the patient's primary care provider (PCP) or another provider if the PCP is not available.
2. Pregnancy.
3. Receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine in 6 weeks prior to the request.

1. Open an appropriate encounter (i.e., Orders Only, Telephone, Office visit, or Interim encounter)
2. Choose the appropriate order from the preference list(i.e., internal vs. external)
3. Answer the questions in the order
4. Change the ordering provider to the patient's PCP under the **Additional Order Details, Referral: By Provider** box. If this is not chosen, the results will come back to the ordering staff member.
5. **Accept** the order.
6. Sign the encounter.

If the patient fits the description of the applicable population but refuses to be screened, the support staff provides education on the benefits of regular screening and documents the reason(s) for the refusal in the electronic health record system

This standing order shall remain in effect for all patients of Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc., effective 10/07/2025 until rescinded.


Abraham Chaparro, MD
Chief Medical Officer

10/7/25
Date