

Breast Myopathy Scoring

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Woody Breast

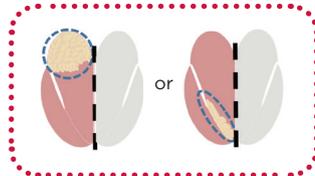
Score 0

Normal, does not feel hard in any section of the breast.



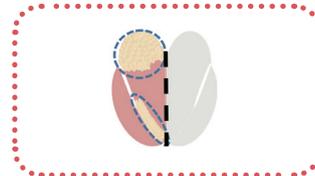
Score 1

A hard area affecting no more than approximately 30% of the breast in any one area (top, middle or bottom).



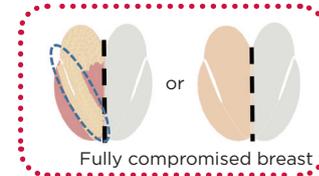
Score 2

A hard area found in any two parts of the breast (top and middle or middle and bottom) or an area of hardness accounting for approximately 50-60% of the breast, or hardness affecting the entire breast but the breast still able to be flexed across its central part.



Score 3

Hardness affecting the entire breast and with a loss of flexibility across its central part. In some cases, there may be presence of citrine color, viscous fluid and/or hemorrhagic areas on the surface.



Normal areas of breast shown in pink, and affected areas in cream.

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White Striping

Score 0

Normal, no striping on any section of the breast.



Score 1

Noticeable striping covering approximately 30% of the breast surface.



Score 2

Noticeable thin striping (<2 mm/0.08 in) covering the entire surface of the breast, or some thicker lines (3-4 mm/0.12-0.16 in) covering approximately 40% of the breast.



Score 3

Extensive coverage of the breast with a mixture of thick (3-4 mm/0.12-0.16 in) and thin lines (<2 mm/0.08 in).



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Stringy-Spongy

Score 0

Normal breast with no sign of stringy-spongy.



Score 1

An area of open breast fibers affecting no more than approximately 30% of the breast in any one area (top, middle or bottom), or an area of looseness that can be pinched and lifted accounting for approximately 40-50% of the breast meat.



Score 2

Two areas of breast showing open areas with exposed fibers, or one area showing severe damage with exposed fibers affecting >50% of the surface.

