Rad to Rad Learning: Masses Obscured by Implants

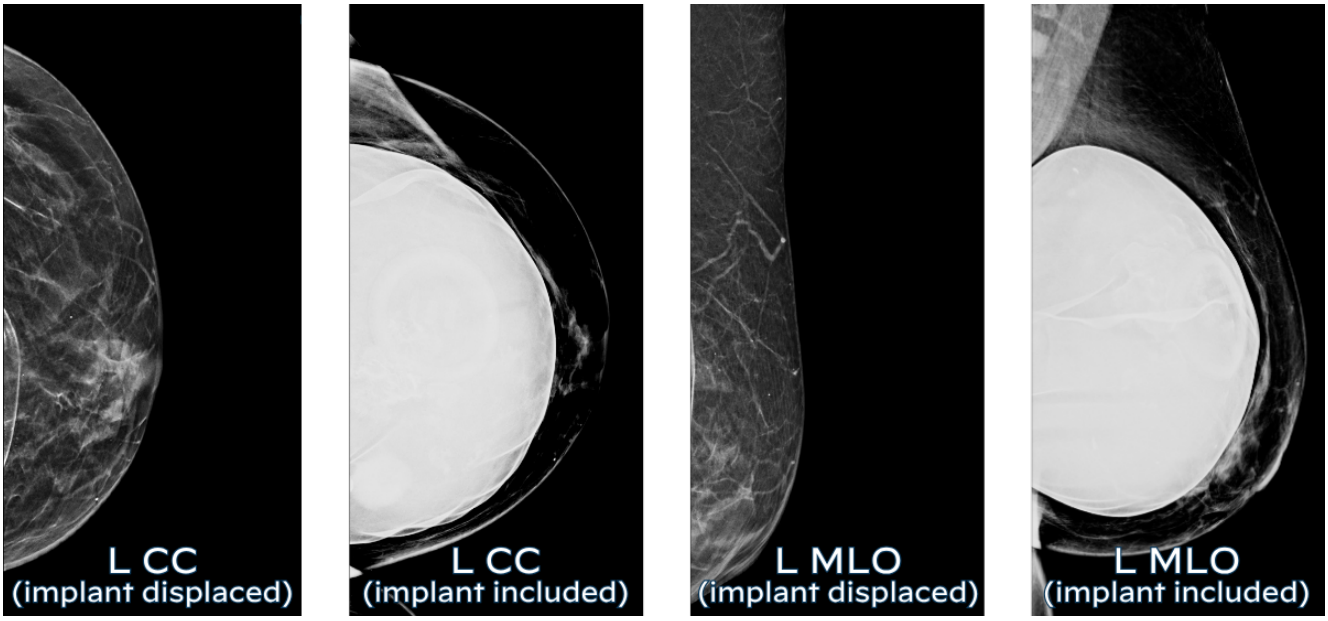
The Radiology Partners (RP) Breast Imaging National Subspecialty Division (NSD) presents our newest Rad to Rad Learning case.



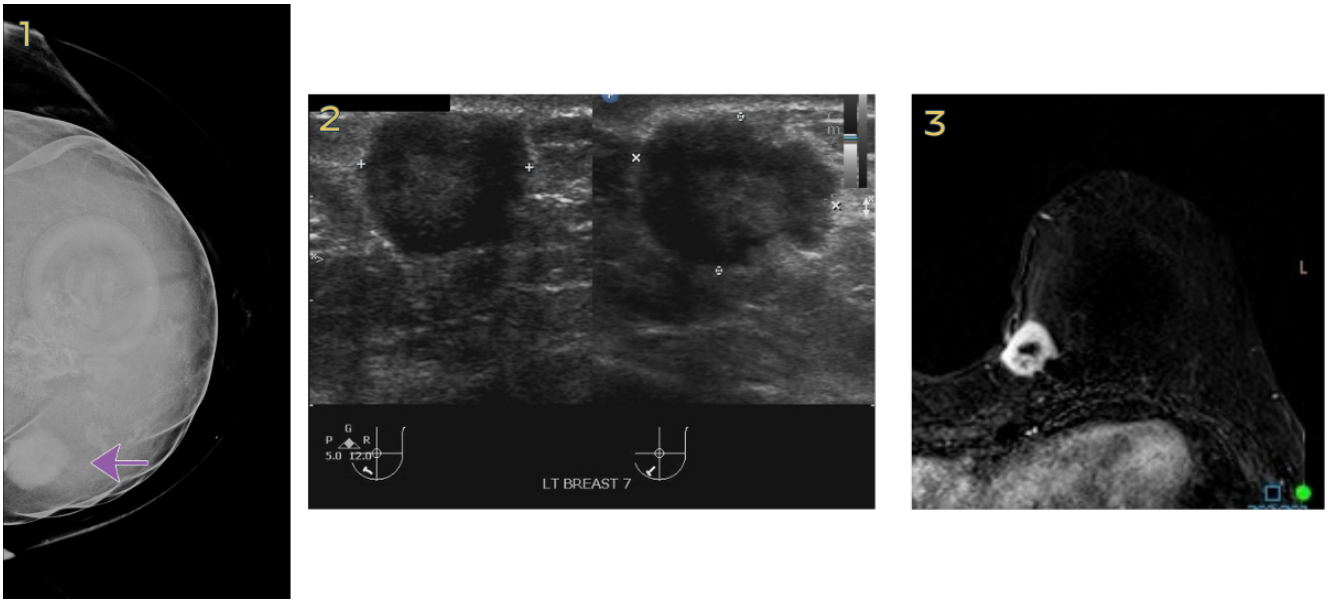
Peer Learning Opportunity

How much time do you spend looking at implant-included views?

Proper technique is important for implant-included views. While they can be more difficult, they can also provide more information.



W/L adjustment on the implant-included L CC view shows an irregular mass seen through the radiolucent saline implant. 2) US of mass. 3) MR of mass.



Practical Insights

- **Implants obscure breast tissue.**

- **Standard implant imaging includes both implant-included and implant displaced (Eklund) views.**
- **Implant displaced (ID) views exclude posterior tissues.**
- **Saline implants are radiolucent.**

Takeaway: Implant views are critical!

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