

# AMSER Case of the Month

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72-year-old female presents for annual mammogram

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# Patient Presentation

- HPI:
  - Patient presents for clinical breast exam and right breast screening – 5 years follow up left IDC s/p mastectomy
  - Patient denies palpable findings, nipple discharge, nipple inversion, breast pain, or erythema of the breast
- PMH:
  - Left DCIS s/p partial mastectomy and adjuvant radiation (2009)
  - Left IDC (ER-/PR-/HER2-) s/p simple mastectomy and adjuvant chemotherapy (2016)
  - *Other relevant medical history temporarily withheld*

What imaging should be ordered according to ACR breast cancer screening guidelines?

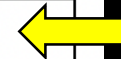
# ACR Appropriateness Criteria

**Variant 2:**

**Breast cancer screening. Intermediate-risk women: women with personal history of breast cancer, lobular neoplasia, atypical ductal hyperplasia, or 15% to 20% lifetime risk of breast cancer.**

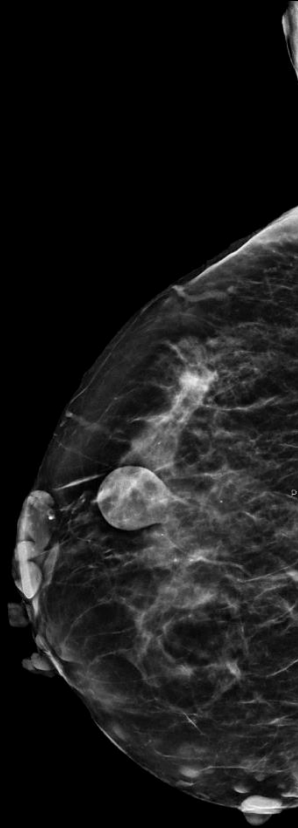
Procedure	Appropriateness Category	Relative Radiation Level
Mammography screening	Usually Appropriate	☼☼
Digital breast tomosynthesis screening	Usually Appropriate	☼☼
MRI breast without and with IV contrast	May Be Appropriate	○
US breast	May Be Appropriate	○
FDG-PET breast dedicated	Usually Not Appropriate	☼☼☼☼
Sestamibi MBI	Usually Not Appropriate	☼☼☼
MRI breast without IV contrast	Usually Not Appropriate	○

This imaging modality was ordered by the primary physician

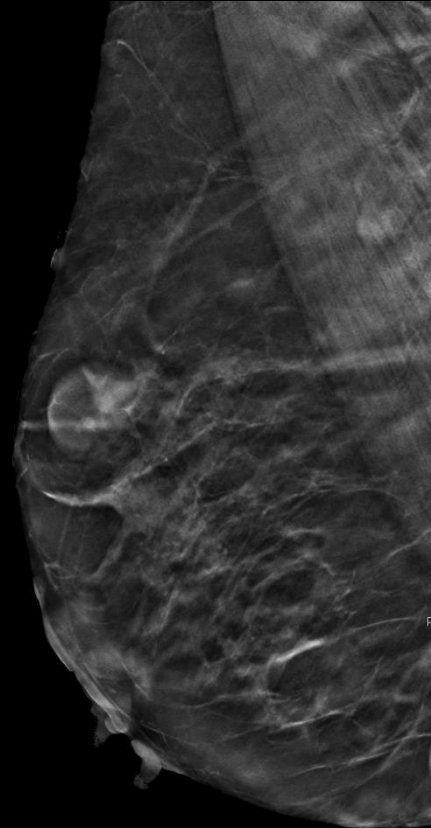


# Findings (unlabeled) – Screening Mammogram

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R-MLO



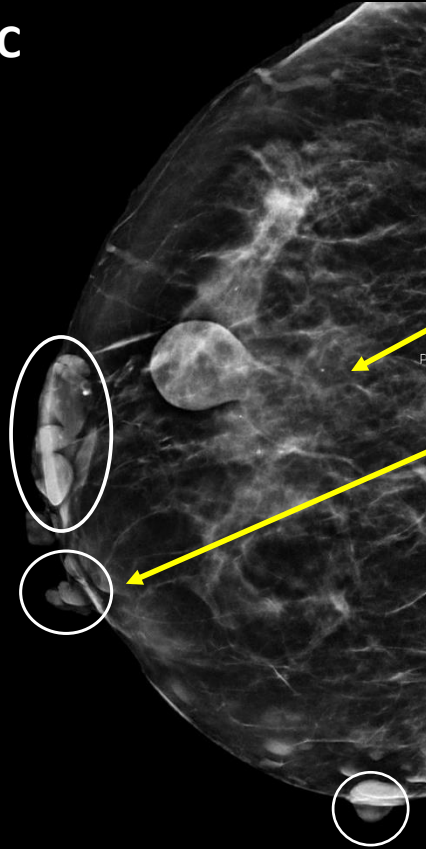
Did you spot any interesting skin findings?

# Additional Imaging – Prior CT



# Findings (labeled) – Screening Mammogram

R-CC



## FINDINGS:

Scattered areas of fibroglandular density

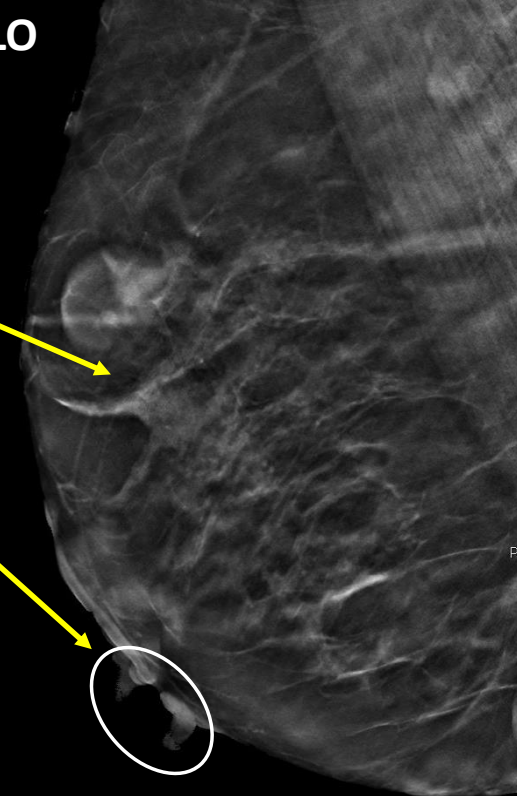
**Numerous superficial peri-areolar neurofibromas**

*\*circled in white*

No suspicious masses, areas of architectural distortion or calcifications

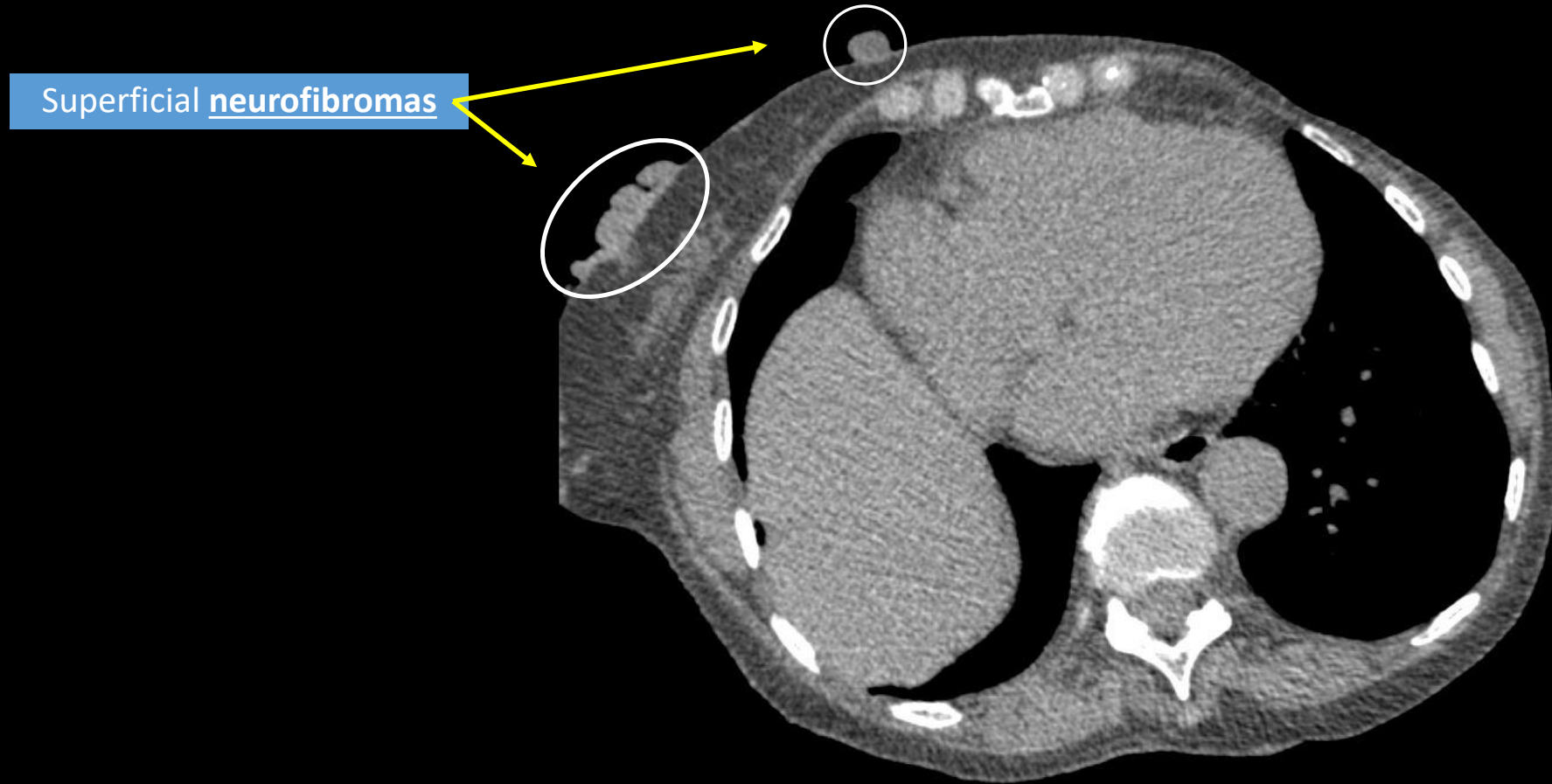
*Left breast surgically absent*

R-MLO





# Additional Imaging (labeled) – Prior CT



Final Diagnosis:

Neurofibromatosis 1

*Final Impression of Screening Mammogram: BI-RADS 2 – Benign*

# Case Discussion – Neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1)

- Autosomal dominant multisystem neurocutaneous disorder
- Affects 1:2500-3000 individuals
- Mutation of tumor suppressor gene → loss of function → uninhibited cell growth with neurofibroma development
- Clinical manifestations:
  - Neurofibromas
  - Café au lait spots
  - Lisch nodules
  - Axillary and inguinal freckling
  - Skeletal abnormalities
    - Sphenoid wing dysplasia
    - Leg bowing
  - Optic nerve glioma

# Teaching Point - Breast radiographic features of neurofibromas in NF1

## Mammography

- Well-defined benign-appearing masses
- Classically peri-areolar
- May mimic and partially obscure breast lesions

## Ultrasound

- Well-defined hypoechoic masses with posterior acoustic enhancement
- *Features similar to fibroadenoma*

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