The Early Detection of Breast Cancer

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Cancer Incidence Rates* Among Women, US, 1975-2005

*Age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population and adjusted for delays in reporting.
Cancer Death Rates* Among Women, US, 1930-2005

*Age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population.
Total Number of Deaths Avoided from 1991-1992 to 2005

Men

Women

481,300 Cancer Deaths

169,100 Cancer Deaths
“Mammography screening at any age is a tradeoff of a continuum of benefits and harms. The ages at which this tradeoff becomes acceptable to individuals and society are not clearly resolved by the available evidence.”

(emphasis mine)

“No definitive studies of the appropriate interval for mammography screening exist, although trial data reflect screening intervals from 12 to 33 months.”
Breast Cancer Mortality Rates (Female)

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