

MICROWAVE THERMOGRAPHY AS A DIAGNOSTIC TOOL FOR THE DETECTION OF CANCER

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Abstract

Microwave thermography is the noninvasive detection of subcutaneous temperatures. Measurements at 1.3 and 3.3 GHz on several thousand patients in a breast cancer detection clinic show a true-positive detection rate of seventy percent and when combined with infrared thermography a rate of ninety percent is obtained.