



Managing recalls from screening using CEM

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We will share with you our experience in the management of screening recalls in the Breast Cancer Center (BCC) of Vall d'Hebron University hospital, where we have integrated the national screening programme with clinics. The BCC treats between 600 and 700 cancer patients annually. The breast imaging section performed approximately 6,300 ultrasounds, 1,800 interventional procedures and 800 MRIs in 2021.

In our breast unit we have a one-stop clinic® pathway: evaluating suspicious referrals in conjunction with breast surgeons. Adopting this pathway has led to fewer separate clinic visits for patients, thus reducing both patient anxiety and financial costs. The first test we perform on this pathway is a CEM, providing us with functional information.

This technique of using CEM was implemented after first being approved for use by the New Technology Committee at Vall d'Hebron hospital in April of 2022. It has been well-received in the Women's Imaging department and also by the multi-disciplinary clinical team in the BCC.

We believe that this approach in the screening recalls workup, which is now being adopted as a new standard within CatSalud (the Catalan health provider), could also be of interest to Breast Cancer Centres elsewhere.

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