

## DenseBreast-Info.org Launches Second Generation CME/CE Program

Popular CME Course Completed by Nearly 4,000 Breast Imaging Professionals Updated to Address Knowledge Gaps
Regarding Breast Density Among Women's Health Providers

**DEER PARK, N.Y., June 7, 2021** – <u>DenseBreast-info.org</u> (DB-I) today announced the launch of its second generation certified education program, <u>Dense Breasts and Supplemental Screening</u>. The course is now free and jointly provided by DenseBreast-info.org and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and has also been accredited by the American Society for Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

The **Dense Breasts and Supplemental Screening** course has been developed for primary care healthcare providers who refer women to breast screening, including family medicine, internal medicine, and OB/GYN physicians and midlevel providers, as well as radiologists, and radiologic technologists. The course has been designated for 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits or 1.5 ASRT Category A CE credits.

Content development of the new education course was guided by results of two DB-I research studies conducted to identify knowledge gaps among women's health providers regarding breast density, breast cancer risk assessment, and screening. The most recent study, "Effect of an educational intervention on women's healthcare provider knowledge gaps about breast density, breast cancer risk, and screening," published in *Menopause*, identified important knowledge gaps about implications of breast density among women's healthcare providers and showed that these deficiencies can be effectively addressed with web-based education. Results of the first study, conducted in radiologists and radiologists, were published in the Journal of Breast Imaging in July 2020.

"These two studies identified important knowledge gaps about implications of breast density that exist among women's healthcare providers. Because their knowledge and comfort in navigating patient discussions about breast density, masking, risk, and possible supplemental screening are essential to ensure women receive appropriate breast cancer screening recommendations, this new certified education program is designed to help address those gaps," said Robin Seitzman, PhD, MPH, Director of Education and Epidemiology Research, <a href="DenseBreast-info.org">DenseBreast-info.org</a>.

"To encourage education on the topic, the course is now offered at no charge," said Wendie Berg, MD, PhD, Professor of Radiology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Magee-Womens Hospital, Department of Radiology and Chief Scientific Advisor, <a href="DenseBreast-info.org">DenseBreast-info.org</a>. "Our goal for this new CME course is to provide an educational resource for women's health providers that will have widespread enrollment and utilization and increase provider comfort level in discussing the screening and risk implications of dense tissue and risk-based screening recommendations."

The nearly 4,000 enrollees of the original **Breast Density: Why it Matters** course are eligible to enroll in the new program. The **Dense Breasts and Supplemental Screening** course can also be taken for credit in Europe.

DenseBreast-info.org, cited as the most up-to-date and comprehensive resource on the topic, provides education on the topic to both patients and health care professionals. This medically-sourced tool is the collaborative effort of world-renowned breast imaging experts and medical reviewers and includes a comprehensive suite of <a href="mailto:provider">provider</a> educational tools and <a href="mailto:patient-resources">patient-resources</a>.

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