



Cryoablation for Treatment of Malignant and/or Benign Breast Tumors

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Purpose:

The Medical Technology Assessment Committee will review published scientific literature and information from appropriate government regulatory bodies (when available) related to Cryoablation for Treatment of Malignant and/or Benign Breast Tumors in order to determine inclusion in the benefit plan.

Recommendation:

A recommendation was made by the MTAC following discussion by committee members based on current literature including Hayes:

- Cryoablation is **not** covered for malignant breast tumors.
- Cryoablation is covered for benign breast tumors.

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