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Have you read about the FDA recommending that women with breast implants have an MRI scan 5 years following insertion, and every 2 years thereafter to detect ruptures or leakages?

San Jose, CA – March 2, 2007 – PremiereScan, a comprehensive, free-standing diagnostic imaging center serving San Jose and the greater Bay Area, announces the availability to provide MRI Scans as a diagnostic tool for detecting breast implant leakages and ruptures for women who have breast implants. This news is in response to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendation that patients with silicone implants from Mentor Corporation have an MRI scan five years after implant insertion and every two years thereafter. Until recently there had been a 13-year ban on uses of silicone implants, but Mentor persuaded FDA advisers that its newer silicone implants are reasonably safe and more durable than older versions. However, Mentor must warn patients that because implant breaks don't cause immediate symptoms follow up MRI scans at timely intervals will be needed after insertion to detect possible leakage problems. Studies by Dr. Lori Brown of the FDA and her colleagues indicate that most women with silicone gel-filled breast implants will have at least one broken implant within 10 years.

When silicone gel-filled implants rupture, some women may notice decreased breast size, hard knots, uneven appearance of the breasts, pain or tenderness, tingling, swelling, numbness, burning, or changes in sensation. Other women may unknowingly experience a rupture without any symptoms. Silicone gel may escape from the scar tissue capsule around the implant and migrate away from the breast causing lumps, called granulomas, to form in the breast, chest wall, armpit, arm, or abdomen. Surgeons usually recommend removal of the implant if it has ruptured, even if the silicone is still enclosed within the scar tissue capsule, because the silicone gel may eventually leak into surrounding tissues. Women with these symptoms should immediately consult their doctor or surgeon and strongly consider having an MRI scan.

PremiereScan's high field 1.5T MRI is an excellent instrument for detecting leakages or ruptures in the breast area for both silicone and saline based implants as the scanner can exploit differences in silicone, water, and fat resonance frequencies to deliver high-resolution images in detecting ruptures or leakages. The scanner utilizes special breast coils, depending on the implant material, that rest comfortably under the patient during the examination to capture detailed wave frequencies of the breast area. These wave signals are reported back to the scanner console in the form of highly detailed images. The images are then reviewed by a Board Certified Radiologist and findings are conveyed to the patient's referring physician and/or surgeon.

About PremiereScan

PremiereScan is a privately-owned imaging facility dedicated to serving physicians and patients in San Jose and the greater Bay Area. PremiereScan offers the following health screenings:

CT Lung Cancer Screens, 3D Colon Imaging/Virtual Colonoscopy, and Breast Implant MRI scans.

The employees are a tight-knit team that places customer service as its highest priority making PremiereScan one of the top medical imaging clinics in the Bay Area.

The clinic is open 7:00 am to 9:00 am Monday through Friday, and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturdays, and is located at 798 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, California 95128.