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Artificial Intelligence in Breast Imaging: Image Interpretation and Clinical Implementation

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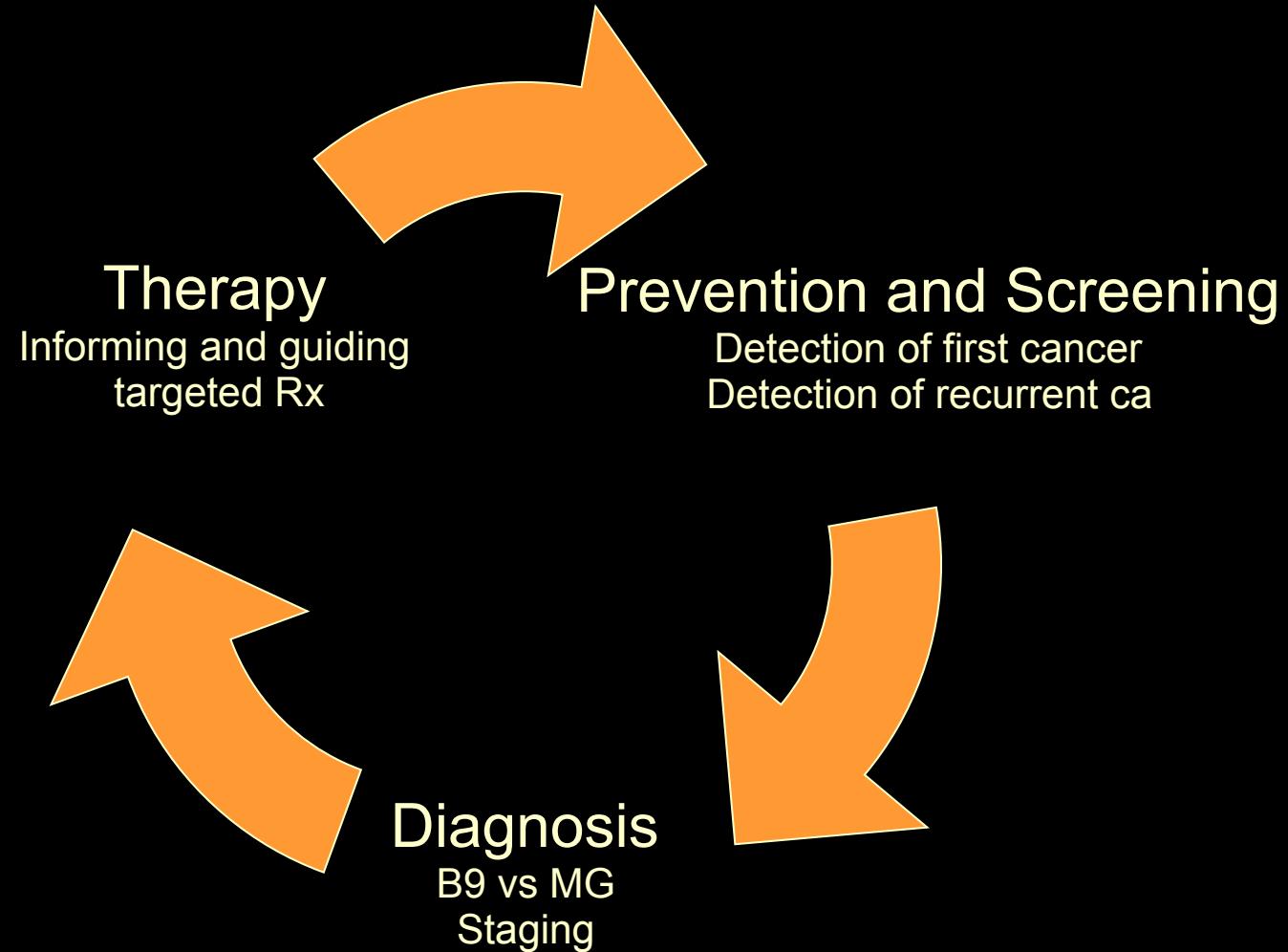
Breast Cancer: Most Frequent Cancer in Women Worldwide



Every Year:

- Of 3.8 billion women in the world, > 2 million diagnosed with breast cancer each year
- > 40,000 deaths in the US alone
- > 600,000 deaths in the world

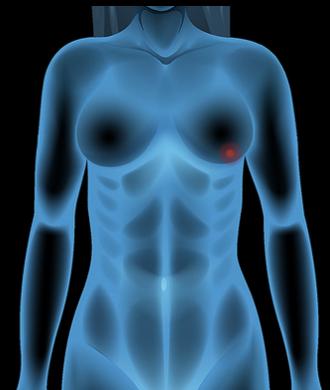
Precision Medicine/Risk Assessment Supports All Levels of Care Pathway



Our Challenge

Screening/early detection is key to cure

- Effective screening programs require:
 - accurate risk assessment tools
 - effective screening tests



Mammography as a Screening Examination in Breast Cancer¹

JOHN N. WOLFE, M.D.²

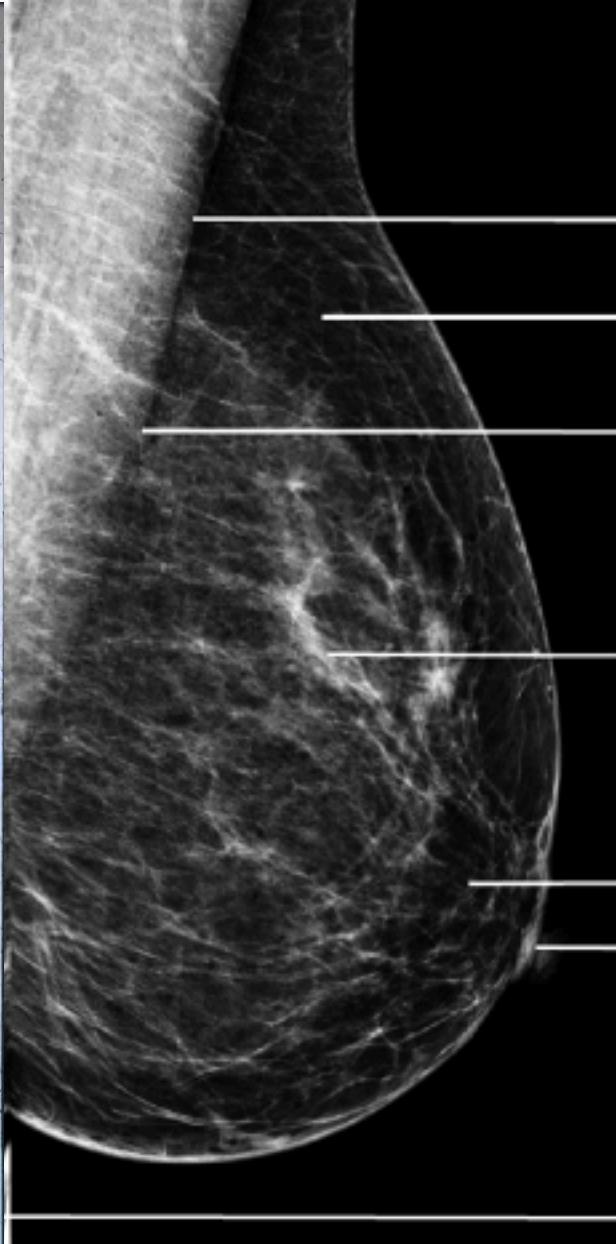
¹ Presented at the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29-Dec. 4, 1964.

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The tedious task of examining about 250 women to detect one cancer seems relatively unrewarding unless it is realized that the cancer found is most likely to be in a curable stage. If left until it is clinically evident, the likelihood of salvage diminishes rapidly.



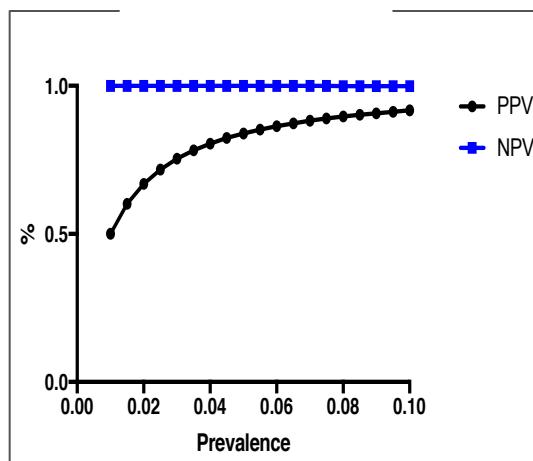
Pectoral muscle
Mammary fat
Retromammary space
Mammary parenchyma
Retroareolar region
Nipple
Inframammary fold

AI and Screening Mammography

- Problems to address
 - No risk assessment models that predict individual risk with any accuracy
 - Human variation in interpretation (quality)
 - Lack of human breast imaging specialists to support screening mammography expansion (access)

Our Challenge

- In order for screening tests to be effective, essential to screen an at-risk population
- False positives are decreased when prevalence is increased through risk assessment



CANCER CARE

By Mei-Sing Ong and Kenneth D. Mandl

National Expenditure For False-Positive Mammograms And Breast Cancer Overdiagnoses Estimated At \$4 Billion A Year

Impact of False High Risk Assessment on Patients and Systems

- Anxiety, unnecessary tests, interventions
 - MRI or US screening
 - Chemoprevention
 - Mastectomy
 - Costs

American Cancer Society 2007

“Based on the evidence from studies of MR screening high risk women, and the limitations of mammography and CBE alone, the American Cancer Society recommends annual MR screening in conjunction with mammography in women at significantly increased risk of breast cancer.”



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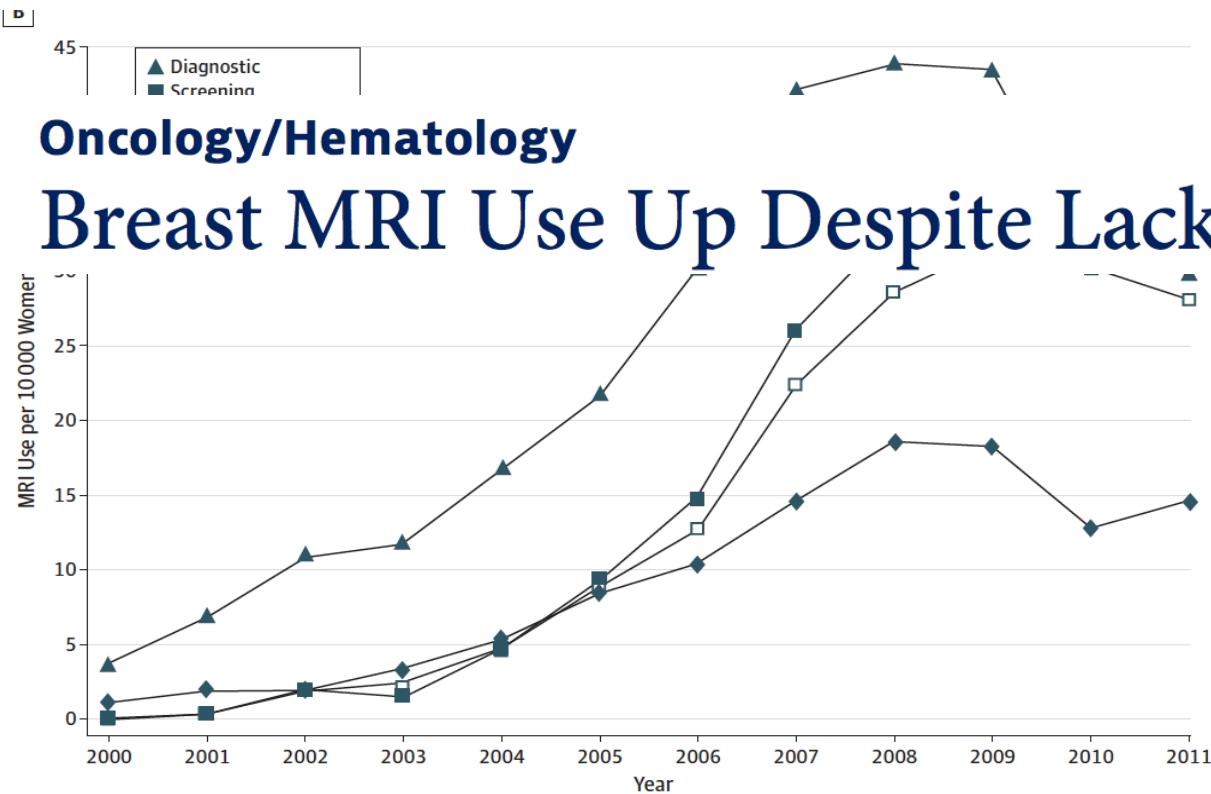


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Rapid Increase in Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging Use Trends From 2000 to 2011

Breast MRI use grows, but does it benefit the right women?



Oncology/Hematology

Breast MRI Use Up Despite Lack of Indications

A, Age-specific rates. Each bar within an age group represents a calendar year. B, Indication-specific rates for 4 primary indications: screening, diagnostic, staging or treatment, and surveillance.

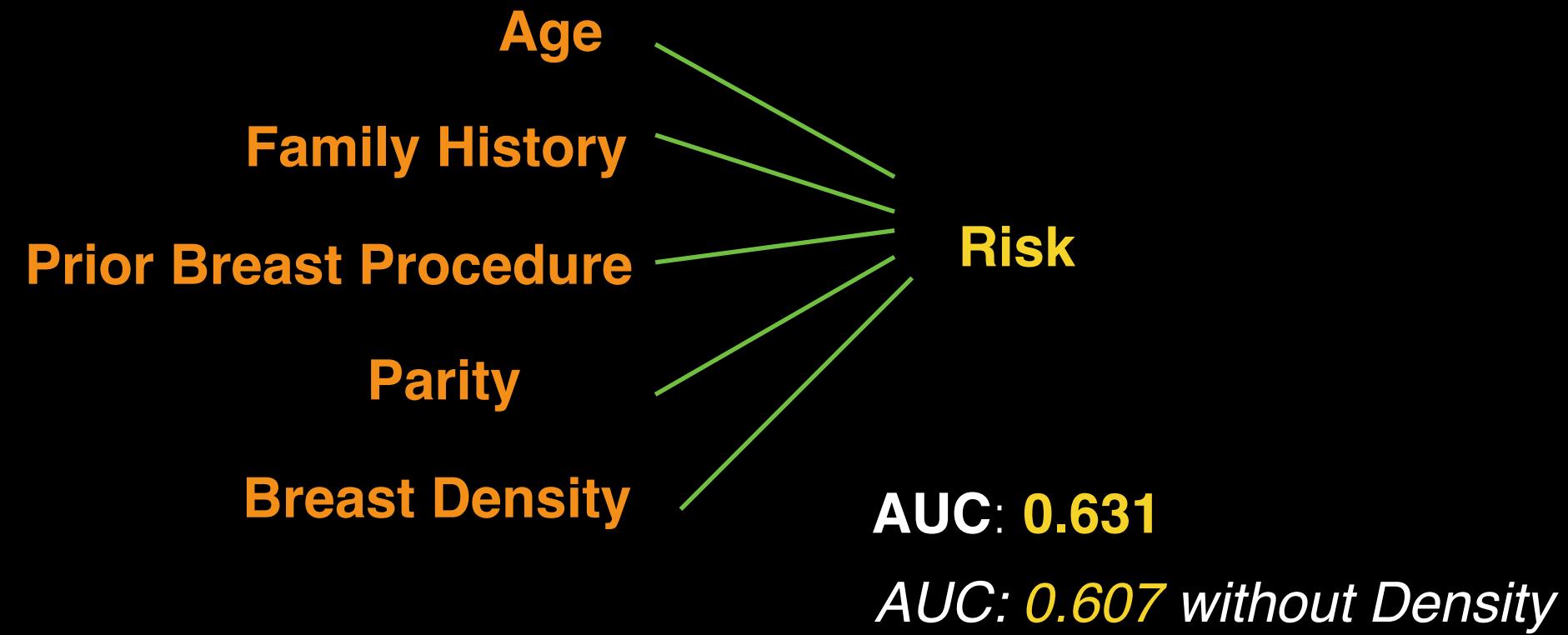
Table 4. Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool (BCRAT) Scores for Lifetime Breast Cancer Risk for Women Screened With Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Women Screened With Mammography Alone, 2005 Through 2009

BCRAT Lifetime Risk Score	Year, No. (%)					Total
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Examinations of women who received breast MRI for screening^a						
<15%	57 (74)	147 (50)	227 (55)	194 (53)	202 (50)	827 (53)
15%-20%	13 (17)	85 (29)	84 (20)	79 (21)	87 (21)	348 (22)
>20%	7 (9)	60 (21)	101 (25)	96 (26)	119 (29)	383 (25)
Examinations of women who received screening mammography only						
<15%	234 209 (92)	229 157 (92)	228 708 (92)	222 685 (92)	216 402 (92)	1 131 161 (92)
15%-20%	15 120 (6)	14 480 (6)	14 590 (6)	14 560 (6)	13 657 (6)	72 407 (6)
>20%	5153 (2)	5110 (2)	5033 (2)	5021 (2)	4920 (2)	25 237 (2)

^a Test for trend comparing total proportion at higher than 20% (high) risk to 20% risk or lower ($P < .001$).

- 75% of all screening MRIs performed were in women with less than 20% lifetime risk
- Of women at greater than 20% lifetime risk, less than 2% had received an MRI

Classical Risk Models



J Natl Cancer Inst. 2006 Sep 6;98(17):1204-14.

Prospective breast cancer risk prediction model for women undergoing screening mammography.

Barlow WE¹, White E, Ballard-Barbash R, Vacek PM, Titus-Ernstoff L, Carney PA, Tice JA, Buist DS, Geller BM, Rosenberg R, Yankaskas BC, Kerlikowske K.

Screening Mammography Interpretation and AI



- Breast Density?
- Normal or Not?



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A Study of Breast Parenchyma by Mammography in the Normal Woman and Those with Benign and Malignant Disease¹

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All normal and abnormal parenchymal elements were noted, but the main emphasis was on assessment of the alveolar tissue and ducts; their presence or absence, amount, and distribution. This material was coded and later subjected to analysis by computer.

Breast Composition

- “visually estimated content of fibroglandular-density within the breasts”

Breast Composition Categories

- a. The breasts are almost entirely fatty
- b. There are scattered areas of fibroglandular density
- c. The breasts are heterogeneously dense, which may obscure small masses
- d. The breasts are extremely dense, which lowers the sensitivity of mammography

Advocacy efforts to inform women

The screenshot shows the homepage of the **Are You DENSE?** website. At the top left is the logo: **Are You DENSE?** exposing the best-kept secret®. Below the logo is a large photo of two women smiling. To the right of the photo is a white banner with the text "ARE YOU DENSE? FACT #5" and a detailed paragraph about mammogram detection rates for dense breasts. Above the banner is a navigation bar with links: Stories, Make a Donation, News & Events, and Resources. To the right of the banner is a sidebar with a link to "Up to receive more info/Contact Us" and "En Español". Below this are sections for "Exposing the Secret" jewelry designs by Susan A. Katz and a call to "Take Action" regarding State Bills and Federal Bill HR 3102. The main content area features the headline "Early Matters" with the subtext "stage of tumor at *discovery* influences prognosis" and a link "Be informed about your breast density ». On the right side, there is another white banner with the text "ARE YOU DENSE? FACT #1" and a paragraph about breast density being a predictor of mammography failure.

Are You DENSE? exposing the best-kept secret®

ARE YOU DENSE? FACT #5

While mammogram detects 98% of cancers in women with fatty breasts, it finds ONLY 48% in women with the densest breasts.

Up to receive more info/Contact Us En Español

"Exposing the Secret" Jewelry Designs by Susan A. Katz for Are You Dense, Inc.

Take Action:
State Bills
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ARE YOU DENSE? FACT #1

Breast density is one of the strongest predictors of the failure of mammography screening to detect cancer.

Breast Density Law



Nancy Cappello
1952-2018

- Diagnosed: 2003, stage III
- Her last mammogram was false negative
- She lobbied for supplemental screening law in Connecticut
- The law was enacted in 2005

New [federal](#) law requires mammography providers to send breast density notifications

February 19, 2019 | [Michael Walter](#) | [Policy](#)



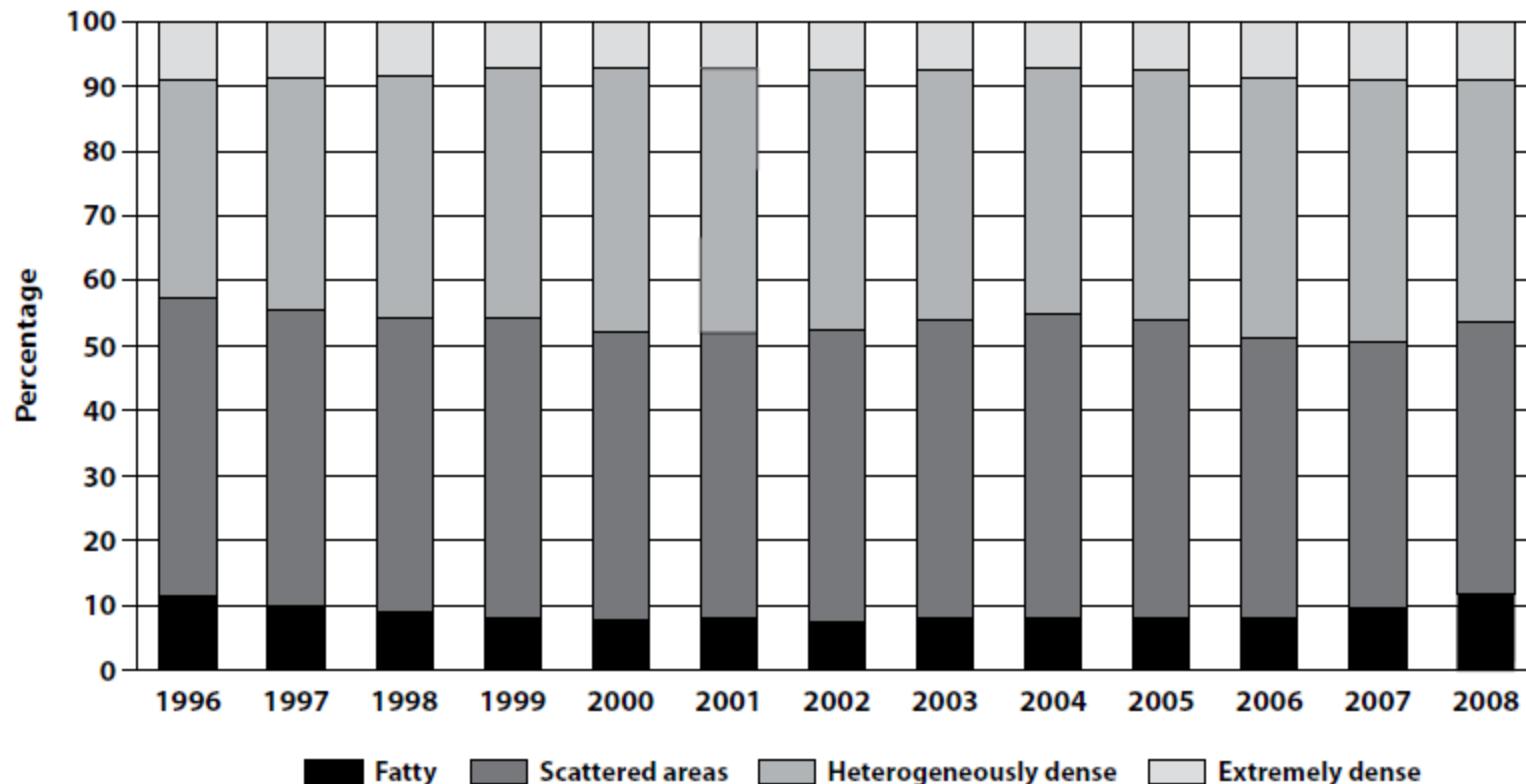
When President Donald Trump signed a federal funding bill into law on Feb. 15, it included text that said that all mammography providers must include updated information about breast density in reports sent to both patients and their physicians.

The notifications sent out to patients will inform them about their own personal breast density and explain the importance of that information. More than 30 states currently require such information to be shared with patients after they undergo a mammogram, a number that has been rising steadily for years.



Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium data from over 3.8 million screening mammograms in U.S. community practice: over 50% of women told they have dense tissue

Figure 149 – U.S. Radiologists' Use of BI-RADS® Breast Density Descriptors, 1996–2008



Quartile ranges introduced

Wide Variation in Radiologists' Assessment of Mammograms as "Dense"

[Ann Intern Med. 2016 Oct 4;165\(7\):457-464. doi: 10.7326/M15-2934. Epub 2016 Jul 19.](#)

Variation in Mammographic Breast Density Assessments Among Radiologists in Clinical Practice: A Multicenter Observational Study.

[Sprague BL¹, Conant EF¹, Oneqa T¹, Garcia MP¹, Beaver EF¹, Herschorn SD¹, Lehman CD¹, Tosteson AN¹, Lacson R¹, Schnall MD¹, Kontos D¹, Haas JS¹, Weaver DL¹, Barlow WE¹; PROSPR Consortium.](#)

83 radiologists:
6% to 85% of large
(>500) number of
mammograms read
as “dense”

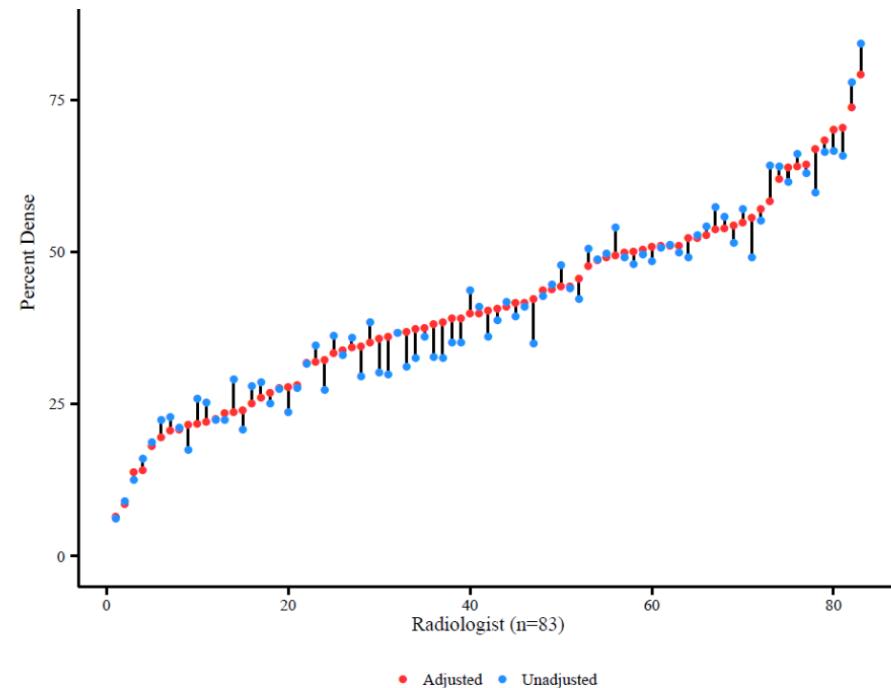
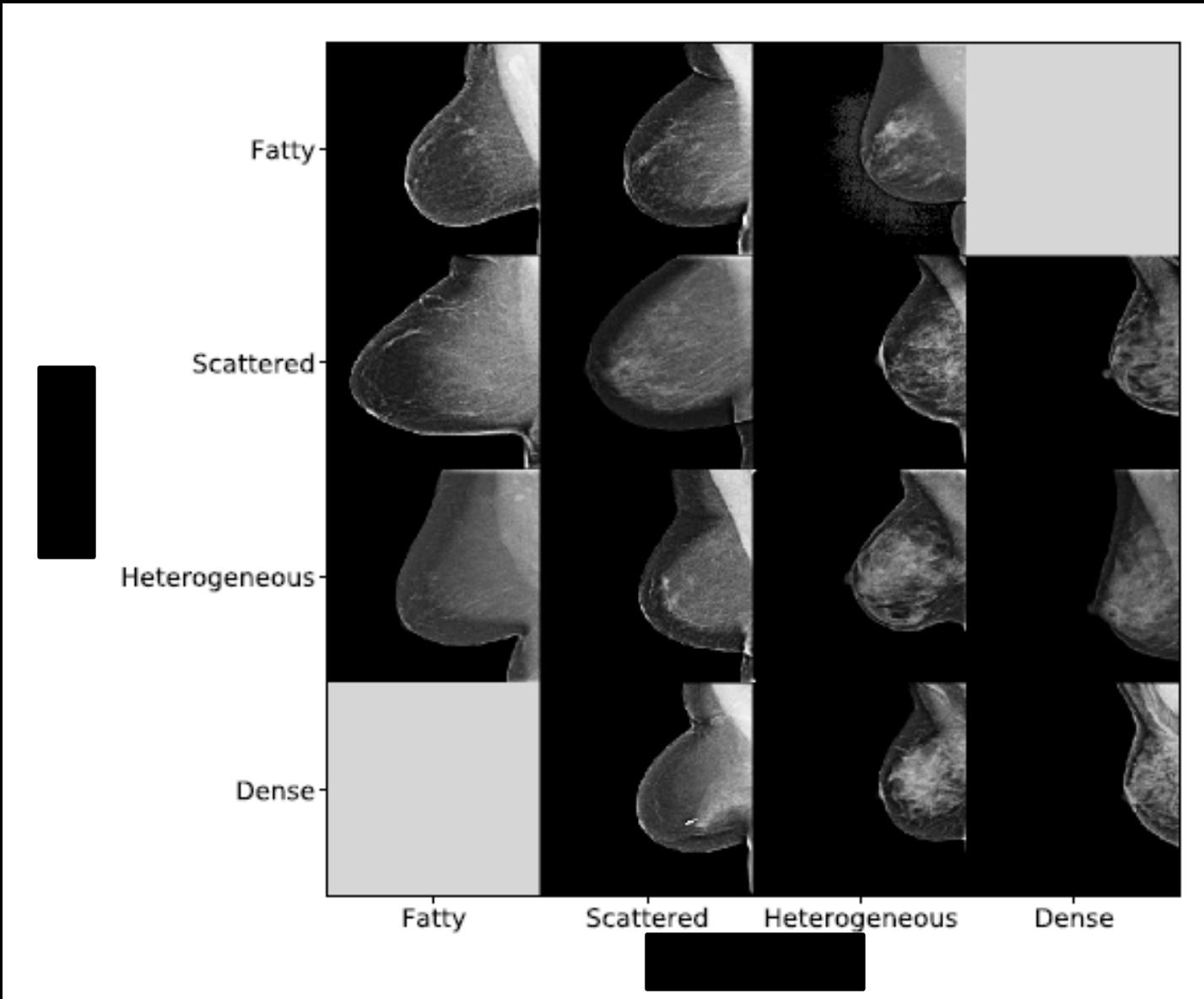


Figure 2. Paired unadjusted and multivariable-adjusted percent of patients with dense breasts (heterogeneously or extremely dense), by radiologist.



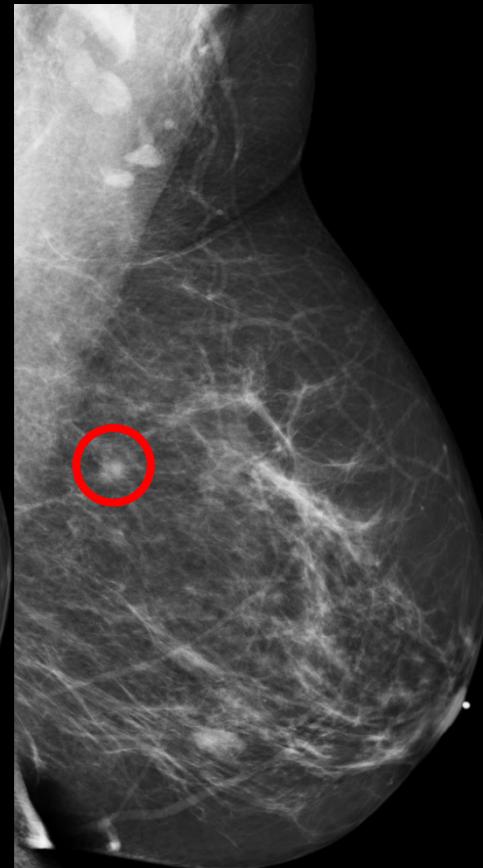
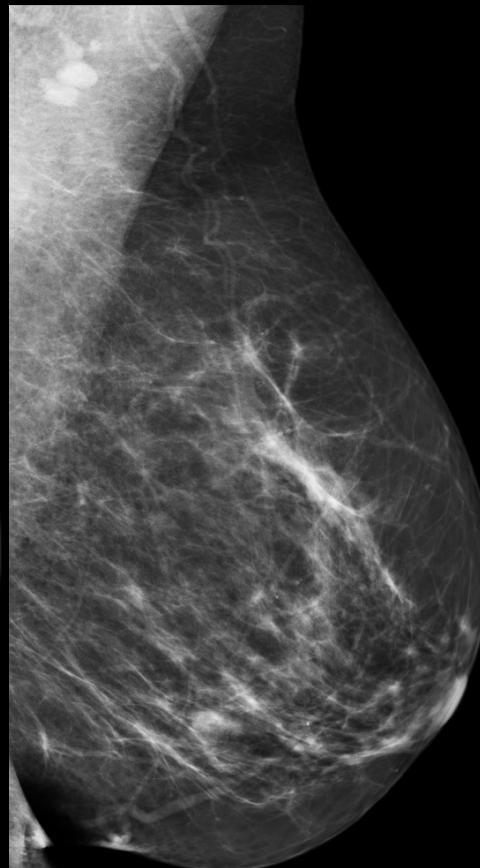
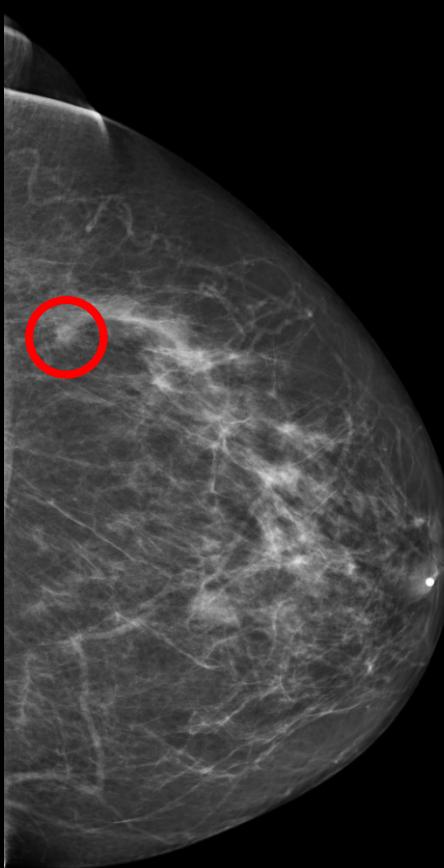
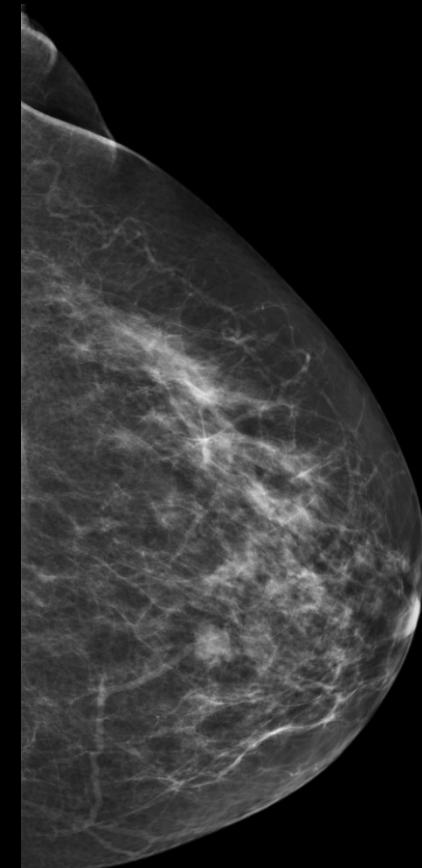
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Interpretation: Normal or Not?

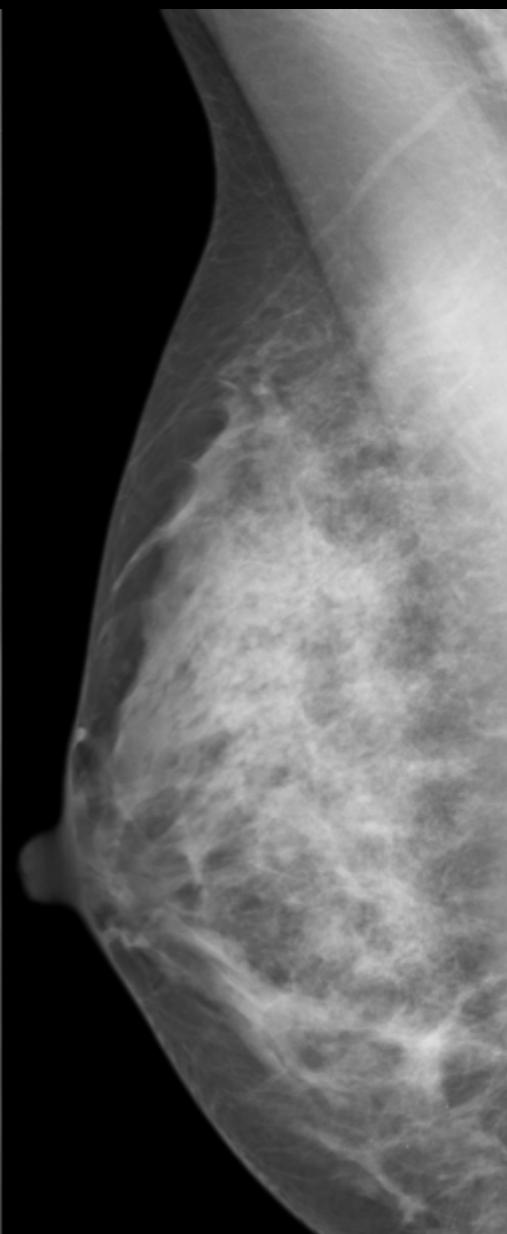
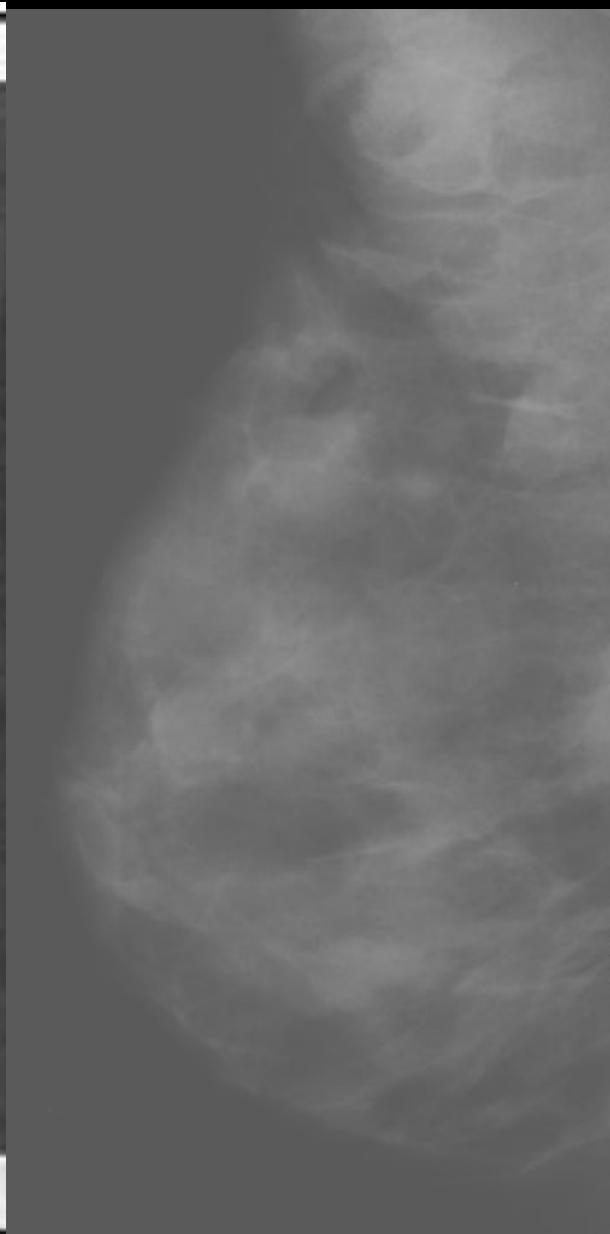
Prior Current Prior Current



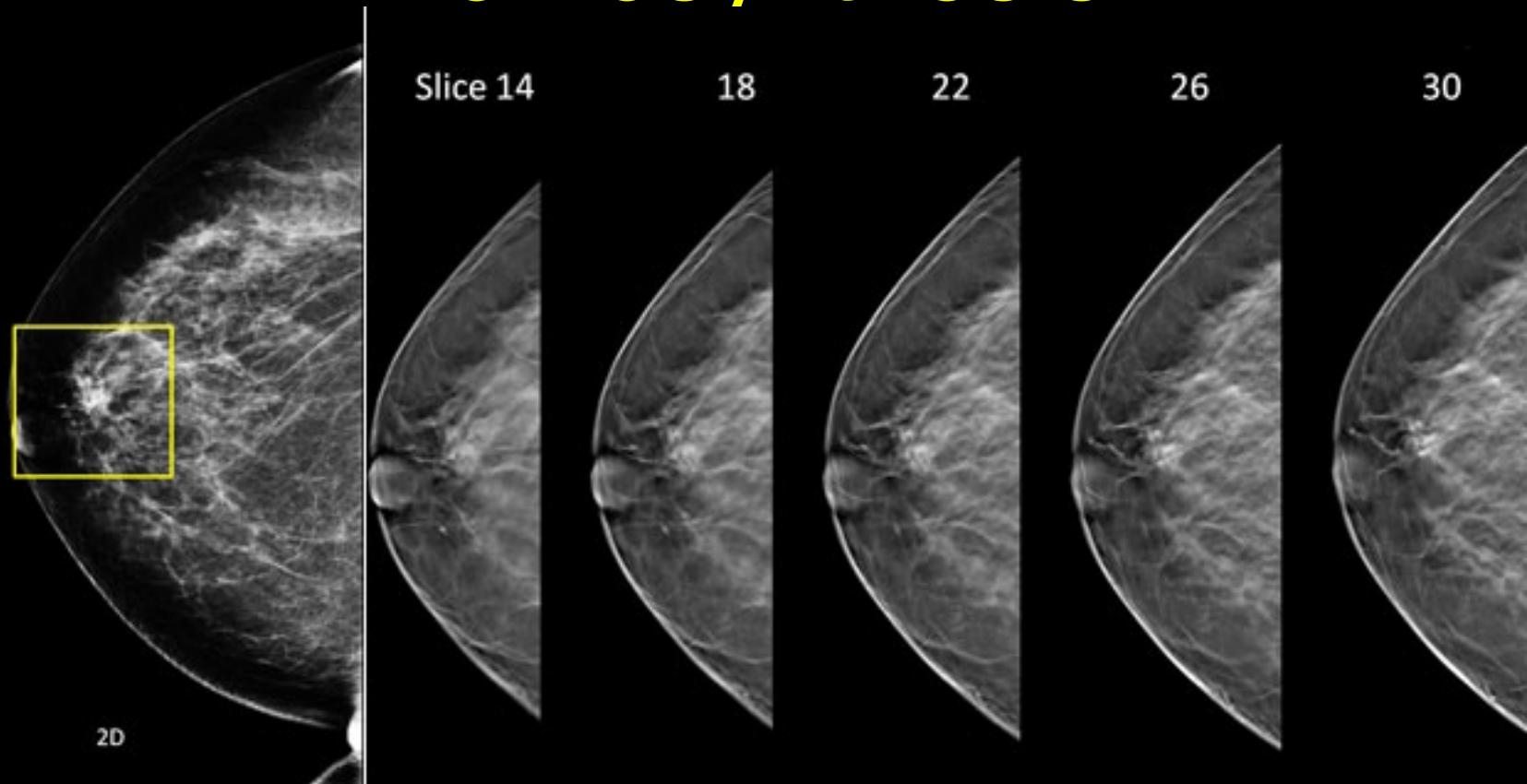
Challenges

- Our imaging screening tests depend on highly specialized human expertise
 - Human variation in performance of tasks

Advances in imaging technology have outpaced human performance in interpreting mammograms accurately



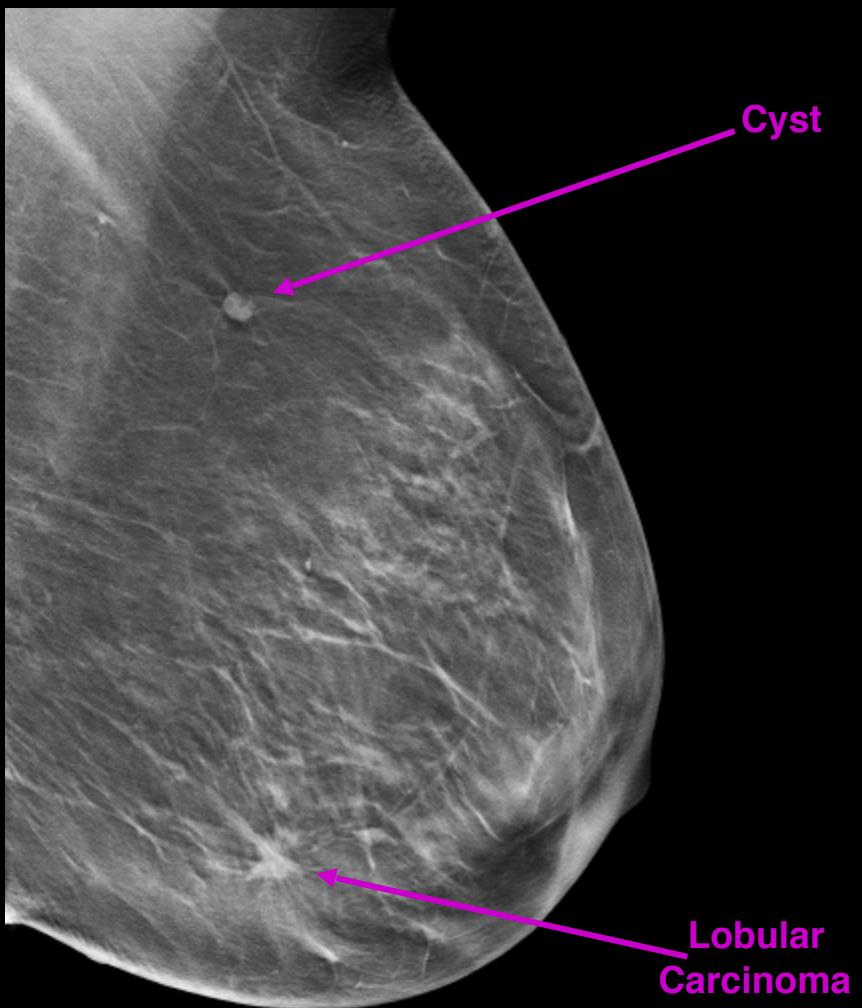
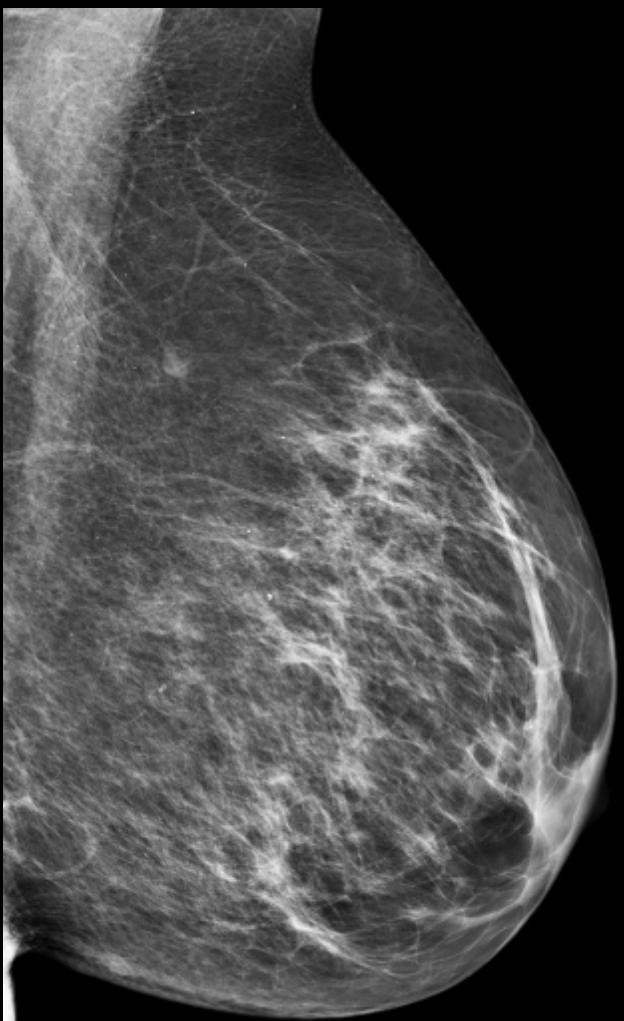
Tomosynthesis



DBT Reveals Occult ILC

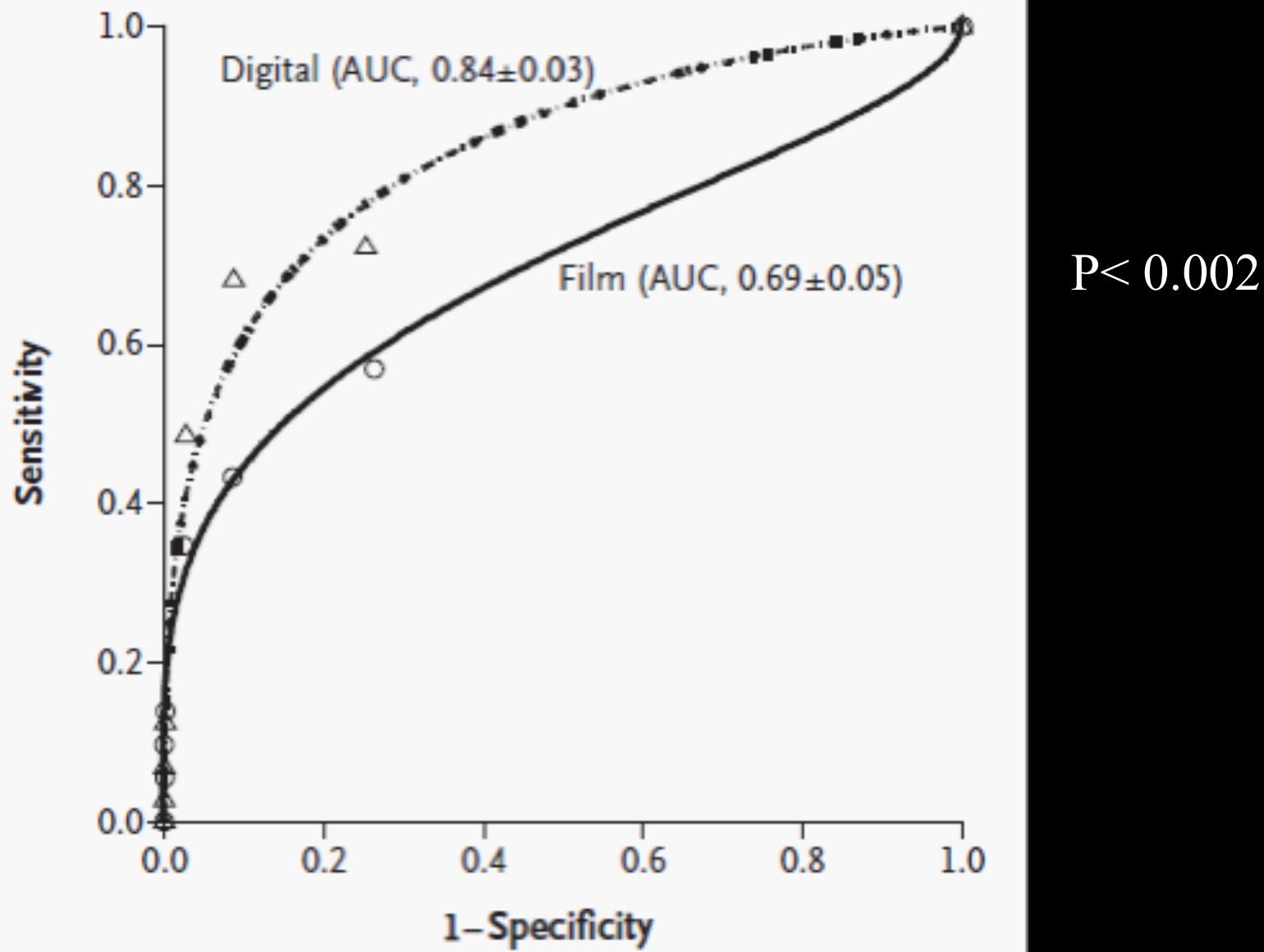
2D FFDM

Tomosynthesis Slice



Images courtesy of Drs. Di Maggio & G Gennaro,
Istituto Oncologico Veneto I.R.C.C.S. - Padova, Italia

B Women Younger than 50 Yr



National Performance Benchmarks for Modern Screening Digital Mammography: Update from the Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium¹

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ■ BREAST IMAGING

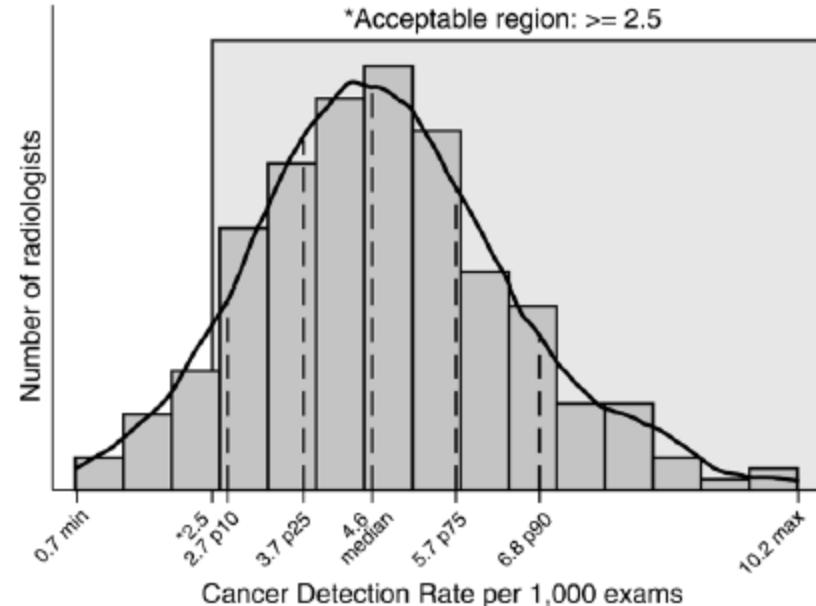
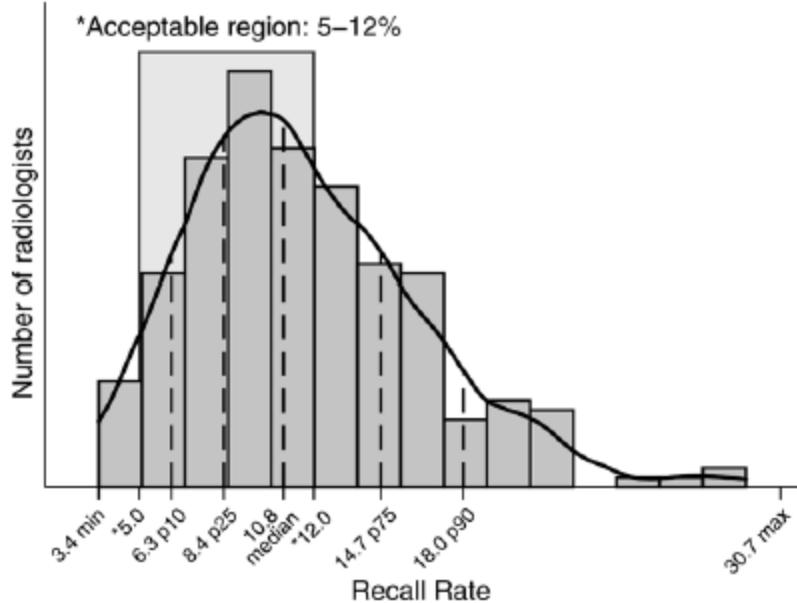
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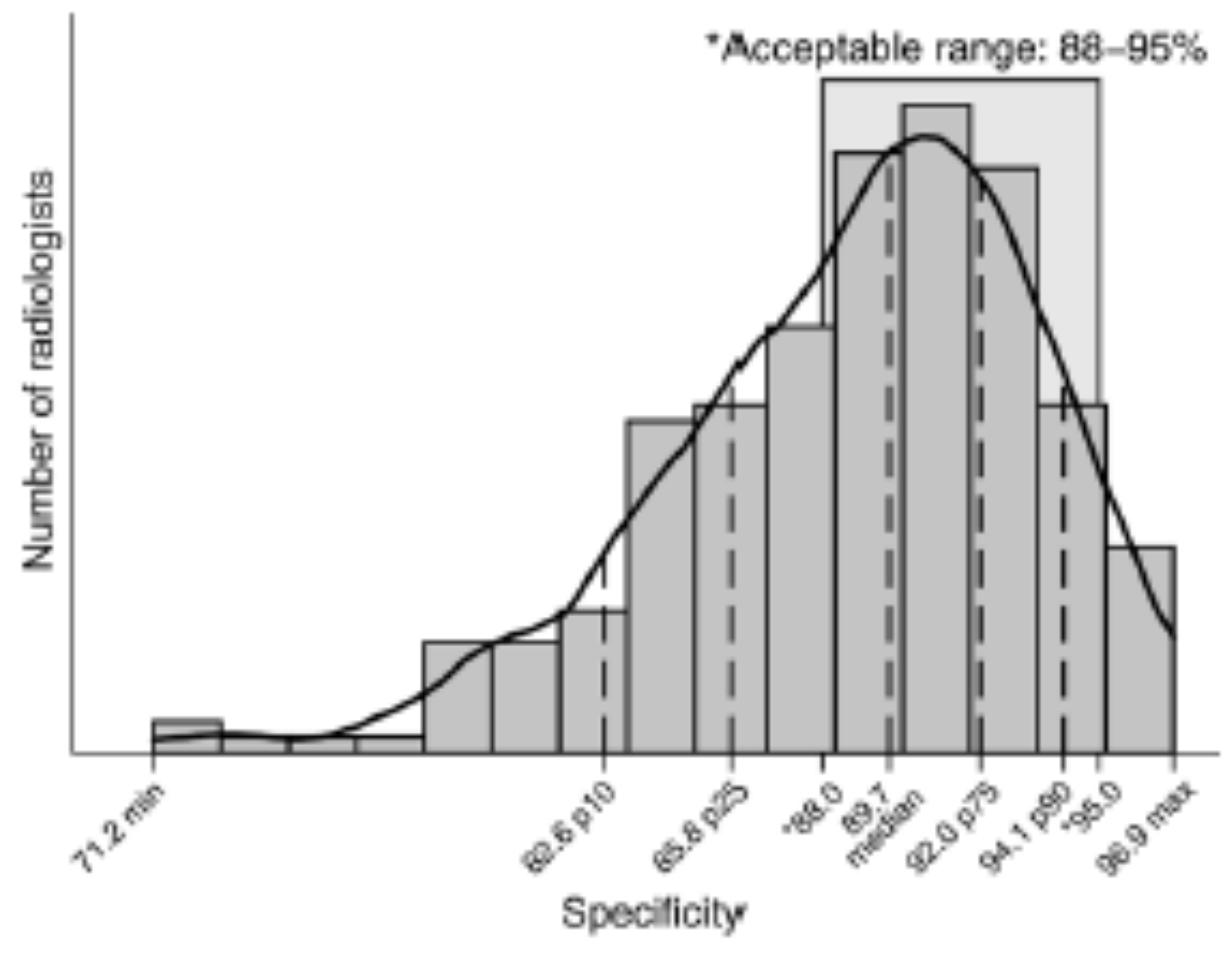
Purpose:

To establish performance benchmarks for modern screening digital mammography and assess performance trends over time in U.S. community practice.

Materials and Methods:

This HIPAA-compliant, institutional review board-approved study measured the performance of digital screening mammography interpreted by 359 radiologists across 95 facilities



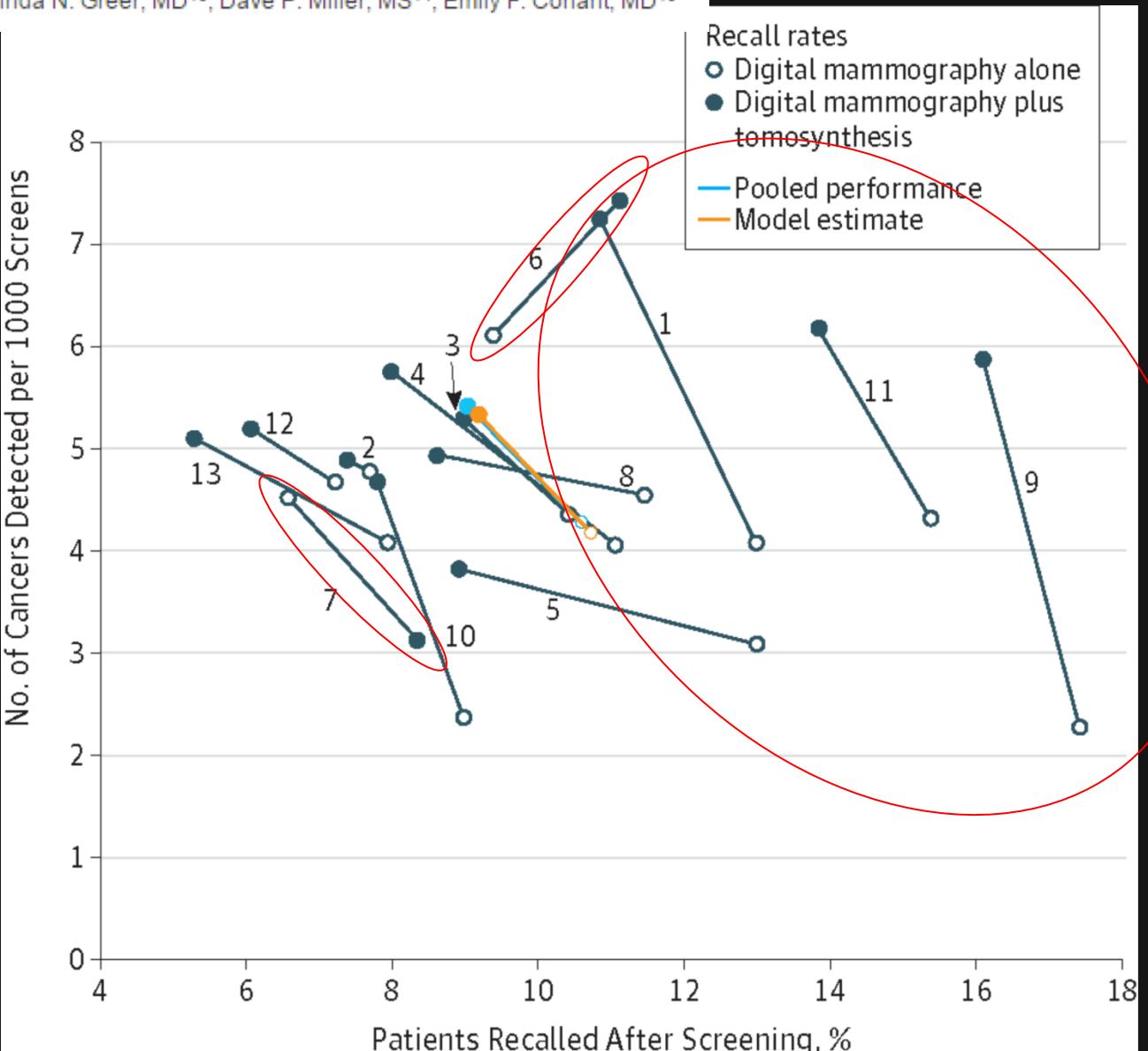


Breast Cancer Screening Using Tomosynthesis in Combination With Digital Mammog

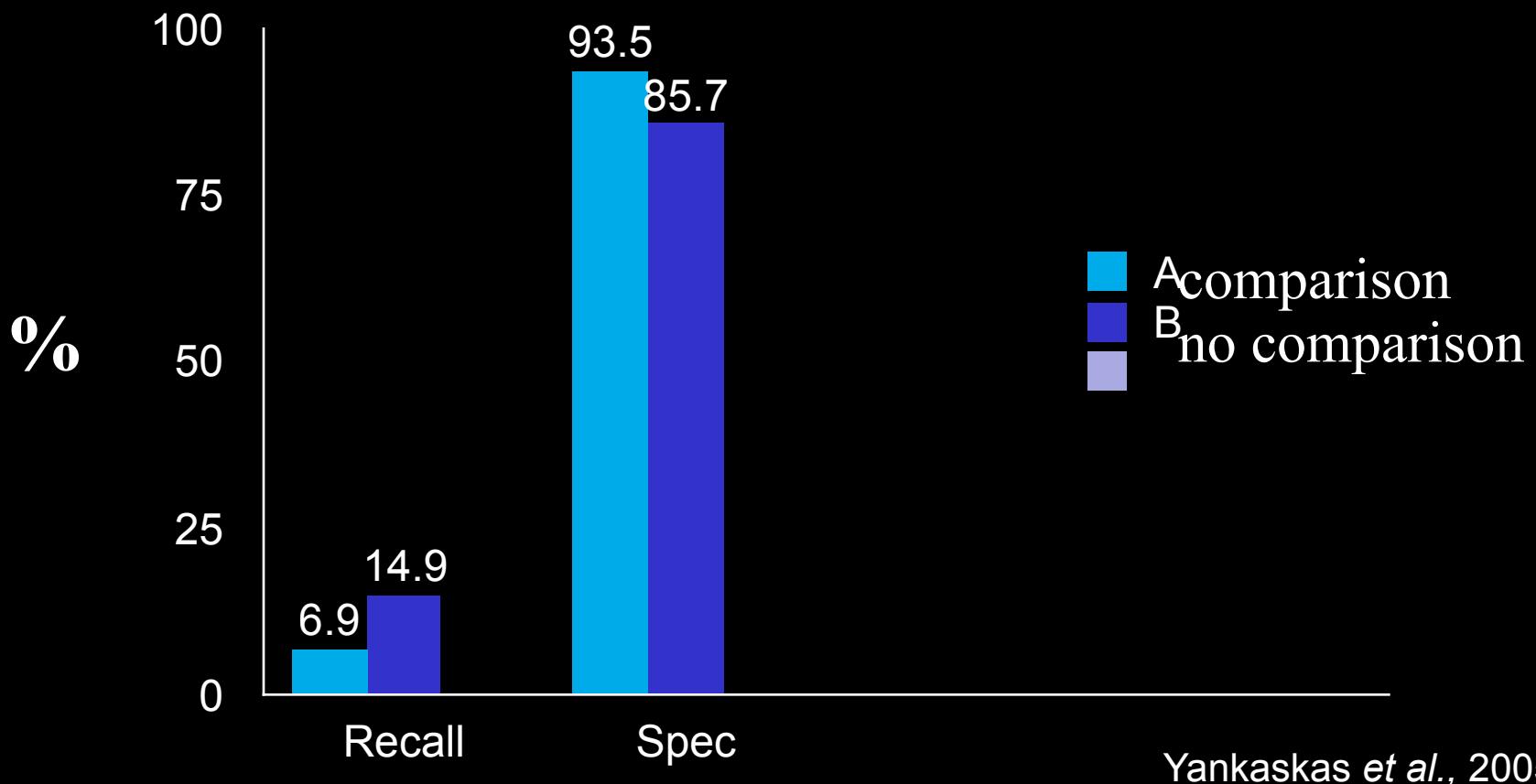
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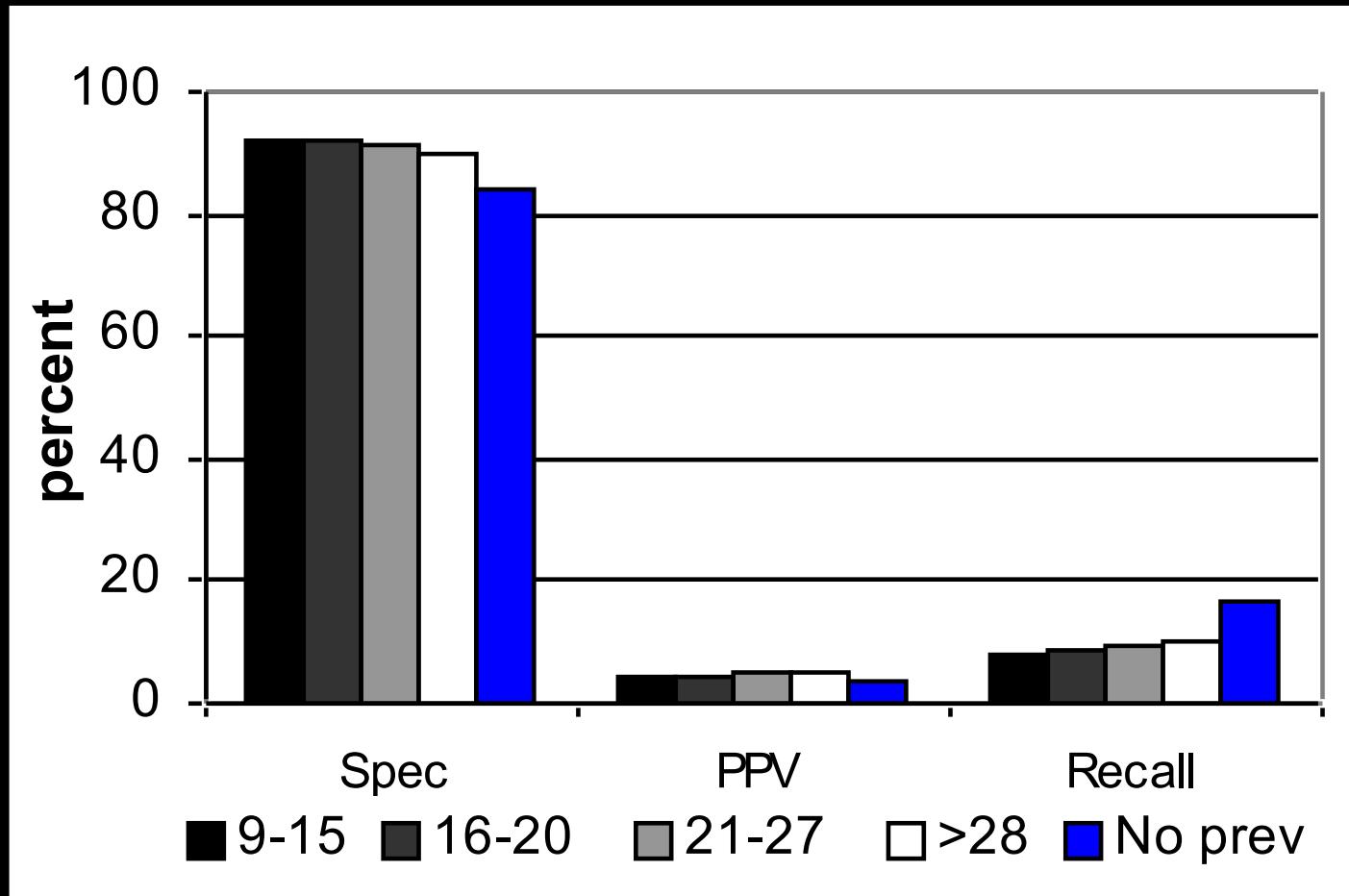
Modern technology is better but wide variation across radiologists



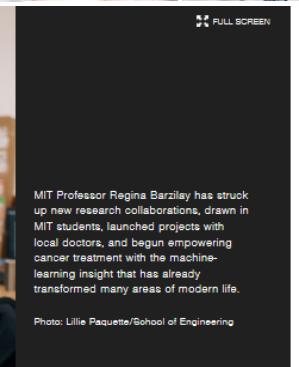
Performance of screening test influenced by group (> 1 million cases)



“No Comparison Mammogram” strongest predictor of “harms”



Yankaskas *et al.*, 2005



Putting data in the hands of doctors
Computer scientist Regina Barzilay empowers cancer treatment with machine learning.

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FIRST LOOK

Knowledge of effective strategies for clinical implementation essential

- Breast density DL platform in place now at MGH and implemented in routine clinical care
 - 50,000 screening mammograms/year performed/processed
- 1 (triage), 2 and 5 year risk assessment DL model platform in place at MGH and under evaluation for performance

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ■ BREAST IMAGING



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH • BREAST IMAGING

High-Risk Breast Lesions:

A Machine Learning Model to Predict Pathologic Upgrade and Reduce Unnecessary Surgical Excision¹

Purpose:

To develop a machine learning model that allows high-risk breast lesions (HRLs) diagnosed with image-guided needle biopsy that require surgical excision to be distinguished from HRLs that are at low risk for upgrade to cancer at surgery and thus could be surveilled.

Radiology

Mammographic Breast Density Assessment Using Deep Learning: Clinical Implementation

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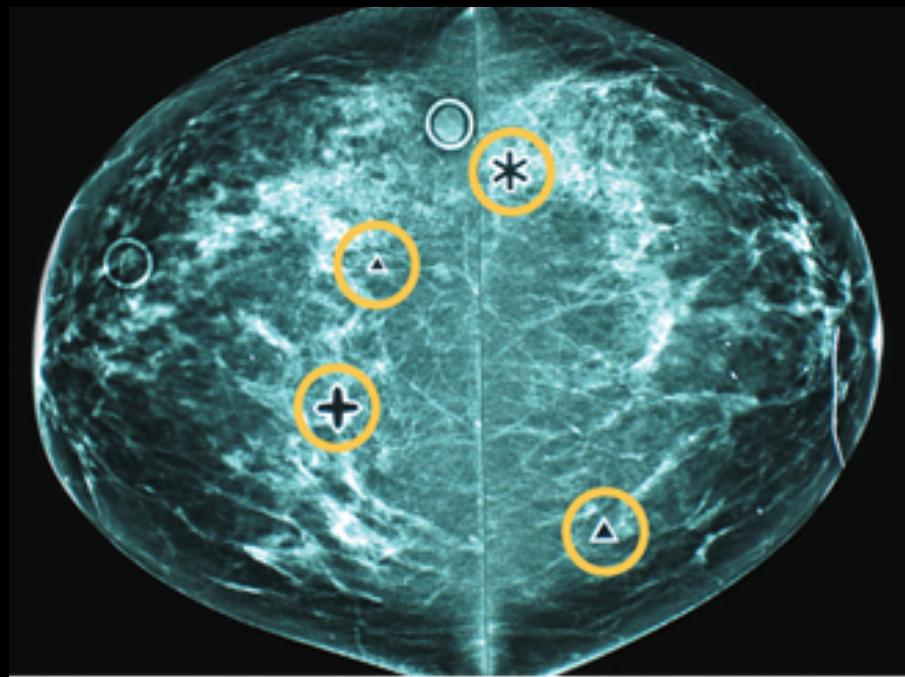
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Culture and Resistance to Change

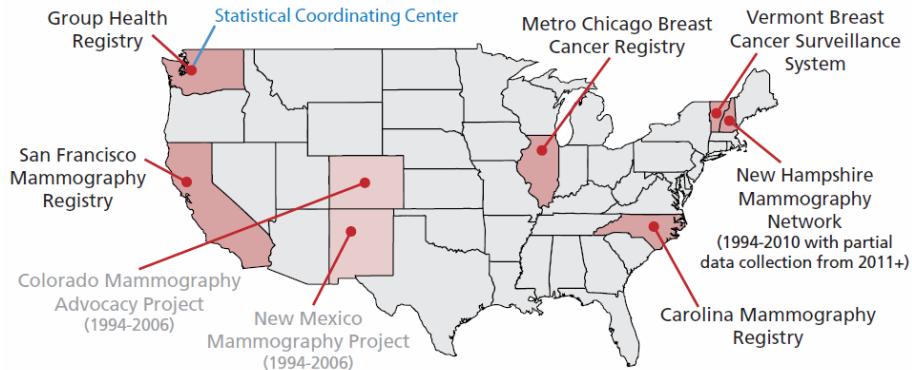


Brief History of Past Traditional CAD Methods in Mammography

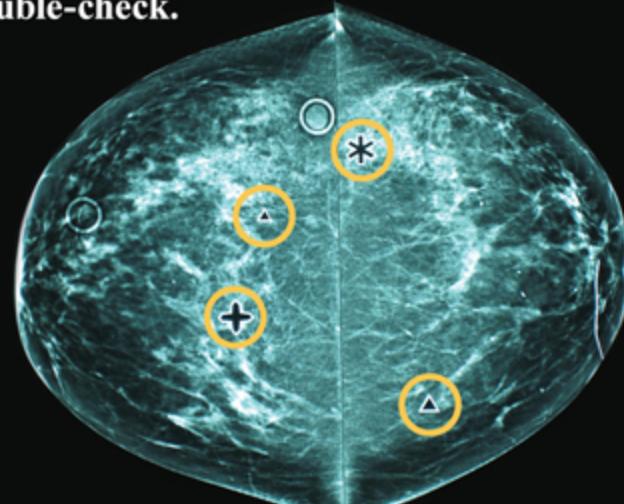


Overview

- CAD applied to mammography approved by FDA in 1998
- With reimbursement, use rapidly increased across the U.S.
- Multiple study designs in early phases: retrospective, reader studies, prospective small single site, etc. with mixed results on impact of CAD on accuracy of mammographic interpretation



The yellow circled areas below show regions of interest, which a Radiologist can then double-check.



Background



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Influence of Computer-Aided Detection on Performance of Screening Mammography

Joshua J. Fenton, M.D., M.P.H., Stephen H. Taplin, M.D., M.P.H., Patricia A. Carney, Ph.D., Linn Abraham, M.S., Edward A. Sickles, M.D., Carl D'Orsi, M.D., Eric A. Berns, Ph.D., Gary Cutter, Ph.D., R. Edward Hendrick, Ph.D., William E. Barlow, Ph.D., and Joann G. Elmore, M.D., M.P.H.

N Engl J Med 2007; 356:1399-1409 | April 5, 2007 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa066099

- 1998-2002 at 43 BCSC facilities (GHC Seattle, New Hampshire, Colorado)
- Conducted early in adoption (7 of 43 facilities implemented CAD during the study)

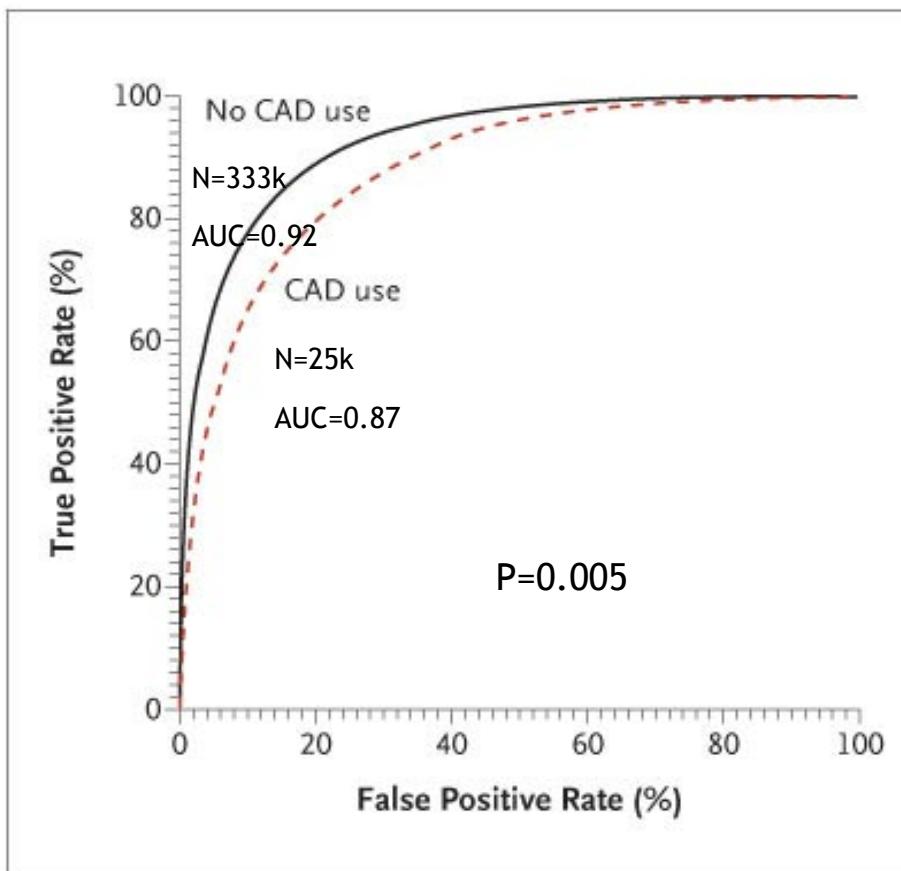


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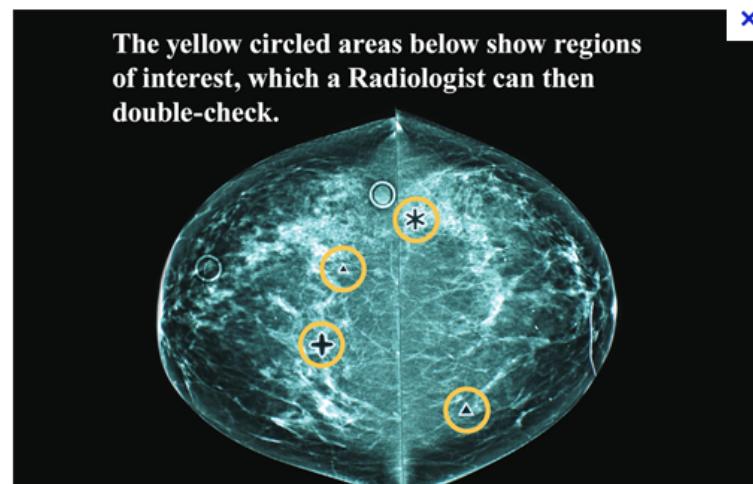
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Fenton, et al. April 5, 2007
Data source: BCSC



Study Limitations

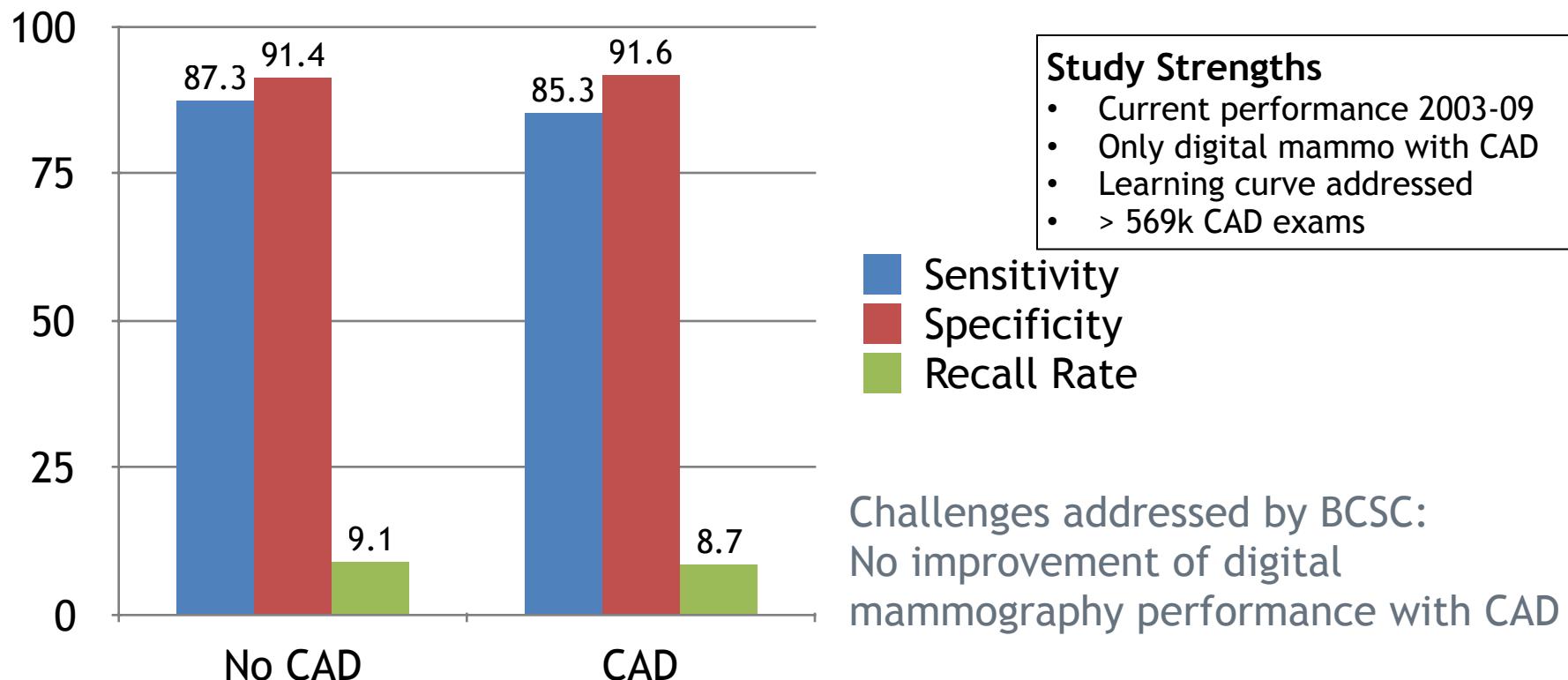
- Data from early years of CAD integration (1998-2002)
- Didn't control for learning curve (weeks to a year to learn to use CAD)
- Outdated "obsolete" technology (film screen CAD)
- Low numbers (25k CAD exams)

Diagnostic Accuracy of Digital Screening Mammography With and Without Computer-Aided Detection

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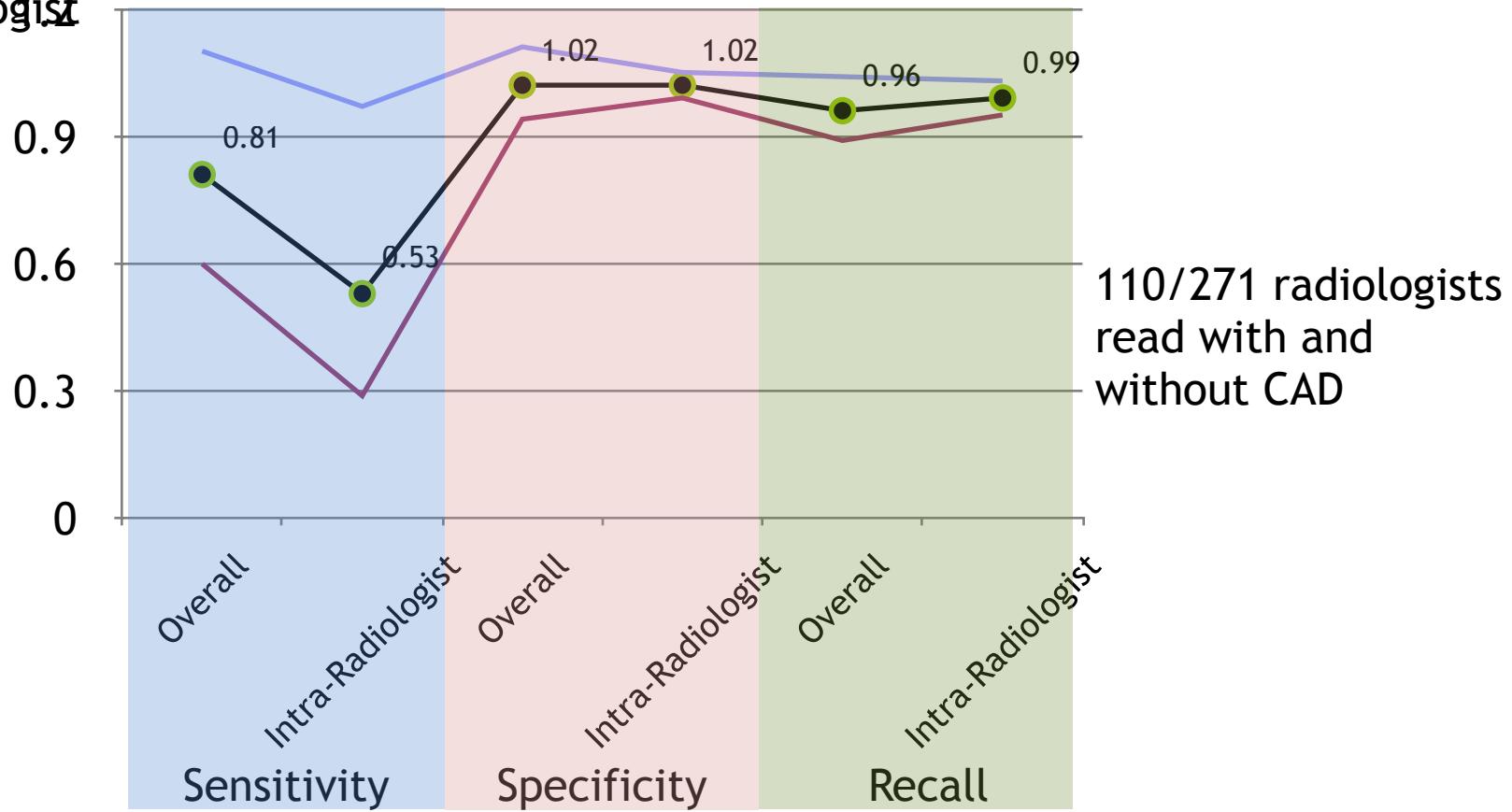
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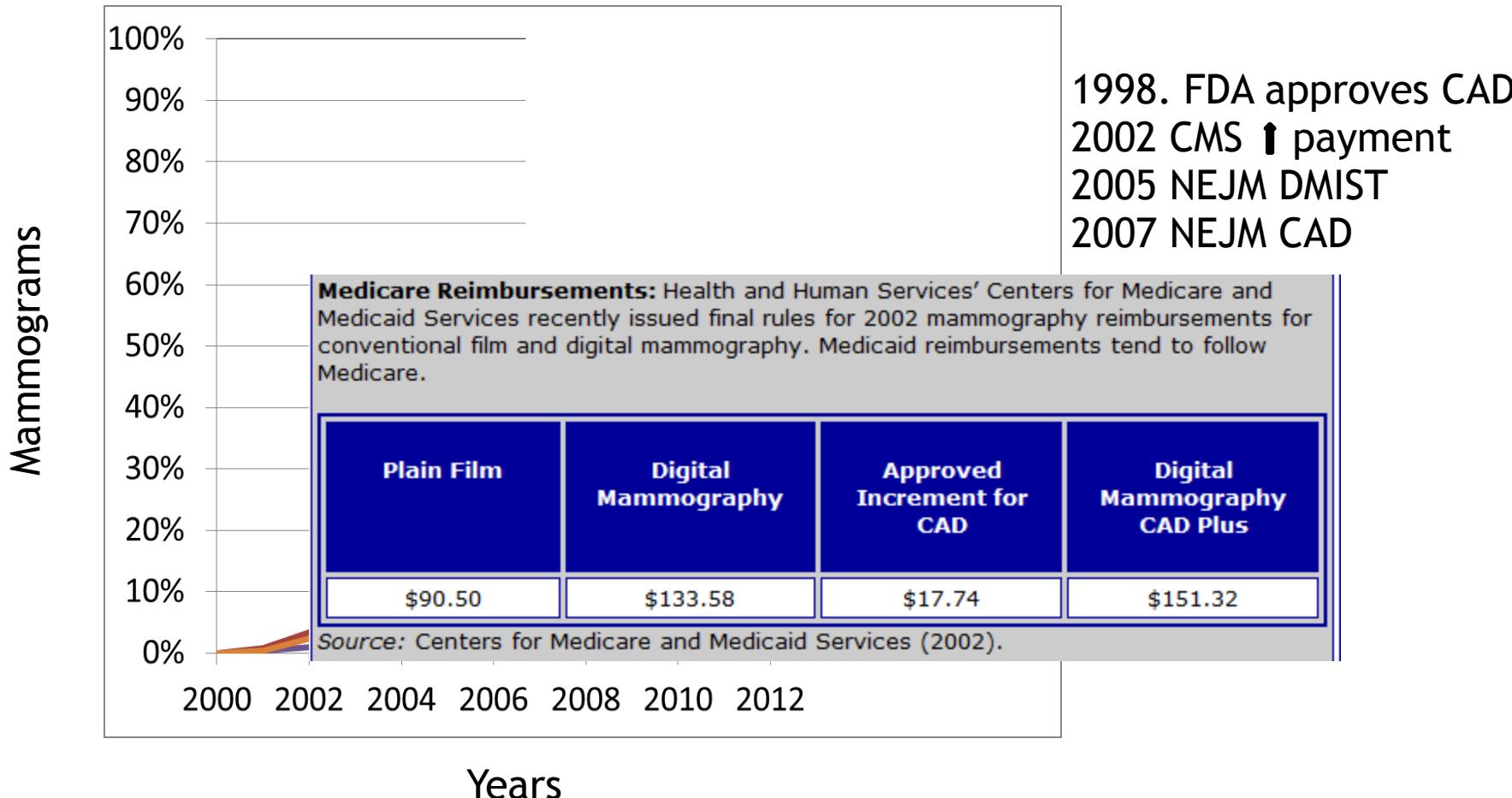
Odds ratio for CAD vs. No CAD adjusted for site, age, race, time since prior mammogram and calendar year of exam using mixed effects model with random effect for exam reader and varying with CAD use found no significant difference in sensitivity, specificity or recall rate.

Intra-radiologist analysis: Mammography performance not improved with CAD —sensitivity trended to worse with CAD

Odds ratios comparing CAD use versus no CAD, both overall and intra-radiologist

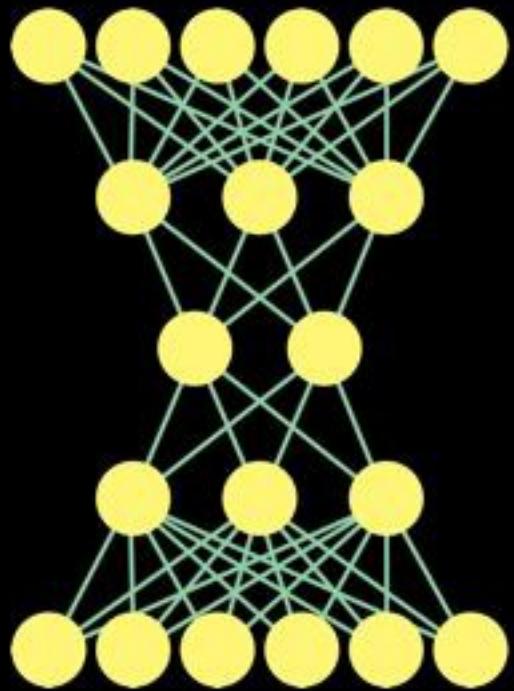
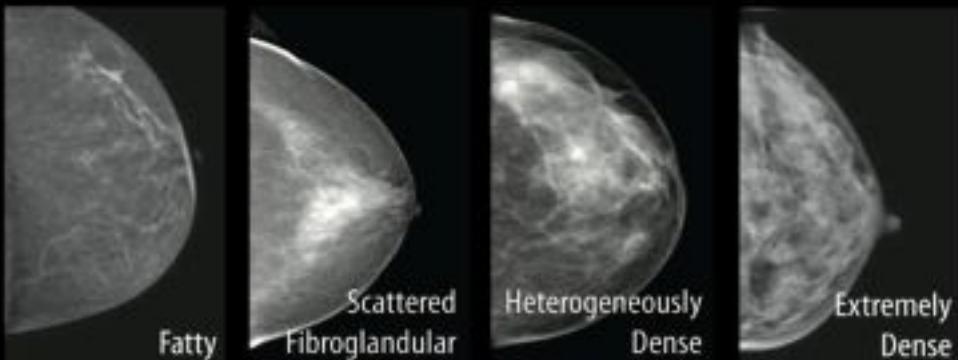


Drivers of Practice: Science and Reimbursement





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Density

**88% binary accuracy on previous logs
97% agreement with an expert radiologist**

In clinical implementation in first year at MGH:

Human Agreement: 94%

>40K mammograms read by the machine

ORIGINAL RESEARCH • BREAST IMAGING

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**REFRESH
DATA**

MRN	Age	Study Date	Accession	TC Life	NCI Life	BRCA Life	MGH/MIT 1yr	MGH/MIT 2yr	MGH/MIT 5yr
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REFRESH
DATA

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	count	percent		count	percent		count	percent
TRIAGE hi risk >.0156	172	16%	>0.125 5 year hi risk	91	8%	0.05 2 year hi risk	107	10%
TRIAGE low risk < .00156	206	19%	5 year intermediate	368	33%	2 year intermediate	535	48%
			<0.05 5 year low risk	645	58%	0.01 2 year low	462	42%

AI and Breast Cancer: Phase 1

- Problem to address
 - No risk assessment models that predict individual risk with any accuracy
 - Human variation in interpretation (quality)
 - Lack of human breast imaging specialists to support screening mammography expansion (access)
- Large quality databases with known outcomes
 - > 250,000 modern digital consecutive mammograms at MGH linked to tumor registries
 - Partnerships with other institutions outside MGH
- AI expertise: MIT
- Clinical expertise and engagement: MGH

Future

- Machine Learning is a tool to address our greatest challenges for our patients worldwide and amplify our impact
 - Workflow
 - Image acquisition
 - Risk assessment
 - Image interpretation
 - Lesion and patient management
- Clinical implementation of discoveries critical

Thank you



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