

SCOUT[®] REPORT

News and Views on Surgical Guidance
and Breast Tumor Localization



Our Commitment. Our Promise. Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2021



Merit Medical is partnering with and supporting [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org) for the third consecutive year this October. [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org) is dedicated to helping women make sense of the complex medical information about breast cancer, so they can make the best decisions for their lives. The organization has provided 170 million people worldwide with expert information and guidance, offers an online support community for hundreds of thousands of members as well as podcasts and virtual education events to empower patients and caregivers worldwide.

Throughout October, Merit joins [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org) to advocate the importance of mammography screening in detecting breast disease at its earliest stages.

For those diagnosed with breast cancer and undergoing surgery, see how SCOUT[®] is improving the patient experience.

With more than 250,000 women experiencing wire-free localization with SCOUT, Merit's promise remains the same—to consistently invest in improving technologies and innovating new platforms that meet patient and physician needs.

Intermountain Healthcare Pioneering More Efficient, Compassionate Care Model for Breast Patients



Intermountain Healthcare has implemented a model for performing breast biopsy on the same day as the diagnostic imaging exam, sparing breast patients considerable stress and an additional visit to the breast center. Brett Parkinson, MD, medical director of breast imaging for Intermountain Healthcare, says same-day biopsy was pioneered at Intermountain and has since been implemented system wide. With same-day biopsies, patients can get results back within two days.

For highly suspicious lesions, patients at Intermountain Healthcare typically have a SCOUT localization marker placed at the time of biopsy, eliminating yet another downstream visit to the breast center and reducing contact with caregivers during Covid. "It makes for a more accurate surgery, because it gives the surgeon a reading of how far to go," says Dr. Parkinson.

"The psychological costs were enormous of those patients having to wait," says Dr. Parkinson. "We want it to be the standard of care, because no woman should have to wait for a biopsy after she's been told she might have cancer, especially when one-third of those patients whom we biopsy will ultimately have cancer."

—Brett Parkinson, MD

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