

RCTs and Mortality Reduction

Swedish trials-

Gothenburg (after 12-14 years of follow-up) reported 45% mortality reductions for women 39-49 years old at time of randomization

Malmö- (12.7 years of follow up) 36% for women who were 45-49 years old

CNBSS-1 (Canadian trial) only RCT that did not find a reduction in mortality for those 40-49 however flaws with the trial are well documented

Poor quality mammograms, untrained radiologists, study design (contamination of control group, nonblinded randomization)

Observational Studies

• **Observational Studies** are ones in which the independent variable is not under the control of the investigators – researchers cannot assign participants to groups within the experiment. Information is collected without investigator intervention. More prone to selection bias than RCTs, but still very important studies

• Large-scale, population-based studies (Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) have demonstrated **38-49% decrease in mortality**

• **Tabar** - 20 year follow up of mortality effect from breast cancer screening: 48% reduction in deaths for those 40-49 exposed to screening

• **Hellquist** - Sweden service screening: median 16 year follow-up mortality rates 26% lower for 40-49 age group for those invited to screen

Observational Studies

Coldman - seven provincial service screening programs in Canada, 44% mortality reduction among screened women 40-49

Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium longitudinal study - seven regions of US - tumors in women 45-49 years old behaved similarly to those in women 50-59; concluded these groups should be screened similarly

Tabar 2011 – Longest Running Study

Long-term (29-year) effect of mammographic screening on breast cancer mortality in terms of both relative and absolute effects

Invitation to mammographic screening results in a highly significant decrease in breast cancer-specific mortality

At 29 years of follow-up, the number of women needed to undergo screening for 7 years to prevent one breast cancer death was 519

The estimated years of life saved from the consensus data was 34 per 1000 women invited to screening

“Had two-view mammography and a shorter interval been used in our trial, the impact on breast cancer mortality would have been even greater”

Benefits of Screening- Mortality and Survival

Relative risk of death from breast cancer 20% less in women invited to screening, compared with those not invited to screening

Each missed year of mammography screening has been shown to be associated with a decline in overall survival

2.3 fold increased chance of death, compared with those undergoing yearly mammography

Mammography Screening- Mortality and Life Years Gained

| | Mortality Reduction | Deaths Averted | Life Years Gained (LYG) | # Needed to Screen/death averted | # Needed to Screen/LYG |
|--|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Annual Screening beginning age 40 | 39.6% | 11.9 | 189 | 84 | 5.3 |
| Annual screening 45-54, biennial 55-79 | 30.8% | 9.25 | 149 | 108 | 6.7 |
| Biennial 50-74 | 23.2% | 6.95 | 110 | 144 | 9.1 |

Recreated from: Arleo EK, et al. Comparison of Recommendations for Screening Mammography Using CISNET Models. Cancer 2017; 123:3673-80.

Benefits of Population-Based Screening

Detection of small tumors at an earlier stage
 Important as stage at diagnosis is one of the most important factors in survival

5-year relative survival rates:
 stage I: 100%
 stage II: 86.2%
 stage III: 57.2%
 stage IV: 19.9%

Pischo D, Sahani N, Kriemel M, Pham R, Douma-Helmus C, Schar A, Lyman J. Negating to Screen Women Between 40 and 49 Years Old With Mammography: What is the Prevention Treatment Medicine and Potential Risk Reduction? Am J Roentgenol 2014;202:2:202-206.

Benefits of Population-Based Screening

Detection of smaller tumors, with less nodal metastasis, lower stage
 less likely to need chemotherapy, radiation and other extreme treatments
 the benefit of detecting cancer at an earlier stage leads to less-toxic and better tolerated treatments

Recurrence also less likely when a cancer is found and treated at an early stage

Ongoing Screening Controversy

Despite the benefits, there remains ongoing controversy over the optimal approach to breast cancer screening
 Led to discordant professional society recommendations, particularly in women age 40 to 49 years

Mammography is not a Perfect Test

Though the decreased mortality benefit is clear for the general population, *there are specific populations of women for whom mammography is not as successful*
 For women with extensive family history or personal history
 Genetic predisposition
 Dense breast tissue
 Personal history of breast cancer

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 Personalized, risk-based screening

Risk-Based Screening: An Alternative to Population-Based Screening?

A woman's risk of developing breast cancer is influenced by many factors, but breast cancer screening recommendations are based primarily on age

Decisions around the starting age, stopping age, frequency, and modality of screening are based on individual risk to maximize the early detection of aggressive cancers and minimize the harms of screening through optimal resource utilization – Shieh 2017

Shieh, Yenny, et al. "Breast cancer screening in the precision medicine era: risk-based screening in a population-based trial." Journal of the National Cancer Institute 109, no. 4 (2017): 403-410.

Risk-Based Screening in a Population-Based Trial

Novel approach to risk-based screening that integrates clinical risk factors, breast density, a polygenic risk score representing the cumulative effects of genetic variants, and sequencing for moderate- and high-penetrance germline mutations

Thresholds of absolute risk estimates generated for use to stratify women into different screening strategies (biennial mammography, annual mammography, annual mammography with adjunctive magnetic resonance imaging, defer screening at this time) while informing the starting age of screening for women age 40 to 49 years

WISDOM Trial

A randomized controlled trial of annual vs personalized screening
Preference-tolerant design to encourage women to participate - women can elect to be randomly assigned or request to be assigned to the risk-based or annual screening groups
Risk-based arm will undergo risk stratification using the BCSC model, a polygenic risk score, and genetic testing with a nine-gene panel, and the participants randomly assigned to this arm will be screened based on the thresholds described (next slide)
Goal to test the hypothesis that risk-based screening will decrease mammography usage without an increase in diagnosis of late-stage breast cancers

Shah Y, et al. on behalf of the Athena Breast Health Network Investigators. Breast Cancer Screening in the Precision Medicine Era: Risk-Based Screening in a Population-Based Trial. *JCO*. Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Volume 109, Issue 5, May 2017. doi:10.1093/jco/kjx020

| | Age 40-49 y | Age 50-74 y |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| No screening at this time | 5-y absolute risk < 1.3% | All women |
| Biennial mammogram* | 5-y absolute risk ≥ 1.3% | All women |
| Annual mammogram† | Extremely dense breasts (BIRADS d) on prior mammogram Carriers of ATM, PALB2, or CHEK2 mutations without a positive family history of breast cancer | Carriers of ATM, PALB2, or CHEK2 mutations without a positive family history of breast cancer |
| Annual mammogram + adjunctive MRI | Carriers of BRCA1/2, TP53, PTEN, STK11, or CDH1 mutations Carriers of ATM, PALB2, or CHEK2 mutations with a positive family history of breast cancer | Carriers of ATM, PALB2, or CHEK2 mutations with a positive family history of breast cancer History of therapeutic chest irradiation between age 10-30 y 5-y absolute risk ≥ 6% |

* If individual does not meet criteria for annual mammogram or annual mammogram + MRI, MRI + adjunctive mammogram imaging.
† Except for individuals with extremely dense breasts (BIRADS d) on prior mammogram.
‡ If individual does not meet criteria for annual mammogram + MRI.
§ Family history is defined as a first degree relative with breast cancer, or two second degree relatives diagnosed with breast cancer.

Risk Thresholds

WISDOM Trial Pitfalls

Using risk assessments and genetic testing investigators will identify those with predetermined risk factors (familial history, genes known to increase risk) to determine the commencement and frequency of screening
Authors of the study predict this method would have 75% of women aged 40-49 defer screening to 50 and 91% of women 50-74 receive biennial mammography screening
Authors claim less mammography usage in these "low-risk" populations will decrease the likelihood of a woman experiencing a supposed harm – false positives, anxiety of recall etc.

Hess JS. The Complexity of Achieving the Promise of Precision Breast Cancer Screening. *JCO*. Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Volume 109, Issue 5, May 2017. doi:10.1093/jco/kjx020

WISDOM Trial Pitfalls

This approach could be troublesome for multiple reasons:

- Majority of breast cancers are spontaneous – no known genetic or familial risk factors can be identified
- Younger women tend to be diagnosed with more aggressive forms of breast cancer that will not be identified before causing symptoms
- Level of testing required to identify proper risk score is not widely available in most offices – implementation may be cumbersome and not cost effective
- Lack of proper identification due to limitations of available genetic testing could lead to lack of screening adherence and missing women who belong to a higher risk group
- Physicians will need access to the proper tools and communication aids to effectively counsel women based on risk – currently many physicians feel unprepared for this conversation
- Women with lower levels of funding and resources would have a difficult time implementing the proper tools for risk assessment and genetic testing which could lead to health care disparities for women of differing economic levels

How do we Identify those at Higher Risk?

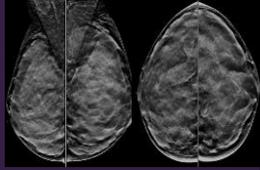
Risk prediction models
Gail, BRCAPro, Tyrer-Cuzick, Claus, Myriad
Models take into account wide range of breast cancer risk factors
Hereditary
Hormonal
Environmental
Models measure:
Risk of BRCA 1 or 2 mutation
Risk of developing breast cancer
Timeframe of risk: 5-year, 10-year, Lifetime

Breast Cancer Risk Spectrum



Inclusion of Breast Density in Risk Assessment

Women with dense tissue have a 3 to 5 times greater risk of developing breast cancer in comparison to women with fatty tissue



Nearly half of the general screening population has heterogeneously dense or extremely dense breasts

O'Neill SC, et al. Mammographic Breast Density as a Risk Factor for Breast Cancer: Awareness in a Recently Screened Clinical Sample. 2014

Should Personal History be Included as a Risk Factor?

- Not an indication for MRI screening in most recommendations
- 2018 ACR guidelines update (JACR 2018)
 - Now recommend that women with personal history of breast cancer and dense tissue, or diagnosed under age 50, be screened with MRI
- Studies have demonstrated that MRI can detect otherwise occult carcinoma in this population - Patients with PH are at similar risk level as those with PH and FH in the development of subsequent breast cancer and therefore benefit from screening breast MRI (Destounis 2016, Tadros 2017, Park 2018)

Morlockson, S., et al. MRI screening for breast cancer in women with a personal history of premenopausal breast cancer as a risk factor for subsequent breast cancer. *Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging*. 2018; 33:333-337

Destounis et al. 2016

- EWBC study comparing results from high risk MRI exams in patients with a personal history (PH) of premenopausal breast cancer to patients with a personal history and family history (PHFH) of breast cancer

| | # of Patients | # of Exams | Diagnosed Cancers |
|------|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| PH | 52 | 146 | 7 |
| PHFH | 79 | 235 | 8 |

- Average time between diagnosis was 7.1 years in PH group and 6.9 years in PHFH group
- Patients with PH are at similar risk level as those with PH and FH in the development of subsequent breast cancer and therefore benefit from screening breast MRI

Destounis et al. *Academic Radiology*. 2016; 25: Issue 3

Management Guidelines – Who Is Currently Identified for Adjunctive Screening?

Guidelines currently incorporate some level of risk-based management – to recommend additional screening

Ex. Intensive screening with annual mammography and adjunctive MRI is recommended for several high-risk groups according to guidelines by the NCCN

NCCN, ACR, ACS and ACOG all have versions of recommendations for MRI

>20% lifetime risk

Mutation carrier (self, or family member)

History of chest radiation therapy <30

Women with personal history of breast cancer and dense breast tissue, or diagnosed before age 50 (newest rec per ACR)

Proven Performance with Screening MRI in Different Risk Levels (Sippo 2019)

Evaluated screening breast MRI performance across women with different elevated breast cancer risk indications

BRCA mutation carrier or history of chest radiation (BRCA/RT group)

Family history of breast cancer (FH group)

Personal history of breast cancer (PH group)

History of high-risk lesion (HRL group)

5170 screening exams in 2637 women; 67 breast cancers detected

Sippo, Dorothy A., et al. "Performance of Screening Breast MRI across Women with Different Elevated Breast Cancer Risk Indications." *Radiology* (2019): 181136.

Sippo: Screening MRI

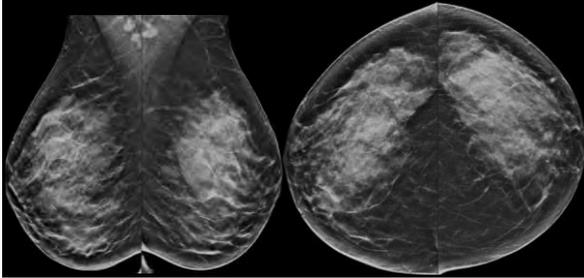
PH outperformed FH in all categories, and was more comparable to the metrics for the BRCA/RT group

For FH group the PPV2 (for biopsy recommendations) and PPV3 (for biopsies performed) fell below BI-RADS MRI screening benchmarks

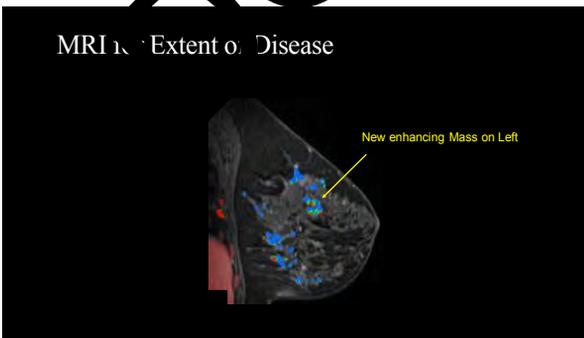
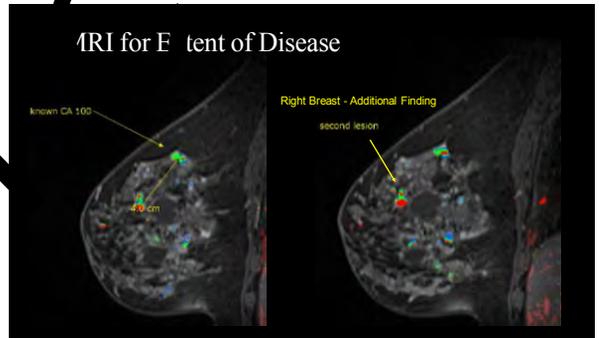
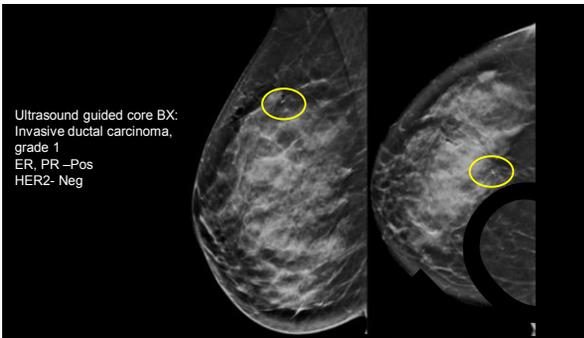
| | BRCA/RT | PH | HRL | FH |
|--------------------|---------|----|-----|----|
| CDR (#/1000 exams) | 26 | 12 | 15 | 8 |
| PPV ₂ | 25 | 19 | 15 | 8 |
| Sensitivity | 84 | 88 | 75 | 77 |
| Specificity | 92 | 95 | 92 | 91 |

These results support expanding screening MRI indications to include PH, which would also possibly include HRL

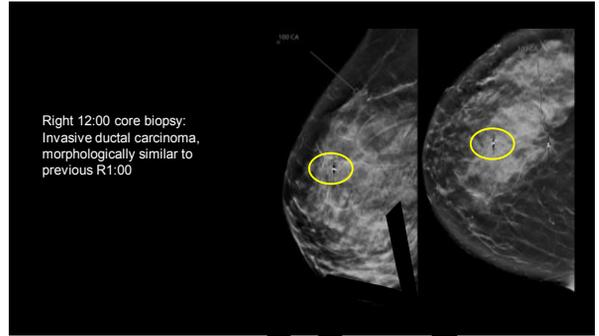
50y/o presents for screening mmg – family history significant for mother diagnosed at 72, sister at 47



Patient requested screening US due to extremely dense tissue



Targeted Ultrasound – MRI detected Left Breast Lesion



Why is this Important?

Three malignancies diagnosed that were occult on mammography due to the patient's dense breast tissue

Patient had dense breast tissue, but also strong family history of breast cancer – due to >20% lifetime risk, patient would qualify for screening MRI, which could have potentially led to earlier diagnosis

Patient went on to have bilateral mastectomy

What a Change in Screening Could Mean

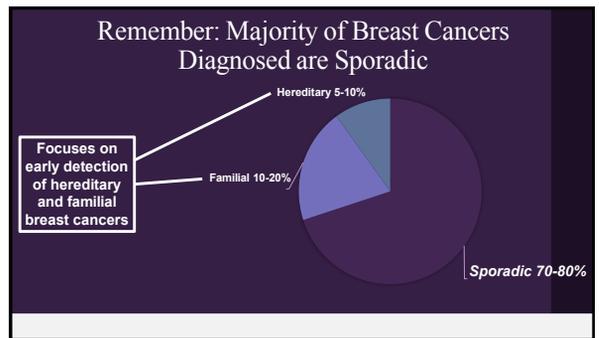
Hendrick & Helvie: Screening mammography shows greatest benefit—a 39.6% mortality reduction—from annual screening of women 40–84 years old

This screening regimen saves 71% more lives than the USPSTF-recommended regimen of biennial screening of women 50–74 years old, which had a 23.2% mortality reduction

For U.S. women 30–39, annual screening mammography from 40–84 years would save 99,829 more lives than USPSTF recommendations if all women comply, and 64,889 more lives with the current 65% compliance rate

Hendrick, R. E., & Helvie, M. A. (2011). United States preventive services task force screening mammography recommendations: science, context, delivery. *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, 93(1), 1-12.

Remember: Majority of Breast Cancers Diagnosed are Sporadic



Focuses on early detection of hereditary and familial breast cancers

| Category | Percentage |
|------------|------------|
| Sporadic | 70-80% |
| Familial | 10-20% |
| Hereditary | 5-10% |

Risk Based Screening Women 40-49 (Price 2015)

Determined the prevalence of very strong family history and extremely dense breasts in women 40-49 with breast cancer detected on screening

Patients with personal history were excluded

Family History evaluation:

Patients with one first-degree relative with breast cancer diagnosed at 50 or older were considered to have strong family history

Patients with at least two first-degree relatives with breast cancer, or one first-degree relative with breast cancer diagnosed younger than 50 were considered to have very strong family history

Remaining patients were not considered to have relevant family history

Price ER, et al. *Am J Surg* 2015; 205: 1360-1364

Price: Risk Based Screening

Very strong family history was absent in 88% of the study population

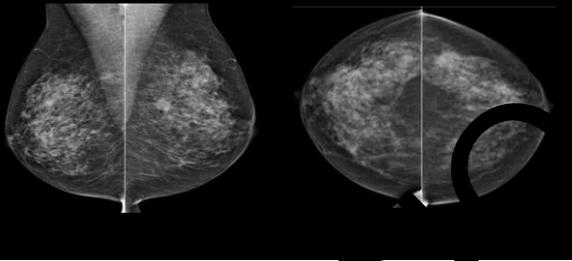
Extremely dense breast tissue absent in 86%

78% of patients had neither very strong family history nor dense breast tissue, including 79% of the invasive cancer cases

25% had axillary nodal involvement and 89% were ER positive

These results show that reducing the number of women screened in this age group using this risk-based approach would lead to reduction in screen-detected cancers, ultimately precluding the benefit of mortality reduction

44 year old patient presents for screening; prior mammograms normal- no family history



What Women Want in Screening

Survey evaluated willingness of women to change breast cancer screening practices if given personalized recommendations based on risk factors such as breast density, family history and lifestyle

54.6% of women are definitely or probably willing to reduce their frequency vs 81.9% are definitely or probably willing to increase screening

Most cited disadvantage for reduced screening: delayed detection of breast cancer 77%

Most cited advantage for increased screening: earlier detection 82%

92.3% women are willing to change their type of screening; most would want additional screening

W. Coiro, W. Neaseoff, McKinney M. Dean, T. Gableback, D. Ravnitzke, C. Eggleston, J. Hervey and W. Khousa. *Am J Surg* 2015; 205: 1360-1364

How do Women View Risk Based Screening?

Study explored women's views and personal acceptability of a potential risk-based mammography screening paradigm

Some women accepted the idea that early cancer detection with traditional screening was beneficial—although many also reported hearing inconsistent recommendations

Some familiar with risk-based screening paradigm and thought matching screening mammography frequency to personal risk made sense

But personal acceptability of risk-based screening was mixed - some believed it could reduce the harms of false positives and overdiagnosis - others thought screening less often might result in missing a dangerous diagnosis

Many expressed concerns about the feasibility of risk-based screening and questioned whether breast cancer risk estimates could be accurate

Hu X, et al. *How Do Women View Risk-Based Mammography Screening? A Qualitative Study*. *Am J Surg* 2015; 205: 1360-1364

Summary

Annual Mammography beginning at 40 has been proven to save lives

Risk assessment is important- women at higher risk need to be identified as management options will be different

Target increased surveillance and other interventions specifically to individuals with known increased risk

Significantly improve outcomes and reduce medical costs through earlier diagnosis and treatment of cancer, should it develop

New techniques and technologies to increase access to screening for those at an elevated risk are continuing to be developed and should be further investigated for broad scale utilization



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