

Breast Cancer Screening: Addressing Disparities and Screening for Average Risk

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Breast Cancer

new cases 2021



330,840

281,550 invasive
49,290 in situ

expected deaths 2021



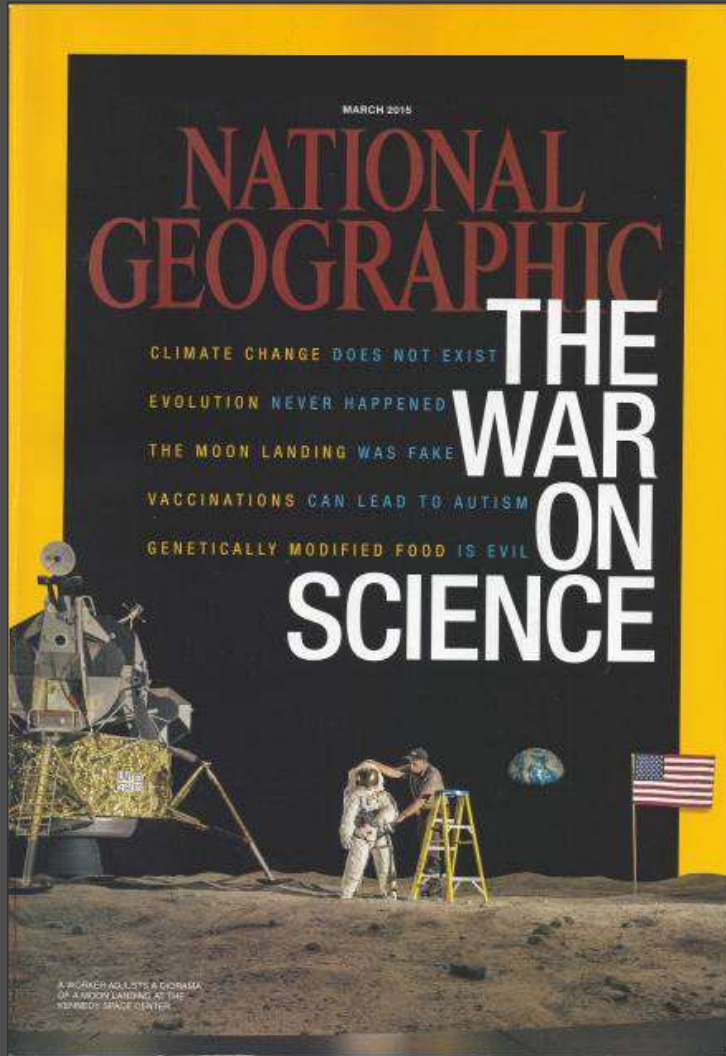
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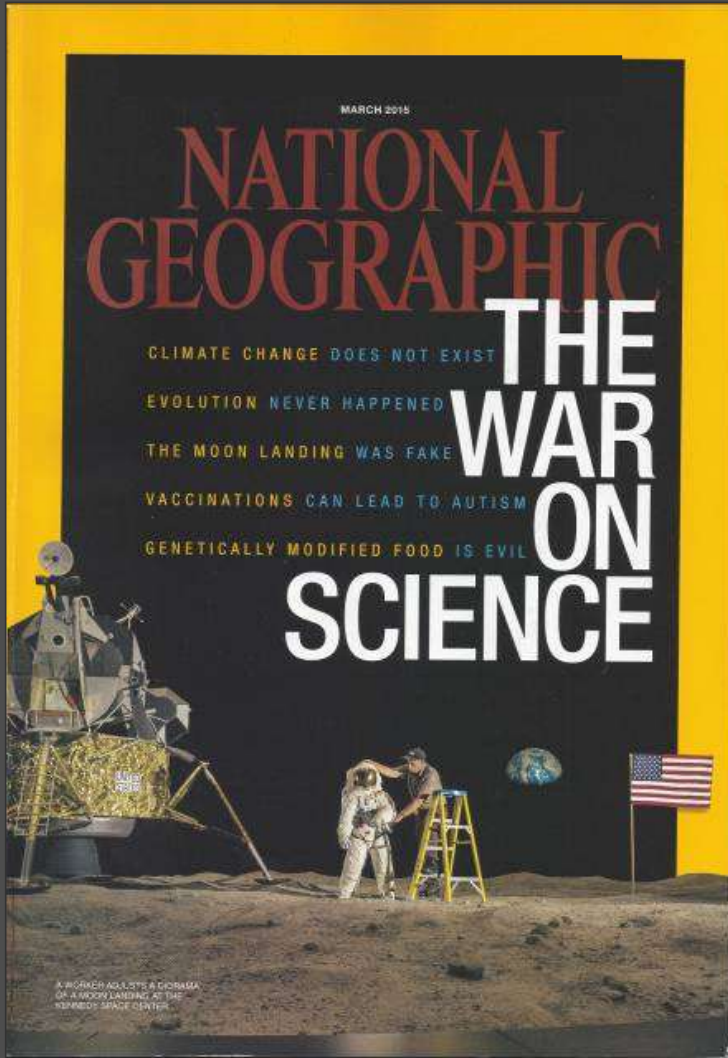
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- nearly 80% new cases have no “high risk” factors
- greatest risk: being female and age



screening has little effect on breast cancer mortality

chemotherapy is so good we don't need to screen

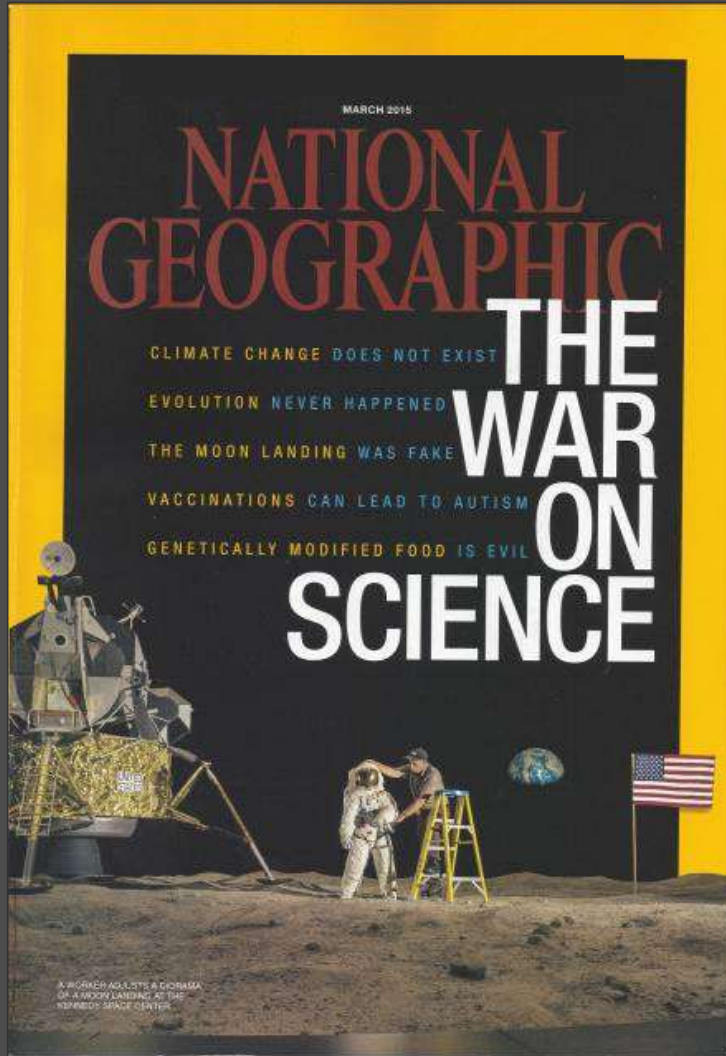
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what every radiologist (and woman) should know
- **benefits and risks** –
what are positives and negatives of screening
- **our latest recommendations**
updated for diversity and inclusion

The Facts: Evidence Summary

- Randomized Controlled Trials (RCT)

- Observational Trials

case control, incidence-based mortality, cohort, and trend studies

- Surrogate Data

- Modeling (NCI CISNET)

RCTs: Era and Design

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OSTERGOTLAND 1977	40-74	1 View	75,550
EDINBURGH 1978	45-64	1 or 2 View	54,654
CNBSS 1980	40-49	2 View + CBE	50,430
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RCTs: Mortality Reduction

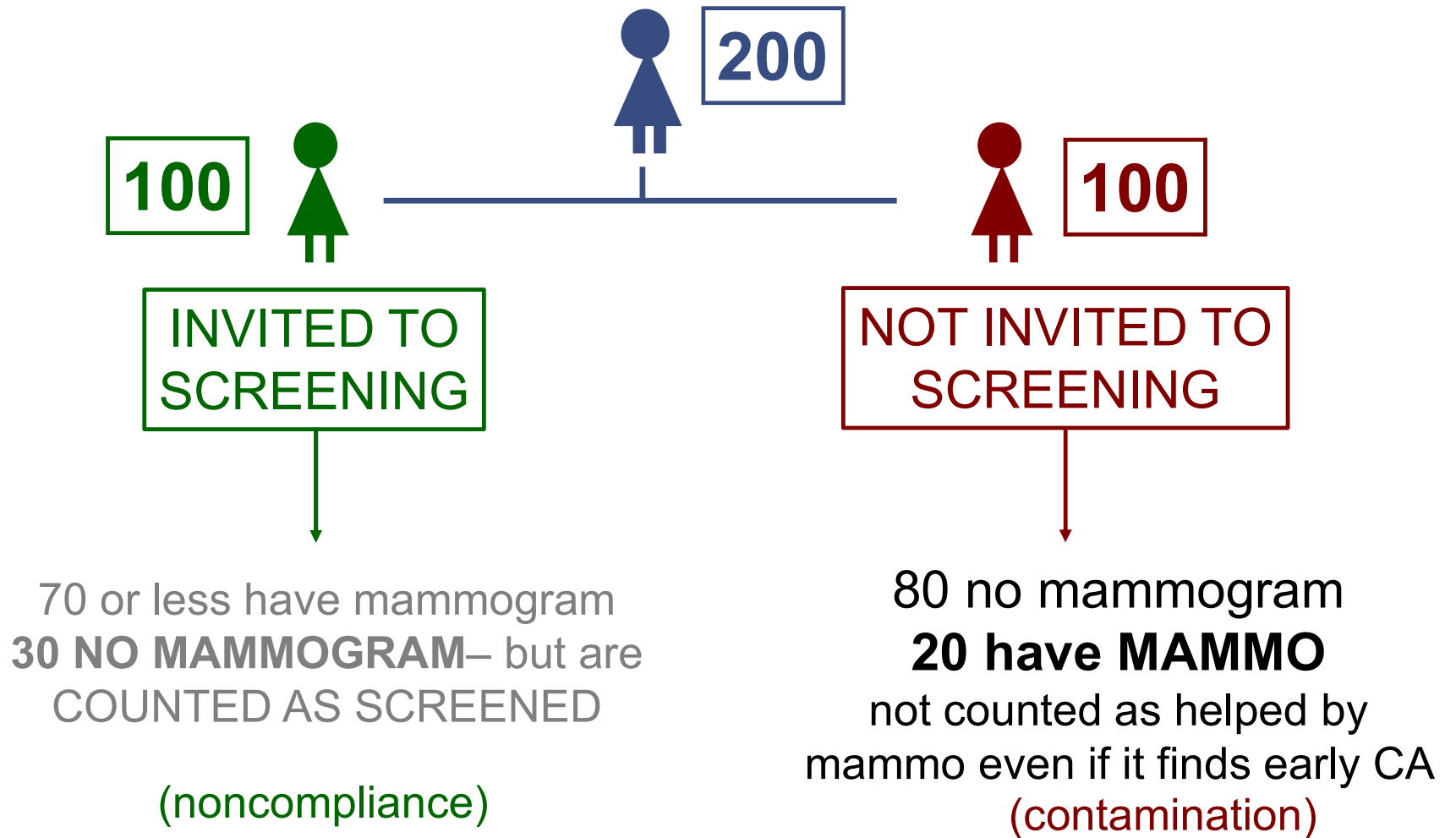
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MALMO 1	0.82	0.67,1.00
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AGE	0.75	0.58,0.97
OVERALL	0.78	0.72,0.84

Tabar, et al. 2015

RCT



RCTs: Noncompliance and Contamination

causes underestimation of benefit

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the benefit established by RCT will be the bottom

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the actual benefit will always be more

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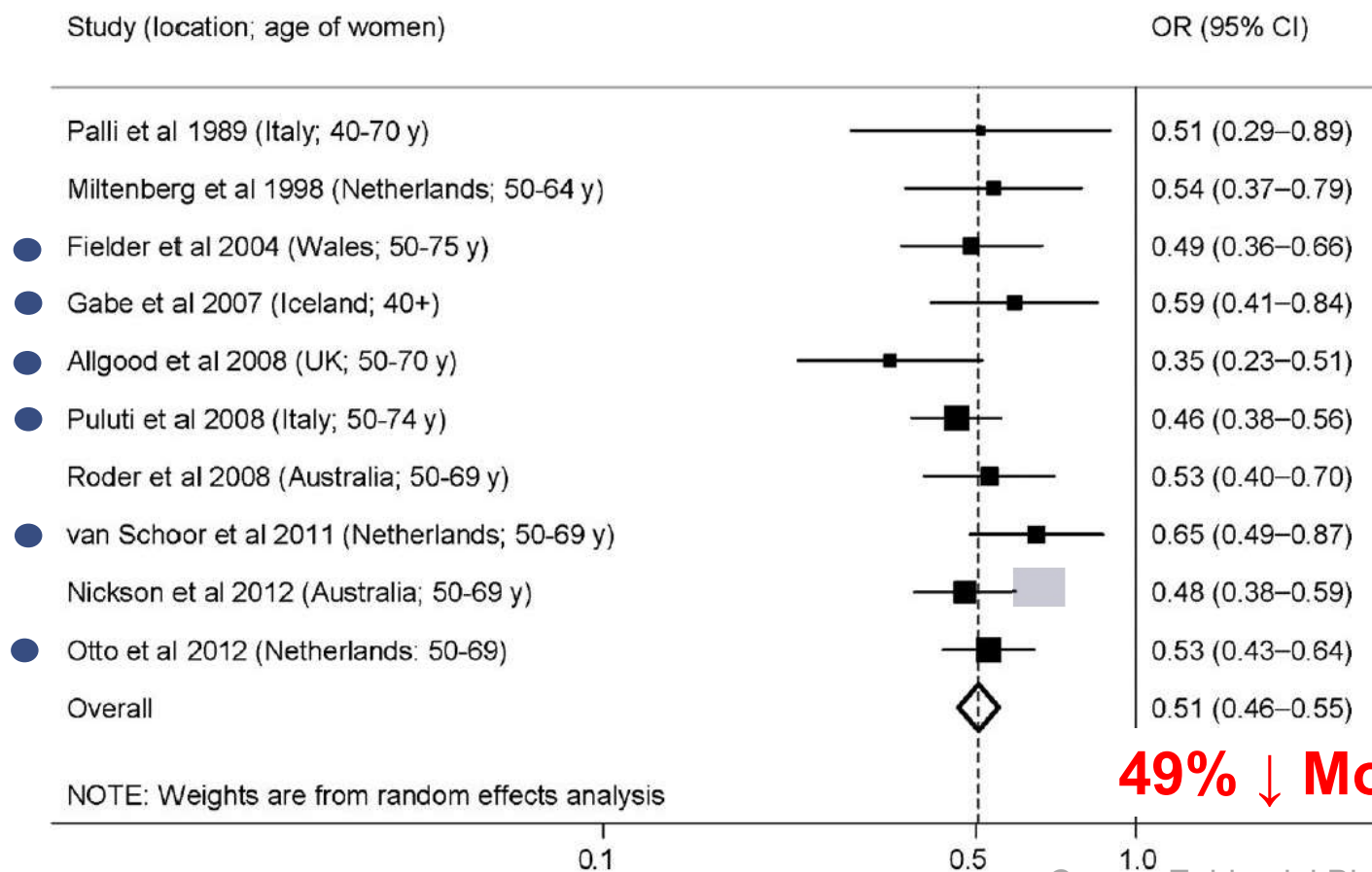
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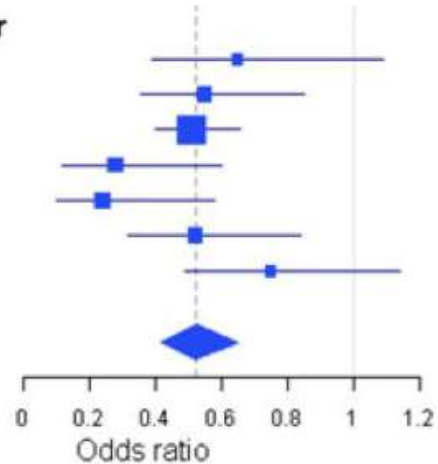
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Screened vs Unscreened

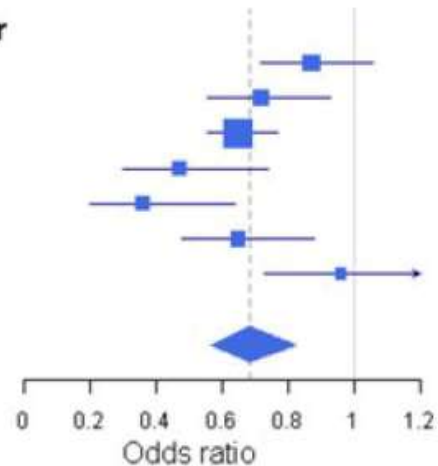
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Gabe, (2007) ⁴⁰	0.65	0.39	1.09
Puliti, (2008) ⁴³	0.55	0.36	0.85
Otto, (2012) ⁴⁷	0.51	0.4	0.66
Van Schoor, (2011) ¹⁵	0.28	0.12	0.6
Paap, (2010) ⁴⁹	0.24	0.1	0.58
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48% ↓ Mortality

Invited vs Not Invited

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Paap, (2010) ⁴⁹	0.36	0.2	0.64
Allgood, (2008) ⁶⁵	0.65	0.48	0.88
Fielder, (2004) ⁶⁶	0.96	0.73	1.27
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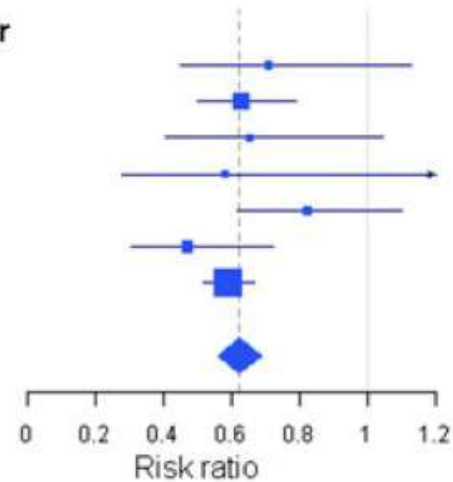
31% ↓ Mortality

Europe Service Screening

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Olsen, (2005) ³²	0.63	0.5	0.79
Sarkeala, (2008) ³⁶	0.65	0.41	1.05
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Kalager, (2010) ⁵¹	0.82	0.62	1.1
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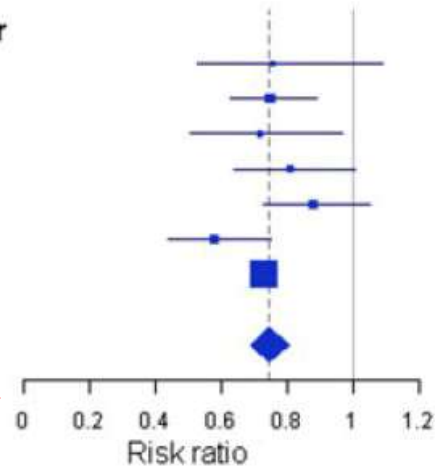
38% ↓ Mortality



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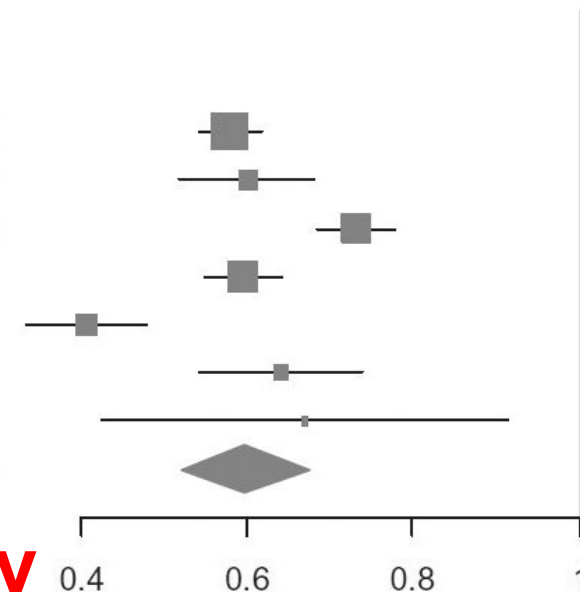
25% ↓ Mortality



Pan-Canadian Service Screen (Ages 40-79)

2,796,472 women

Region	SMR	95% CI
British Columbia	0.58	0.54 to 0.62
Manitoba	0.60	0.52 to 0.68
Ontario	0.73	0.68 to 0.78
Quebec	0.59	0.55 to 0.64
New Brunswick	0.41	0.33 to 0.48
Nova Scotia	0.64	0.54 to 0.74
Newfoundland and Labrador	0.67	0.42 to 0.91
Summary (random)	0.60	0.52 to 0.67



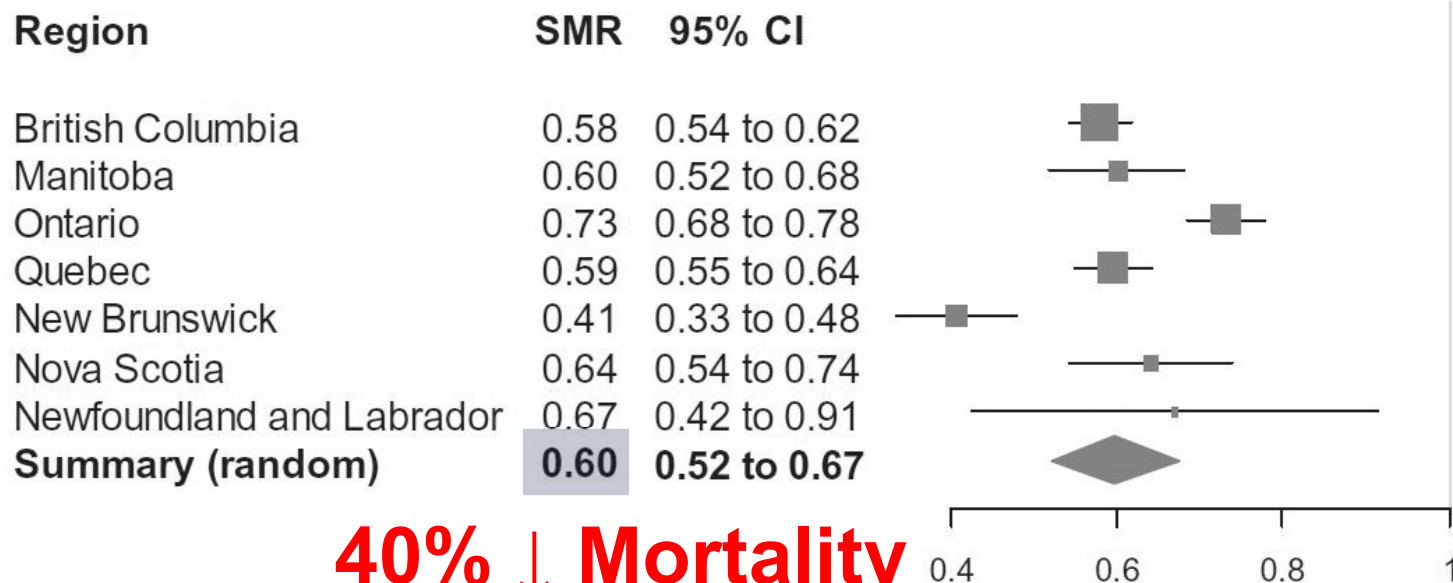
40% ↓ Mortality

**more than 4 X larger
than all RCTs combined**

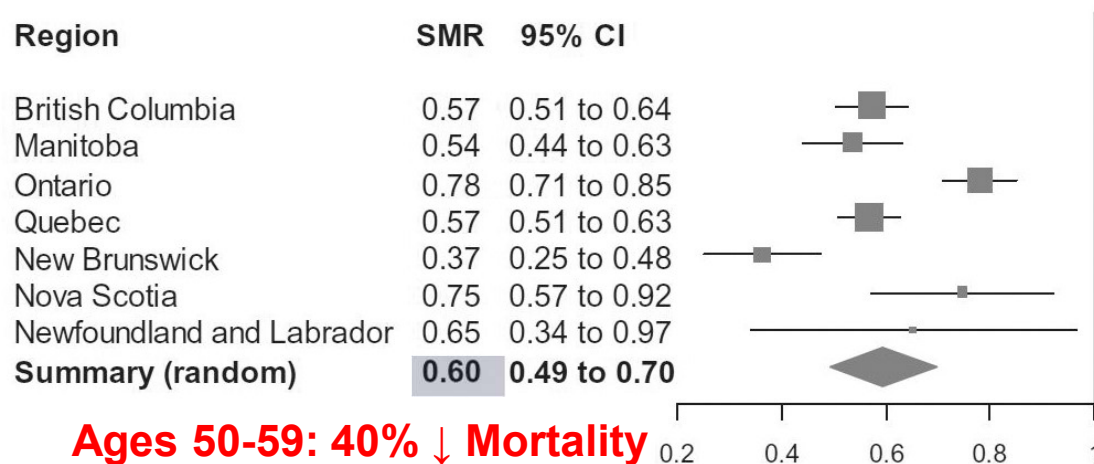
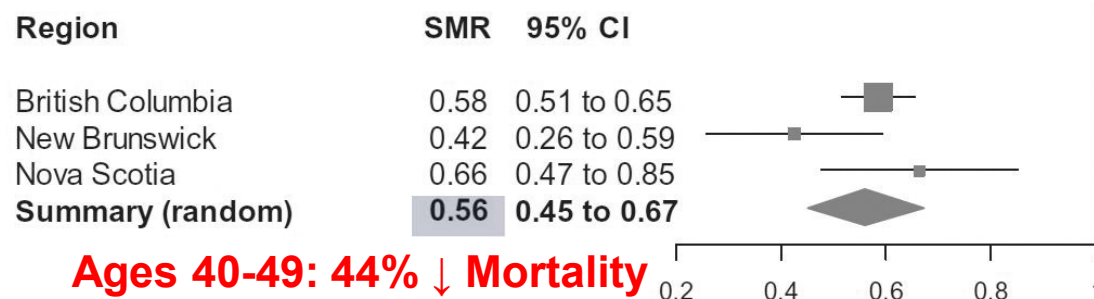
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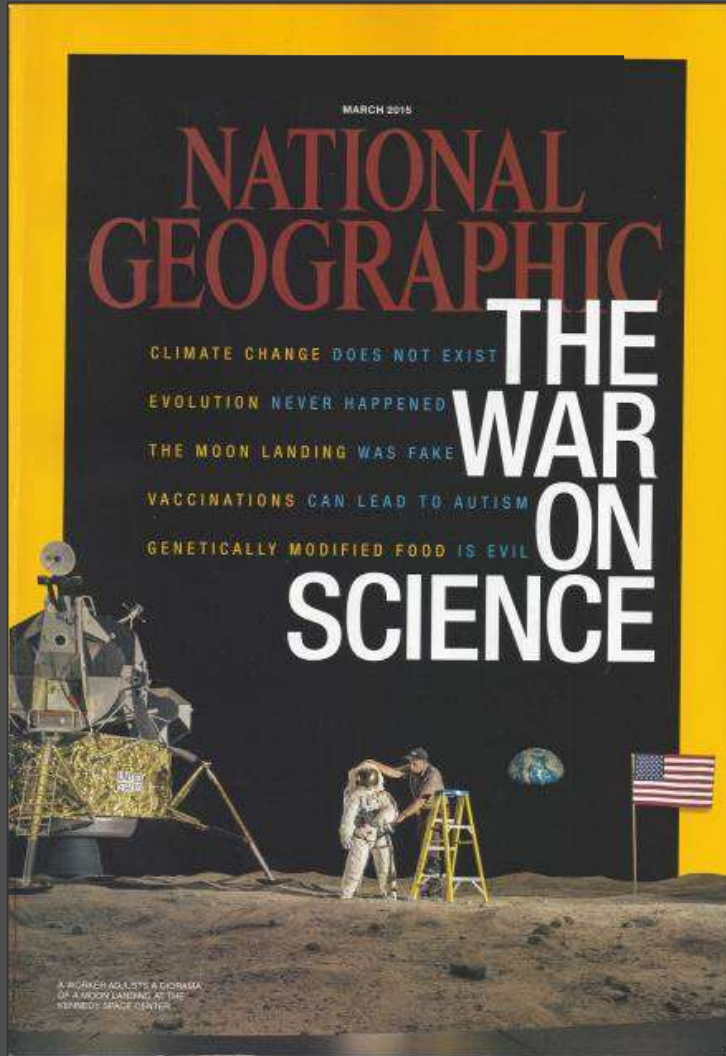


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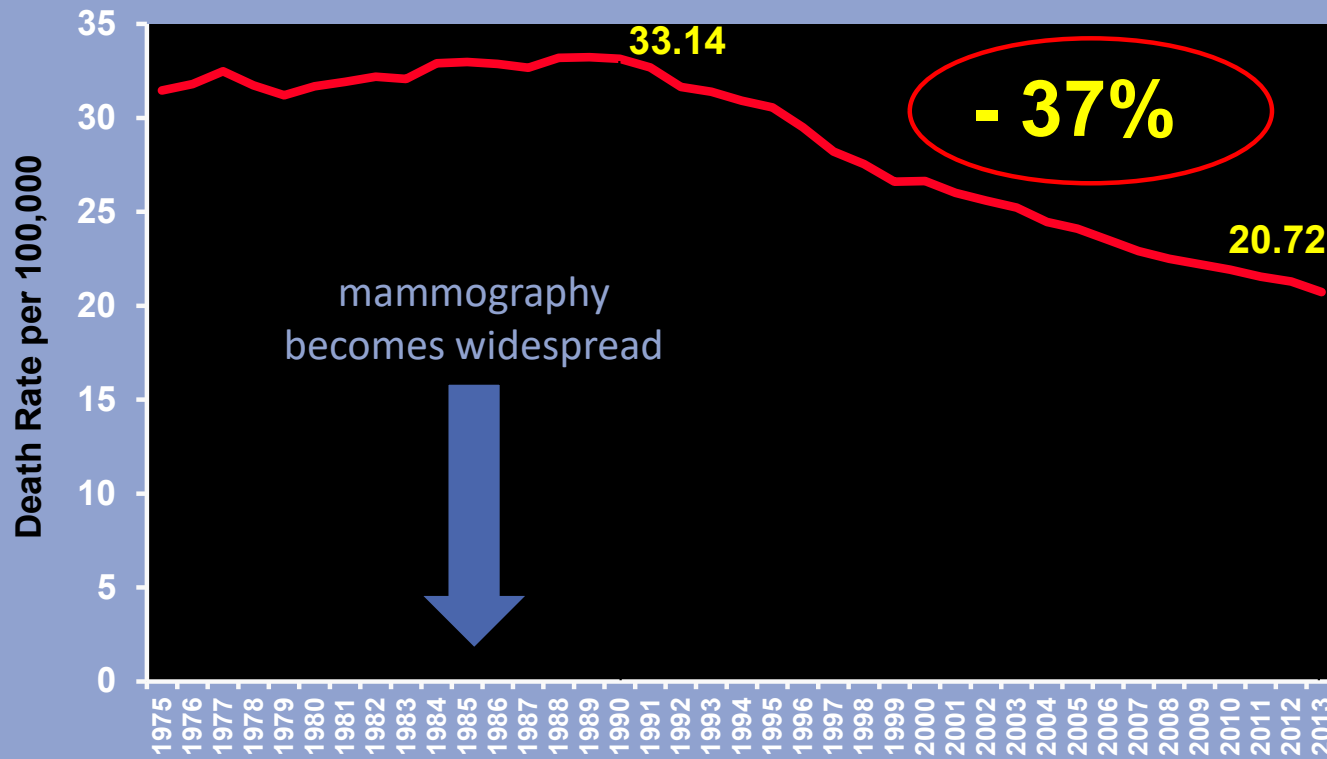
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Surrogate Markers: Evidence

- advanced cancers and mortality deduction

Surrogate Markers: Screening Evidence

Age-Adjusted U.S. Death Rate – Female Breast Cancer (Invasive)



SEER Cancer Statistics Review 1975-2013

(<http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/>)

Age-Adjusted U.S. Death Rate* – Invasive BC

	1990	2013	Change
Female	33.14	20.72	– 37.48%
Male	0.28	0.30	+ 7.14%

* Death rate per 100,000

Tabar, et al, Cancer 2018 November

- landmark study:
- covers nearly 6 decades
- 10 - 20 yrs of follow-up for EVERY woman

958,594 with 20 yrs F/U

1,485,204 with 10 yrs F/U

- screened women do much better

Tabar, et al, Cancer 2018 November

Using the same available treatments,

SCREENED women had

60% LOWER mortality at 10 yrs follow up and

47% LOWER mortality at 20 yrs follow up

than UNSCREENED women

treatment without screening
will not beat breast cancer

Duffy, Tabar, et al, Cancer 2020

- same methodology, 30% of Swedish scr-eligible women

52,438 in 1 county  **549,091 in 9 counties**

Duffy, Tabar, et al, Cancer 2020

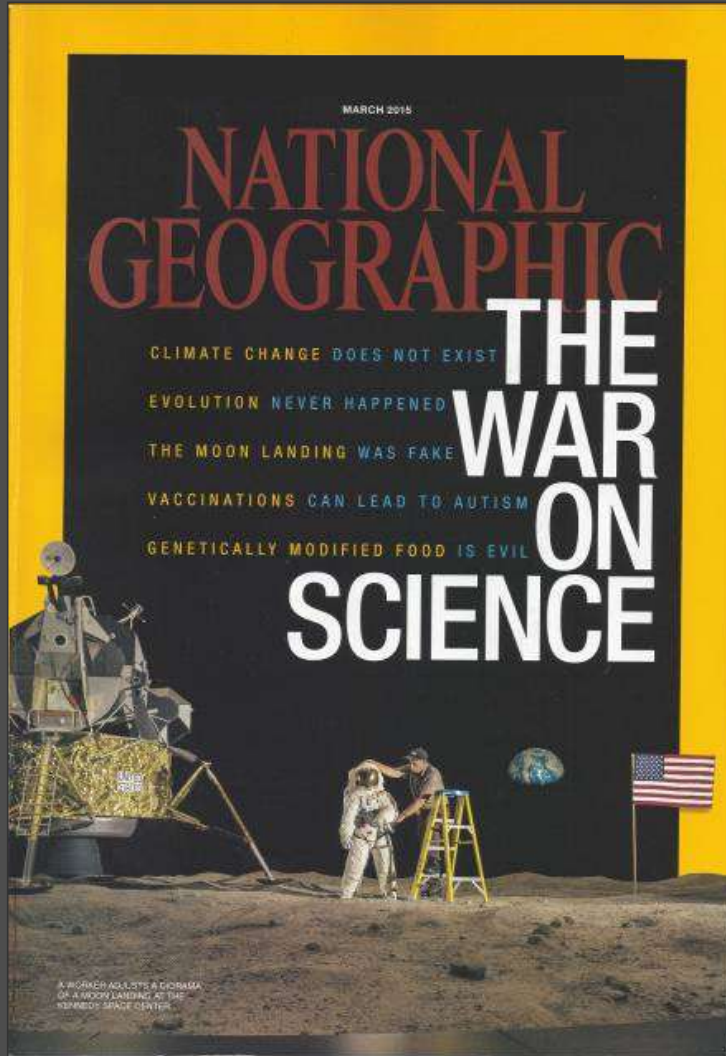
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41% LOWER mortality at 10 yrs follow up and

25% LOWER risk of advanced breast cancer

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Advanced Cancer Frequency

Reduction in Late-Stage Breast Cancer Incidence in the Mammography Era

Implications for Overdiagnosis of Invasive Cancer

- 37%

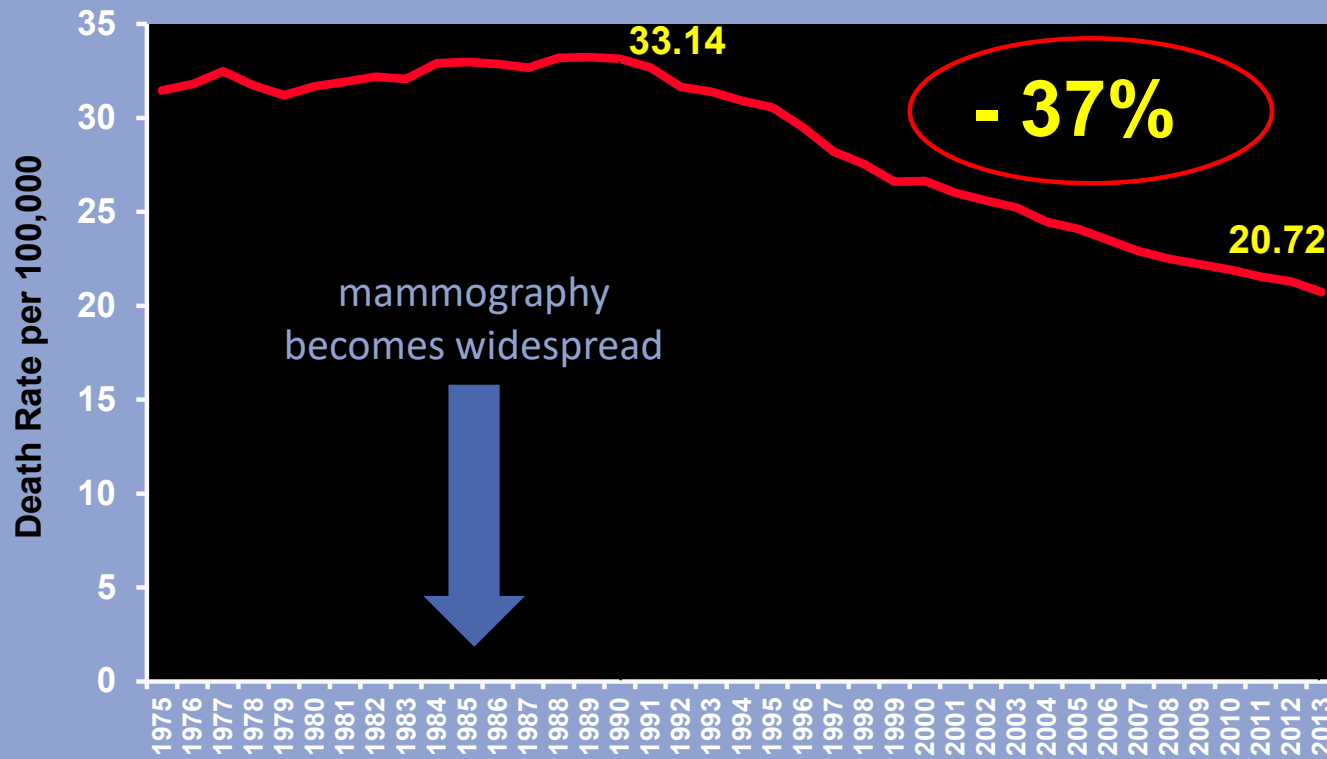
Mark A. Helvie, MD¹; Joanne T. Chang, MPH²; R. Edward Hendrick, PhD³; and Mousumi Banerjee, PhD⁴

BACKGROUND: Mammographic screening is expected to decrease the incidence of late-stage breast cancer. In the current study, the authors determined the decrease in late-stage cancer incidence and the changes in invasive cancer incidence that occurred in the mammographic era after adjusting for prescreening temporal trends. **METHODS:** Breast cancer incidence and stage data were obtained from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results program. The premammography period (1977-1979) was compared with the mammographic screening period (2007-2009) for women aged ≥ 40 years. The authors estimated prescreening temporal trends using 5 measures of annual percentage change (APC). Stage-specific incidence values from 1977 through 1979 (baseline) were adjusted using APC values of 0.5%, 1.0%, 1.3%, and 2.0% and then compared with observed stage-specific incidence in 2007 through 2009. **RESULTS:** Prescreening APC temporal trend estimates ranged from 0.8% to 2.3%. The joinpoint estimate of 1.3% for women aged ≥ 40 years approximated the 4-decade long APC trend of 1.2% noted in the Connecticut Tumor Registry. At an APC of 1.3%, late-stage breast cancer incidence decreased by 37% (56 cases per 100,000 women) with a reciprocal increase in early-stage rates noted from 1977 through 1979 to 2007 through 2009. Resulting late-stage cancer incidence decreased from 21% at an APC of 0.5% to 48% at an APC of 2.0%. Total invasive breast cancer incidence decreased by 9% (27 cases per 100,000 women) at an APC of 1.3%. **CONCLUSIONS:** There is evidence that a substantial reduction in late-stage breast cancer has occurred in the mammography era when appropriate adjustments are made for prescreening temporal trends. At background APC estimates of $\geq 1\%$, the total invasive breast cancer incidence also decreased. *Cancer* 2014;120:2649-56. © 2014 American Cancer Society.

KEYWORDS: mammography, screening, overdiagnosis, breast cancer, late-stage disease.

Surrogate Markers: Screening Evidence

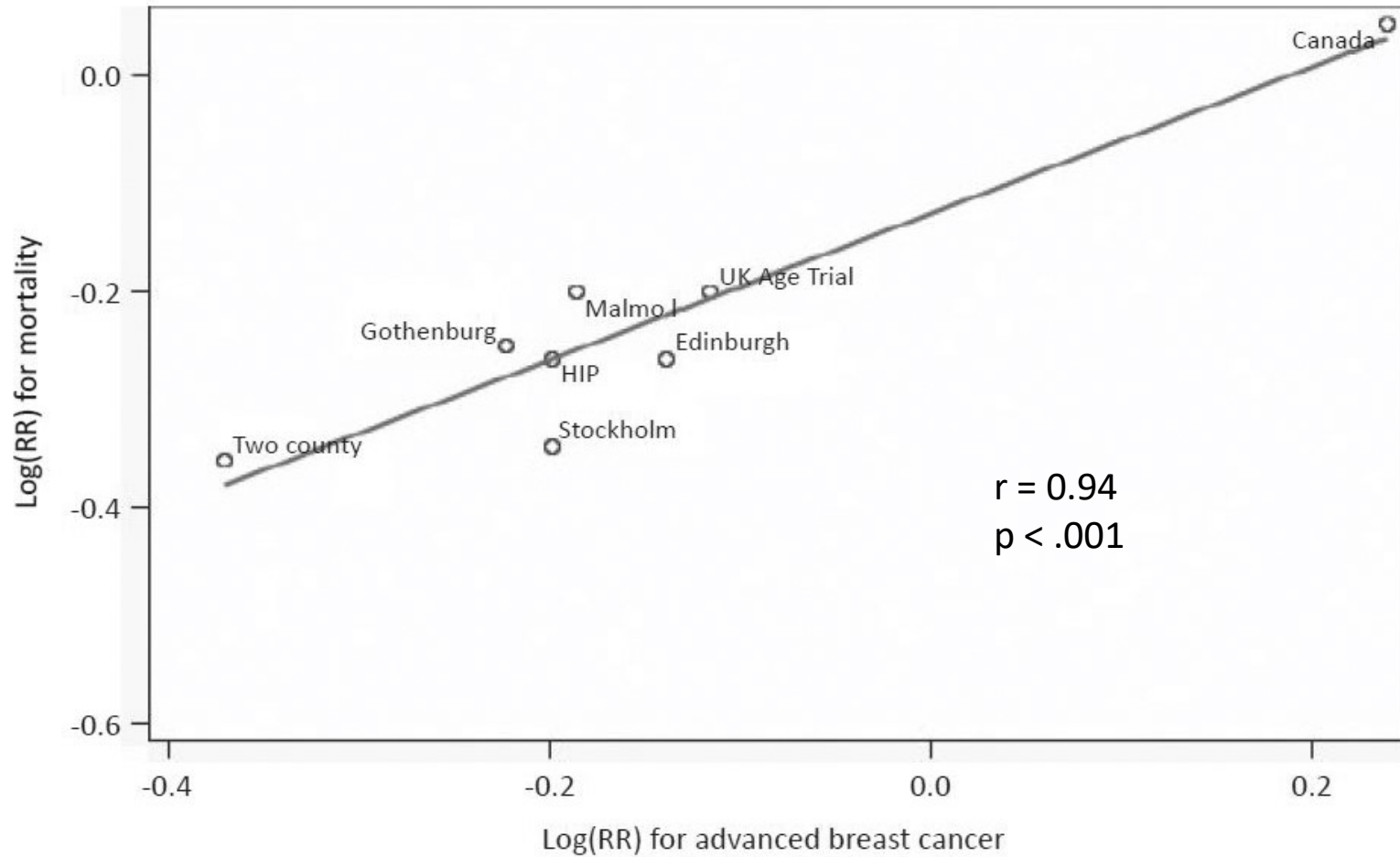
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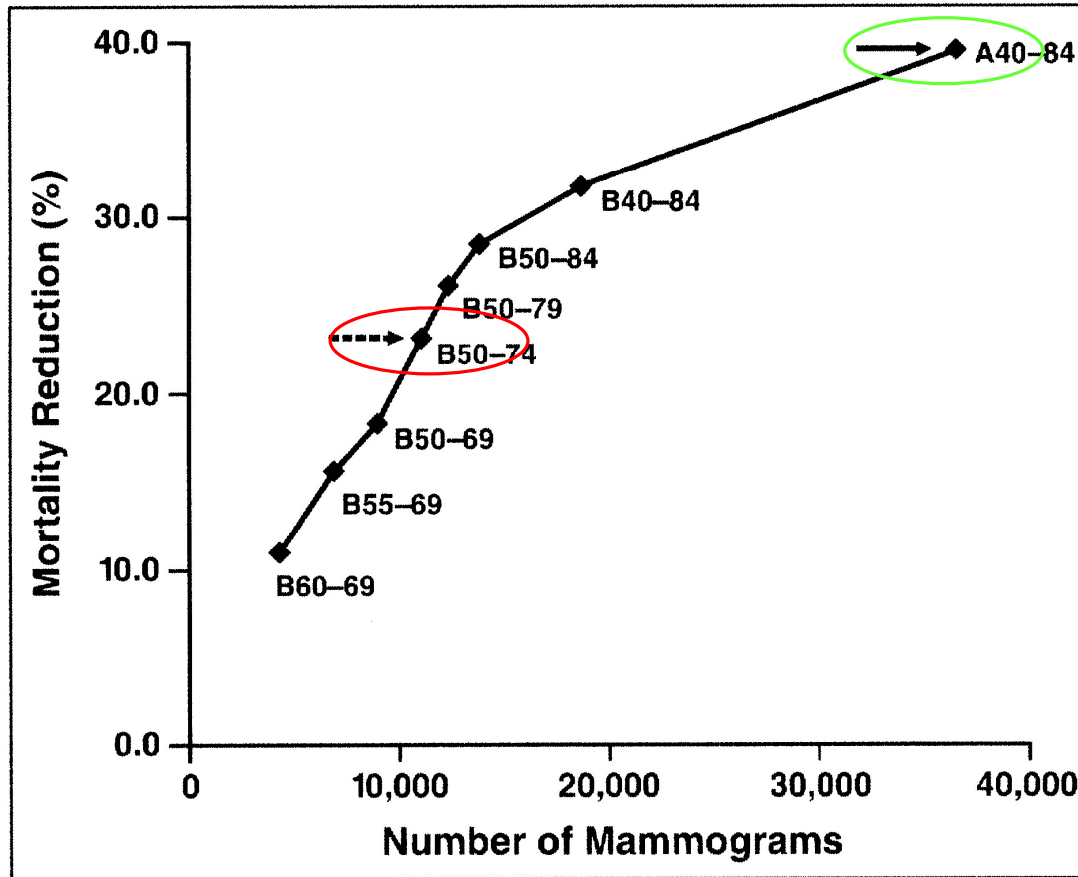
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CISNET Modeling

(Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network)

- modeling attempts to rectify shortcomings of both RCTs and observational trials
- can apply consistent starting ages and screening intervals
- 6 groups independently developed models
 - mammo performance: BCSC; cancer mortality: SEER

Maximum Benefit: Annual Screening starting Age 40



Screening Benefits

regimen	% mortality reduction	approx. # mammograms
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(annual at 40)

The Facts: Evidence Summary

The **evidence** that mammography confers a **substantial reduction** in breast cancer **mortality** is **strong**

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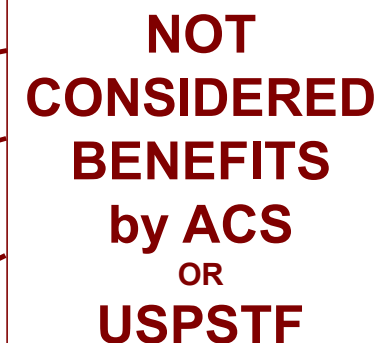
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 - needle biopsy
 - anxiety
 - overdiagnosis
- } quantifiable
- } non-quantifiable

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**all
non-lethal**

Recall & Biopsy

- U.S. annually
 - 10% recall rate
 - 1-2% minimally invasive biopsy
- USPSTF lists cumulatively by decade
 - 61% per 10 yrs recall
 - 7% over 10 yrs biopsy

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- Woman's perspective: (average woman screened age 40)
 - 1 negative diagnostic work up every 13 years
 - 1 biopsy every 187 years

2016 CISNET Models: Biopsy

annual screening at age 40:
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Arleo,Hendrick,Helvie, Sickles Cancer 2017

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Anxiety

- medical procedures cause anxiety
- not woman specific
- no appropriate metric

Overdiagnosis

- cancer that would not kill patient in her lifetime
- used as argument against screening
 - assumes that diagnosis in the absence of screening is better or more ideal

Natural History of Breast Cancer

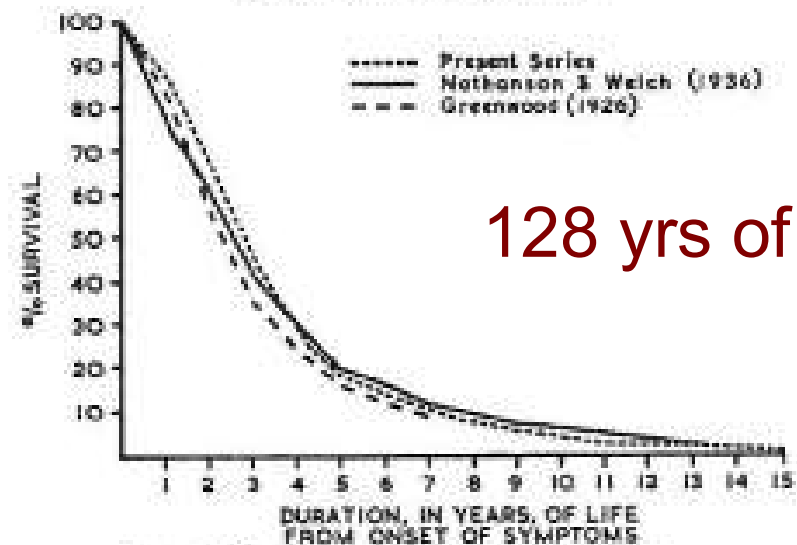


FIG. 2.—Survival of untreated breast cancer.

survival of untreated breast cancer
= ZERO

Overdiagnosis

- used as argument against screening
- underdiagnosis is not ideal

Overdiagnosis

- not unique to breast cancer screening
- high blood pressure
- elevated cholesterol

goal is to
DECREASE MORTALITY

Overdiagnosis

- cannot be measured directly
- only is estimated
- estimates are often not done properly

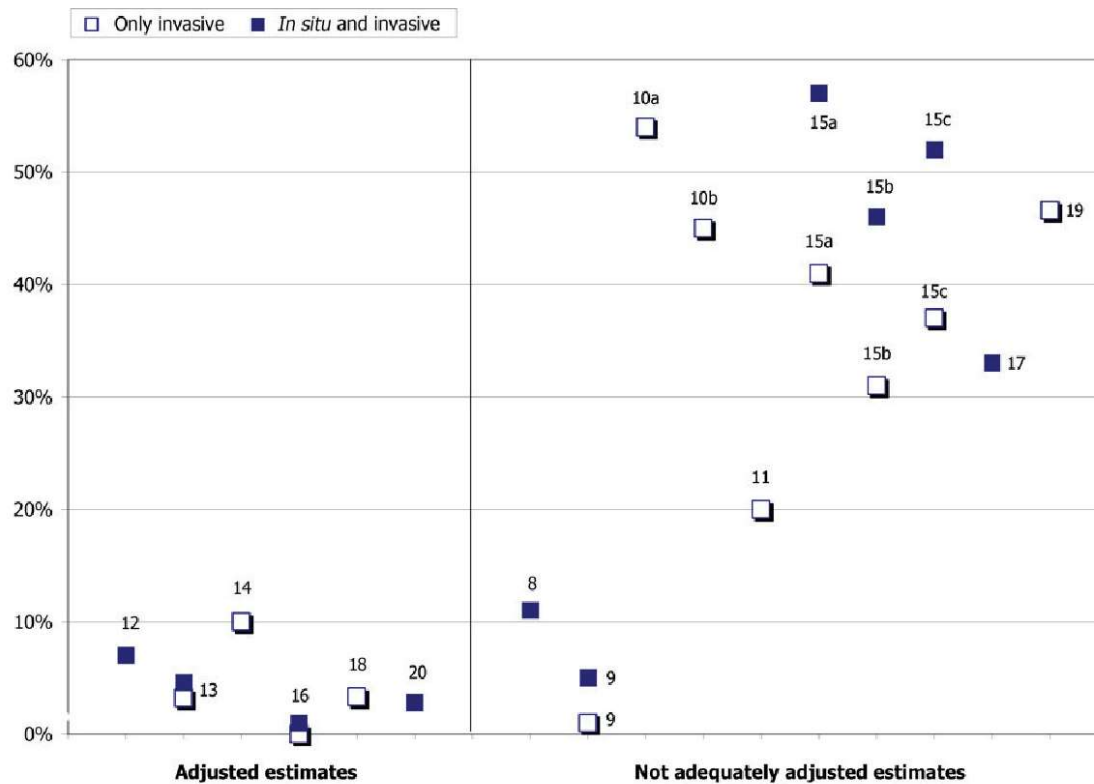


Figure 1 Overdiagnosis estimates classified according to the presence/absence of both the adjustments. The numbers indicate the related reference. *Notes:* (1) For the paper by Jonsson *et al.*,¹¹ we reported the pooled estimate for 40–74 years (20%) calculated by Jonsson himself. (2) For the paper by Martinez-Alonso *et al.*,¹⁶ we reported the estimate of the cohort of women born in 1950 considered by the authors themselves to be the best estimate (personal communication)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Overdiagnosis in mammographic screening for breast cancer in Europe: a literature review

Donella Puliti, Stephen W Duffy, Guido Miccinesi, Harry de Koning, Elsebeth Lynge, Marco Zappa, Eugenio Paci and the EUROSREEN Working Group (members listed at the end of the paper)

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Methods We conducted a literature review of observational studies that provided estimates of breast cancer overdiagnosis in European population-based mammographic screening programmes. Studies were classified according to the presence and the type of adjustment for breast cancer risk (data, model and covariates used), and for lead time (statistical adjustment or compensatory drop). We expressed estimates of overdiagnosis from each study as a percentage of the expected incidence in the absence of screening, even if the variability in the age range of the denominator could not be removed. Estimates including carcinoma *in situ* were considered when available.
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Overdiagnosis

misleading women
by suggesting that invasive breast cancer is
commonly innocent or non-progressive,

which is **NOT TRUE**

Persistent Untreated Screening-Detected Breast Cancer: An Argument Against Delaying Screening or Increasing the Interval Between Screenings

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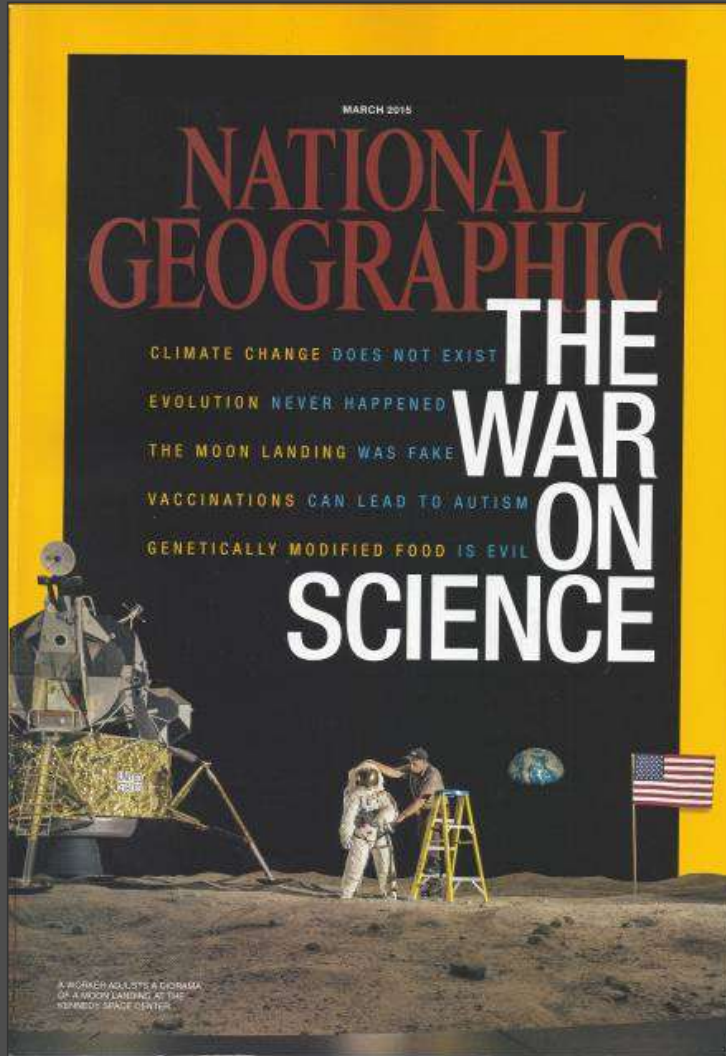
25,281 screen-detected invasive
9,360 screen-detected DCIS

479 untreated – none regressed at next mammogram

An unknown percentage of these cancers represent overdiagnosis, but because all untreated screen-detected cancers were visible and suspicious for malignancy at next mammographic examination, delaying the onset of screening or increasing the interval between screenings should not reduce the frequency of overdiagnosis.

Key Words: Screening mammography, breast cancer natural history, screen-detected breast cancer, overdiagnosis, Society of Breast Imaging, SBI

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no breast cancers will go away on their own

Overdiagnosis

- an “overdiagnosed” cancer will still look suspicious on mammography, whether that mammogram is done at 40, 45, or 50
- waiting until 45 or 50 or screening biennially won’t change the small amount of overdiagnosis that exists

Overdiagnosis

NO EFFECT ON OVERDIAGNOSIS

by

screening later

or

longer screening intervals

Overdiagnosis

- cannot be measured directly
- reasonable estimates: 1-10%

- not decreased by screening later
- underdiagnosis is not ideal

Breast Cancer Screening

benefits

- 40% fewer deaths
- less extensive treatment
- more effective treatment
- dx of high risk lesions

risks

- recall for imaging
- mini-invasive biopsy
- anxiety
- overdiagnosis

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ACR Recommendations

Annual Screening Beginning Age 40

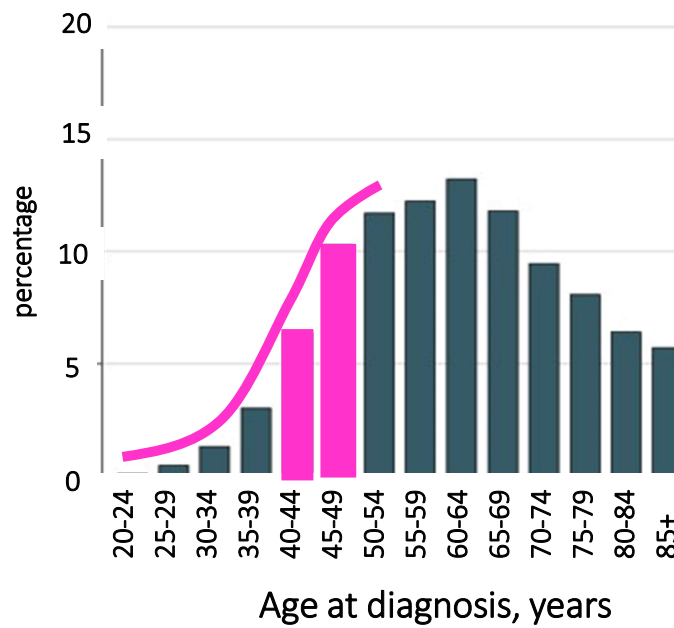
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Why Age 40?

- sharp increase incidence at 40

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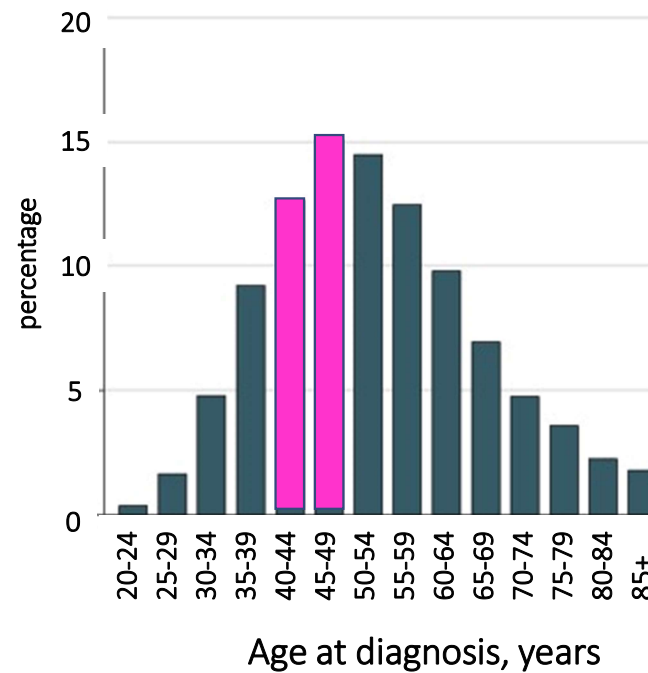
Distribution of breast cancer cases by age at diagnosis (2007-2011)



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Distribution of person-years of life lost to breast cancer by age at diagnosis
(2007-2011)



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Guidelines

CISNET modeling for USA population shows that if screening is not done at ages 40-44 there will be:

- 1037 more breast cancer deaths per year
- 34552 life-years lost per year

Why 40 not 50?

sharp increase incidence at 40

waiting until 45 or 50 to screen
results in an unacceptable loss of life

Why 40 not 50?

- **1 in 6** breast cancers occur in women in their 40s
- **1/3 of cancers** in minority women dx'd under 50 (compared to 1/4 of all cancer in Whites)

Risk, Diversity, and Breast Cancer Screening

- evidence sources

western European women

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- our population

Black women

Asian women

western European women

HISPANIC WOMEN

LGBTQ women

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2017: average risk separated from higher risk



2021: average risk updated for more inclusion



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- **SEER** (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results)

SEER 9 – incidence data since 1973, \sim 9% U.S. population

SEER 18 – 18 registries in 2000, = 27.8% U.S. population by 2010

SEER 21 registries (our study) = 36.7% U.S. population

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Spanish-Hispanic-Latina (Hispanic)

NH-White

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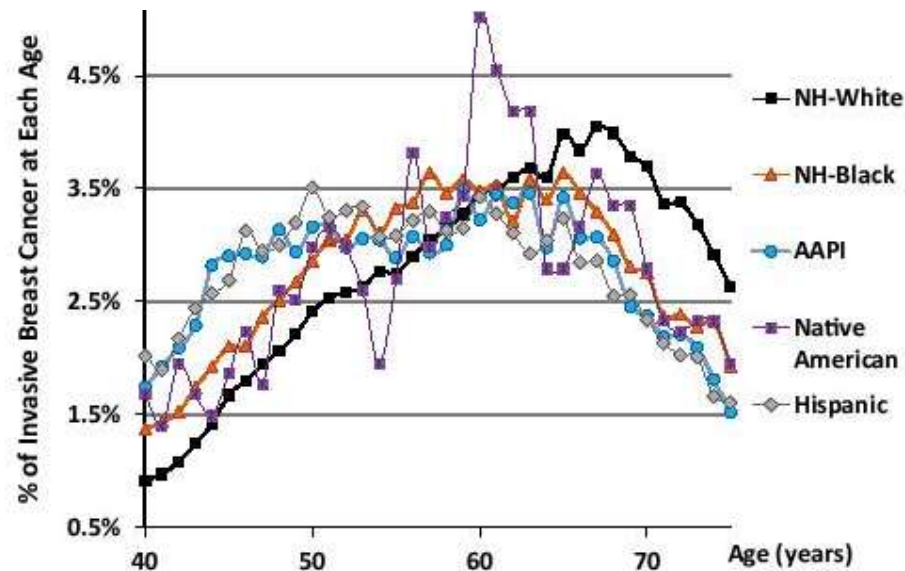
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- SEER 21 data 2014-2017
 - 362,503 invasive br cancers in all ages
 - 278,871 invasive br cancers women 40-75
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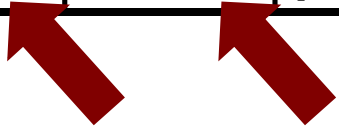


incidence tends to occur at younger ages in each minority cohort in comparison with NH-White women

Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Mortality by Race/Hendrick et al

TABLE 2

	Invasive Breast Cancer Diagnosed Under Age 50 Years				
	# of Invasive Breast Cancers	# Under Age 50 y	% Under Age 50 y	RR of Inv Ca < 50 y	95% CI
	NH-White	246,943	37,685	15.3%	1
NH-Black	39,761	8,782	22.1%	1.45	[1.42,1.48]
Asian/PI	29,037	8,099	27.9%	1.83	[1.79,1.87]
Native American	1,336	297	22.2%	1.46	[1.32,1.61]
Hispanic	40,609	11,938	29.4%	1.93	[1.89,1.96]
All Minorities	110,743	29,116	26.3%	1.72	[1.70,1.75]



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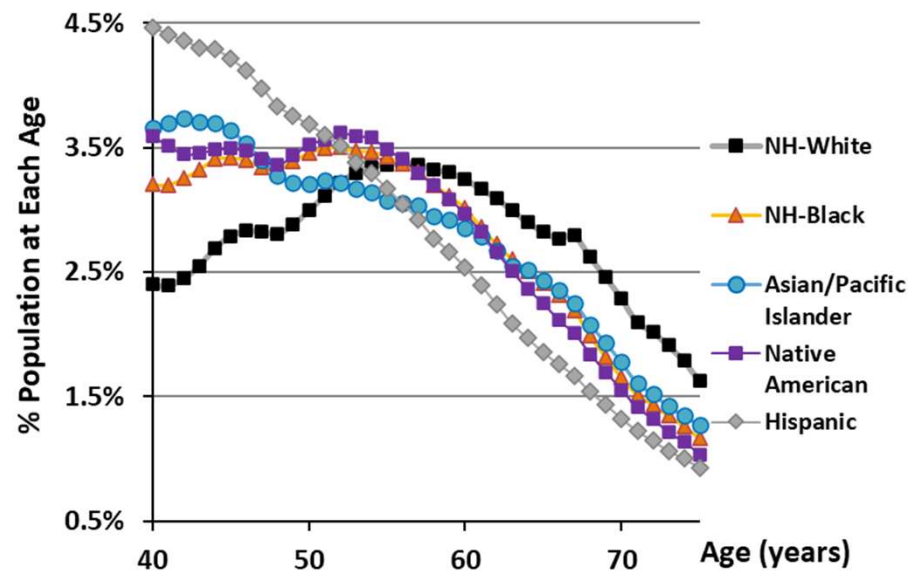
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NH-White	244,681	75,193	30.7%	1	--	15,038	20.0%	1	
NH-Black	39,444	16,319	41.4%	1.35	[1.33,1.36]	4,284	26.3%	1.31	[1.27,1.35]
Asian/PI	29,432	9,756	33.1%	1.08	[1.06,1.10]	3,280	33.6%	1.68	[1.63,1.73]
Native American	1,413	525	37.2%	1.21	[1.13,1.29]	152	29.0%	1.45	[1.27,1.66]
Hispanic	40,181	15,546	38.7%	1.26	[1.24,1.28]	5,614	36.1%	1.81	[1.76,1.85]
All Minorities	110,470	42,146	38.2%	1.24	[1.23,1.25]	13,330	31.6%	1.58	[1.55,1.61]
* Includes only invasive breast cancers of known stages									

Breast Cancer Deaths Under Age 50 Years					
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Native American	1041	129	12.4%	1.62	[1.38,1.91]
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Diversity in Guideline Construction

- younger (15-44) vs older (45-64) using SEER 18

Hung et al. Cancer Epidem 2016

- greater proportion of younger women dx'd at advanced stage: **48.1%** vs **38.7%** ($p < 0.0001$)

- dx'd at **late-stage**:
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- full information is needed to help women make the right choice
- women should understand the risks – and ALL the benefits
- women can decide for themselves how they view the risks – all of which are non-lethal

Breast Cancer Screening: Summary

- **screening decisions should be made by women, not for women**
- **women who want to maximize the benefits should choose annual screening starting at 40**

Breast Cancer Screening:
Addressing Disparities
and
Screening for Average Risk

THANK YOU

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