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## Breast Cancer Screening Programs in 26 ICSN Countries, 2012: Organization, Policies, and Program Reach\*

Region/Country	Program Type <sup>1</sup>	Year Program Began	Year in which 100% national screening was or will be achieved:	Detection Methods in Routine Use <sup>2</sup>	Detection Methods being Evaluated for Possible Use	Age Groups Covered	Recommended Interval for Average Risk for Mammography		Number of Women Screened (2010)	Participation Rate (2010)
							Age 40-49	Age 50+		
Australia	NS	1991		MM, DM		40-75+	2 years	2 years	data not available	data not available
Canada	NS	1988		MM, DM, CBE <sup>3</sup>	3-D Ultrasound	50-69	1 year <sup>4</sup>	2 years	196,187	47.3%
China	NS	2009		MM, CBE, U	DM, MRI, CT, T	40-59	3 years	3 years	1,200,000	data not available
Denmark	S	1991	2010	DM	T	50-69	NA	2 years	275,000	73.0%
Finland	N	1987		DM		50-64	NA	2 years	data not available	85.0%
France	N	1989	2004	MM, DM, CBE	DM, U	50-74	NA	2 years	2,343,980	52.3%
Iceland	N	1987	1989	DM, CBE <sup>5</sup>		40-69	2 years	2 years	20,517	60.0%
Israel	N	1997	2005	MM, DM	T	50-74	NA	2 years	220,000	72.0%
Italy	NS	2002	2007	MM, DM	T	50-69	NA	2 years	1,340,311	60.5%
Japan	NS	1977		MM, DM, CBE	U	40-75+	2 years	2 years	2,492,868	19.0%
Korea	N	1999	2002	MM, DM	DM	40-75+	2 years	2 years	2,602,928	39.3%
Luxembourg	N	1992	1992	DM		50-69	NA	2 years	14,586	64.0%
Netherlands	N	1989	1997	MM, DM		50-74	NA	2 years	961,766	80.7%
New Zealand	N	1998	1999	MM, DM		45-69	2 years	2 years	211,922	67.5%
Norway	N	1996	2004	DM	T	50-69	NA	2 years	199,818	76.0%
Poland	N	2006		MM, DM		50-69	NA	2 years	985,364	39.0%
Portugal (Central Region)	S	1990		DM		45-69	2 years	2 years	100,348	63.0%
Portugal (Alentejo Region)	S	1997		DM		45-69	2 years	2 years	7,298	58.4%

Saudi Arabia	S	2007			DM	40-64			6,200	19.0%
Spain (Catalonia)	NS	1995	2003	MM, DM		50-69	NA	2 years	527,000 <sup>7</sup>	65.0%
Spain (Navarra)	NS	1990		DM		45-69	2 years	2 years	40,016	87.3%
Sweden	S	1986	1996	MM, DM	T	40-74	18 months	2 years	1,414,000 <sup>7</sup>	70.0%
Switzerland	NS	1999		MM, DM	U	50-69	NA	2 years	60,700	48.2%
United Kingdom	N	1988	1995	MM, DM		50-69		3 years	1,957,124	73.3%
United States <sup>6</sup>	O	1995		MM, DM, CBE	MRI, CT, T	40-75+	1-2 years	1-2 years	416,000	66.5%
Uruguay	O	1990	2016	MM, CBE, U, BSE	DM, MRI	40-69	2 years	1 year	352,000	data not available

\*Data are from a survey of ICSN country representatives, conducted in 2012

1 Program Types:

- N (National screening policy with national program implementation)
- NS (National screening policy with state/provincial/regional screening program implementation)
- S (State/Provincial/Regional screening and program implementation)
- O (Other)

2 Detection Methods:

- MM (screen-film mammography)
- DM (digital mammography)
- T (Tomosynthesis/3-D mammography)
- CBE (clinical breast exam)
- BSE (breast self-examination)
- MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- U (ultrasound)
- CT (Computerized Tomographic Imaging)

3 Two of the 12 programs offer CBE or modified CBE in some facilities.

4 One province does screen the 40-49 age group

5 CBE only for those who request it or have suspicious symptoms

6 Data come from the [Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium](#)

7 Represents estimate

