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Nearly all breast cancers spread via the lymphatic system, making accurate nodal evaluation critical in clinical management. Ultrasound (US) remains the most important imaging modality for the evaluation of lymph nodes, particularly as a means of guiding biopsy. Despite its central role, the 5th edition of the ACR BI-RADS® Atlas addressed lymph nodes only briefly under the “Special Cases” subsection, without a dedicated lexicon or structured reporting framework.

The ACR BI-RADS® v2025 Manual introduces a substantially revised approach to lymph node assessment. Lymph nodes have been elevated to a standalone section within the Breast Imaging Lexicon, accompanied by detailed morphologic descriptors and an anatomically based classification aligned with the TNM regional nodal staging system. These changes reflect the growing recognition that standardized, reproducible nodal reporting is essential for accurate breast cancer staging and treatment planning.