

Introduction

Quality Assurance in breast cancer screening is the single most important determinant in achieving mortality reduction. The multi-disciplinary approach that places equal emphasis on the expertise in relation to Radiography, Radiology, Cytopathology, Surgery and Oncology are the essential component for implementing a successful screening programme.

The emphasis on Quality Assurance is equally important in relation to mammographic technique; the accurate early diagnosis of breast cancer; the role of Cytopathology; surgical techniques and patient follow up. It is this meticulous attention to detail as emphasised by all of the Authors that guarantees a cost effective programme with patient satisfaction.

The difference between the symptomatic and asymptomatic patient is emphasised and the role of supplementary diagnostic techniques such as Ultrasound, Scintiammography and Contrast Enhanced MR Mammography supported.

There is unequivocal evidence that properly conducted with emphasis on Quality Assurance Screening Mammography can significantly reduce mortality. The message from the speakers at this Conference is one of optimism.

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