

CMS Talking Points

- . Image-guided percutaneous breast biopsy (IGPBB) is the procedure of choice for most image-detected breast lesions.
- . Likelihood of obtaining clear surgical margins is greater after IGPBB which demonstrates malignancy.
- . IGPBB is endorsed by ACR, ACS, ASBS and ASBD.
- . IGPBB reduces overall number of procedures for women with a positive diagnosis and reduces time from cancer diagnosis to treatment.
- . Since most breast biopsies are benign, IGPBB reduces the number of open surgical biopsies thus reducing cost and patient anxiety
- . If a reduction in reimbursement were to occur in the global setting, fewer facilities might exist due to the burdensome cost.
- . Fewer global facilities would result in women being forced to travel further distances at greater cost to obtain IGPBB.