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# Digital Mammography

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Digital mammography assists in the early detection of breast cancer by incorporating modern electronics and computers into x-ray mammography methods. Instead of acquiring an image on film, it is collected electronically and can be stored directly into a computer. Digital mammography is quick and has the potential to reduce patient anxiety and inconvenience. Moreover, digital mammograms are easily archived and electronically transferable, making them ideal for teaching purposes and for evaluation during long-distance telemedicine consultations.