

DenseBreast-info Supports Expanded Breast Density Educational Efforts in Europe as European Federation of Radiographer Societies Shares Resources with Members

DB-I Promotes Education and Awareness of Breast Density through National Societies, Professional Bodies and Academic Institutions across Europe

Deer Park, N.Y., December 17, 2020 – <u>DenseBreast-info.org</u> (DB-I) announced that the <u>European Federation of Radiographer Societies (EFRS)</u> now provides a link to DB-I website and educational materials as a resource for members. The EFRS represents 45 national societies and professional bodies, 66 academic institutions of radiography education, and more than 105,000 radiographers and 8,500 radiography students across Europe.

As the conversation around the implications of dense tissue expands, the EFRS is the latest in a growing number of national societies and professional organisations across Europe that provide links to share DenseBreast-info.org resources, including The Royal College of Radiologists, the Society/College of Radiographers (UK), the European Society of Radiology (Patient Advisory Group, Vienna), the International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP), ecancer.org and leading research charity, Prevent Breast Cancer.

<u>DB-I/Europe</u> is designed to provide education to healthcare professionals about the screening and risk implications of dense breast tissue and value of supplemental screening. New educational tools and resources include:

- Risk Model Tutorial (includes details on how the models are used, risk model explanations, diagnostic considerations, and a risk model table which includes *live links* to each model)
- Patient Fact Sheet (one-page, downloadable; available in multiple languages)
- Table: <u>Comparative Analysis of National Breast Screening Guidelines in Europe</u> (now in a comparative table)
- European Radiology: Breast density implications and supplemental screening
- DI/Europe: Using education to overcome unequal access to supplemental screening for women with dense breasts

"We are pleased to share DenseBreast-info's medically-sourced educational tools about breast density to radiographers and student radiographers across Europe through our member national societies and educational institutions. It is critical that providers fully understand the risk associated with dense tissue and its impact on screening in order to ensure that women across Europe receive the best breast care possible," said Dr. Jonathan McNulty, President of EFRS.

"We are delighted to add EFRS to the growing list of healthcare providers and professional organisations that utilize DB-I/Europe content to make their members aware of and understand the impact of breast density on screening," said Cheryl Cruwys, DB-I's European Education Coordinator.

"While we have made tremendous progress since launching the European website, there continues to be a significant need in Europe for medically-sourced educational information about dense tissue," added Athina Vourtsis, MD, PhD, DenseBreast-info.org European Liaison.

DenseBreast-info.org, cited as the most up-to-date and comprehensive resource on the topic, was developed to provide breast density educational tools to both patients and health care professionals.

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