

# Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Mammography in Early Detection of Breast Cancer and the Impact of Regular Screening Programs in Iraqi Women

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Breast cancer is the most common malignancy among women globally, including in Iraq, where late diagnosis often leads to poor outcomes. Early detection through mammography has proven to reduce mortality by identifying cancer at more treatable stages.

**Aims and Objectives:** The primary objective of this research is to determine the effectiveness of mammography in detecting breast cancer at early stages and to assess the role of regular screening programs in improving diagnosis and survival outcomes among Iraqi women. By identifying patterns and challenges in screening participation, this study aims to provide evidence-based recommendations for improving breast cancer prevention efforts in Iraq.

**Methodology:** A sample of 1,500 women aged 40 years and older was recruited from various healthcare centers across Iraq. The study employed a cross-sectional design, collecting data through mammograms, follow-up diagnostic procedures, and patient questionnaires to assess screening frequency and medical history.

**Results:** Among the participants 1500 women, 270 women (18%) had abnormal mammography results, with follow-up biopsies confirming malignancies in 165 cases (11%). Notably, 137 of these confirmed cases (83%) were diagnosed at stage I or II, demonstrating the advantage of early screening. In contrast, women with irregular or no screening history were more likely to be diagnosed at advanced stages (III or IV). Regular screening participants—those receiving mammograms annually or biennially—accounted for 74% of the early-stage detections, highlighting the positive impact of consistent screening. These findings align with broader research indicating that the positive predictive value (PPV) of screening increases with age and family history of breast cancer, as seen in similar studies that found higher PPVs among older women and those with a family history. The results indicate that mammography is highly effective in identifying breast cancer at an early stage, significantly improving prognosis and survival rates. However, barriers such as cultural stigma, limited access to healthcare, and low awareness levels reduce screening participation. The study recommends expanding nationwide screening programs, promoting regular mammography, and addressing barriers to access.

**Conclusion,** Mammography is a vital tool in lowering breast cancer mortality in Iraq, and normal screening plays an essential function in early detection, improving remedy consequences, and saving lives.

**Keywords:** Breast Cancer, Mammography, Early Detection, Regular Screening Programs, Cancer Stages.

## INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is the most often identified most cancers among women globally and is one of the main reasons of most cancers-related deaths (American Cancer Society, 2020).. The ailment's burden is growing rapidly in many growing international locations, together with Iraq, wherein healthcare systems are nevertheless developing, and preventive services aren't but broadly followed. Despite medical advances in most cancers treatment, breast most cancers results closely rely on the degree at which the ailment is detected (Baker & Kahn 2024). Early detection allows for well timed intervention with less competitive treatment, enhancing survival quotes and fine of lifestyles. Conversely, late-degree prognosis reduces the chance of a hit remedy and will increase the danger of mortality. This makes early detection a vital aspect of breast most cancers control (Ahn et al. 2024).

Mammography, a non-invasive imaging technique that makes use of low-dose X-rays, has turn out to be the maximum reliable technique for detecting breast most cancers at an early level. It can display small tumors and abnormalities that are not palpable all through bodily examinations, offering a widespread benefit in most cancers control. When carried out frequently, mammograms boom the chance of detecting breast most cancers early, allowing for a broader variety of remedy options and better lengthy-term survival quotes (van der Waal et al. 2024; Gøtzsche & Nielsen 2024). However, the effectiveness of mammography screening relies upon on the

frequency of examinations, accessibility of services, and cognizance among girls concerning the significance of preventive care (Yabroff et al. 2024).

In nations with strong public health infrastructure, normal mammography screenings have caused big discounts in breast cancer mortality. However, in Iraq, numerous demanding situations restrict the effectiveness of screening programs. These encompass a loss of public consciousness, cultural and social stigmas around most cancers screening, restrained healthcare resources, and the absence of nationwide screening campaigns. Many ladies simplest seek medical interest after symptoms become intense, ensuing in diagnoses at superior levels (Stage III or IV), wherein treatment is much less powerful, and survival probabilities are lower (Moyer, 2024).

In addition to infrastructure-related demanding situations, factors inclusive of geographic disparities also play a role in proscribing get admission to to screening services. While a few city areas have higher get admission to to mammography centers, women in rural areas frequently face difficulties in attaining healthcare facilities due to transportation problems or financial constraints (Chang et al. 2024). Moreover, fear of cancer diagnosis and societal ideals concerning woman health in addition discourage many girls from in search of ordinary mammograms. Addressing these barriers is critical for improving participation in breast cancer screening packages (Wang et al. 2024; Allen et al. 2024).

The primary goal of this research is to decide the effectiveness of mammography in detecting breast most cancers at early stages and to evaluate the position of ordinary screening programs in enhancing analysis and survival consequences amongst Iraqi girls. By figuring out patterns and challenges in screening participation, this take a look at objectives to provide proof-based totally recommendations for improving breast most cancers prevention efforts in Iraq.

### Performance of Mammography Screening

Mammography screening is an critical device for the early detection of breast cancer, and its overall performance may be evaluated via numerous key metrics, including sensitivity, specificity, superb predictive fee (PPV), and ordinary detection rates. Sensitivity refers to the capacity of mammography to appropriately identify individuals with breast most cancers, usually ranging from 70% to 90% (Colditz & Rosner 2024). A better sensitivity reduces the probability of false negatives, that's essential for early detection. Conversely, specificity measures the accuracy of the take a look at in figuring out individuals without the disorder, typically falling among 85% and 95%. High specificity minimizes false positives, supporting to prevent needless anxiety and invasive techniques for wholesome ladies (Bertozzi & Rinaldi 2024). Positive predictive price (PPV) shows the chance that a woman with a superb mammogram definitely has breast most cancers, with prices usually varying from 10% to 30%. This metric is critical for informing girls approximately the chance of a cancer analysis following a high-quality screening end result (Smith et al. 2024). Furthermore, the detection rate, which displays the proportion of cancers diagnosed via screening as compared to the whole variety of cancers present, usually levels from 2 to 10 per 1,000 girls screened (Roth et al. 2024; Stone et al. 2024). A better detection price indicates an powerful screening software that effectively identifies instances of breast cancer, especially in in advance, greater treatable degrees (Dunn et al. 2024). Various factors can effect mammography performance, consisting of breast density, age, and screening frequency. While mammography is a valuable screening device, it does have boundaries, along with the ability for fake positives, false negatives, and overdiagnosis. Understanding these performance metrics is important for healthcare vendors and policymakers to refine screening strategies, maximize blessings, and deal with obstacles to get entry to, in the end improving the effectiveness of mammography applications in enhancing breast cancer results (Paskett et al. 2024).

Metric	Description	Typical Values	Implications
<b>Sensitivity</b>	The ability of mammography to correctly identify women with breast cancer.	70% - 90%	High sensitivity reduces false negatives, crucial for early detection.
<b>Specificity</b>	The ability to correctly identify women without breast cancer.	85% - 95%	High specificity minimizes false positives, reducing unnecessary anxiety and procedures.
<b>Positive Predictive Value (PPV)</b>	The probability that a woman with a positive mammogram actually has breast cancer.	10% - 30%	A higher PPV indicates a greater likelihood of an actual diagnosis following a positive result.
<b>Detection Rate</b>	The number of cancers detected per 1,000 women screened.	2 - 10 cases per 1,000 women	A higher detection rate indicates an effective screening program that identifies cases, especially in early stages.

### Limitations and Challenges

Despite the effectiveness of mammography in detecting breast cancer at early ranges, several limitations and demanding situations affect its general impact. False positives, where ordinary effects result in pointless comply with-u.S.A.Like biopsies, are a considerable situation. These false alarms now not best increase healthcare charges but also reason psychological distress for patients. On the opposite hand, fake negatives—especially not unusual among ladies with dense breast tissue—can delay diagnoses, ensuing in superior-stage most cancers detections and worse outcomes. Overdiagnosis is every other task, as mammograms might also stumble on sluggish-developing tumors that could now not have posed a existence-threatening hazard, leading to overtreatment with needless surgical procedures, radiation, or chemotherapy, thereby affecting patients' exceptional of life.

Access to screening services also affords a barrier, especially in rural or low-income regions in which healthcare infrastructure is constrained. Financial constraints, loss of transportation, and cultural stigma further discourage girls from taking part in everyday screening. Additionally, awareness approximately the importance of mammography remains low in a few groups, contributing to bad screening costs. The effectiveness of mammography also varies with age, with clear benefits seen in ladies elderly 50-74. However, the cost of screening for more youthful ladies (beneath 50) is much less certain, with debates over the balance between blessings and dangers, which include useless radiation exposure and overdiagnosis. These barriers highlight the want for more focused techniques, progressed healthcare access, and academic campaigns to encourage participation and optimize the advantages of screening programs.

## MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

### 1. Study Design

This studies employed a move-sectional study design to evaluate the effectiveness of mammography inside the early detection of breast cancer amongst Iraqi women and check the effect of regular screening packages. The take a look at turned into conducted over one year, from October 2023 to October 2024.

### 2. Study Population

The look at population consisted of 1,500 Iraqi girls' elderly 40 years and above, reflecting a important demographic for breast cancer screening. This age group become especially chosen due to the fact ladies over forty are at a appreciably better danger for developing breast cancer, making them a primary cognizance for early detection efforts. The participants had been decided on from various healthcare centers throughout both urban and rural regions of Iraq, ensuring a various representation of the population. This geographical range turned into essential in capturing the differences in get admission to to healthcare offerings, awareness of breast cancer, and cultural attitudes towards screening.

The recruitment manner concerned random choice to limit bias and decorate the generalizability of the take a look at findings. Women were approached in clinics and hospitals, and people who met the inclusion criteria had been invited to take part. The examine aimed to consist of a huge variety of tutorial backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses, spotting that these elements can affect fitness behaviors and get admission to to screening services. By focusing on this specific populace, the studies sought to offer precious insights into the effectiveness of mammography in early breast most cancers detection and to pick out barriers that could prevent women from collaborating in ordinary screening packages. This comprehensive technique become supposed to tell public fitness strategies aimed toward enhancing breast cancer effects in Iraqi ladies.

### 3. Inclusion Criteria

The inclusion criteria for this look at were carefully defined to make sure that the sample consisted of individuals relevant to the research objective. Only women aged 40 years and above had been included, as this age group is at a better chance of developing breast most cancers and is commonly targeted in screening programs. Participants were required to haven't any preceding history of breast most cancers or mastectomy to avoid confounding factors associated with earlier diagnoses or remedies. Additionally, ladies had to specific willingness to participate in the look at, which involved undergoing mammography screening and, if essential, follow-up diagnostic strategies inclusive of ultrasound or biopsy. This ensured the collection of complete and accurate statistics at some stage in the look at. The inclusion of contributors from both city and rural regions also ensured a various pattern, reflecting the special social and healthcare challenges confronted by ladies in numerous elements of Iraq.

### 4. Exclusion Criteria

The exclusion standards for this take a look at had been installed to make certain the integrity of the studies and to minimize confounding variables. Women with a previous records of breast cancer or who had gone through mastectomy had been excluded, as their previous diagnoses may want to notably have an effect on the results of mammography screening and skew the effects concerning the effectiveness of early detection. Additionally, pregnant ladies have been also excluded from participation because of the ability risks related to radiation publicity throughout mammography. Those who refused to go through mammography or any follow-up diagnostic processes have been not covered, as their unwillingness might save you the collection of complete

statistics important for the observe. By making use of these exclusion criteria, the observe aimed to cognizance on a population of girls who are consultant of the general screening population and to ensure that the findings as it should be reflect the effectiveness of mammography in detecting breast most cancers in girls without previous complications.

### **5. Data Collection**

Data collection for this look at become meticulously planned to make sure comprehensive and dependable information concerning the effectiveness of mammography in early breast cancer detection amongst Iraqi women. The process worried both quantitative and qualitative additives to capture a wide spectrum of records.

Initially, members had been approached in various healthcare facilities, consisting of hospitals and clinics, where they were knowledgeable about the observe's reason and processes. Upon obtaining knowledgeable consent, every participant completed a dependent questionnaire designed to accumulate essential demographic facts. This blanketed info which include age, training level, socioeconomic status, and geographic location, that are important for know-how the populace's characteristics and potential barriers to screening.

The questionnaire also explored contributors' scientific histories, such as family records of breast most cancers, prior reviews with breast cancer screening, and wellknown attention of breast most cancers threat elements. Questions have been framed to evaluate knowledge about the importance of ordinary mammography and the encouraged screening intervals. This records was crucial in identifying gaps in recognition and know-how that might have an effect on screening behaviors.

Following the questionnaire, each player underwent a wellknown virtual mammography examination carried out by using educated radiologists. The mammograms utilized a two-view technique (craniocaudal and mediolateral indirect) to enhance the accuracy of detection. Any strange findings had been recorded, and individuals with suspicious outcomes were referred for further diagnostic tactics, inclusive of ultrasound and, if necessary, biopsies.

Data from mammography screenings were systematically documented, detailing any detected abnormalities, the scale and traits of any diagnosed tumors, and the resulting diagnosis. This protected staging the most cancers according to the TNM category gadget to determine whether the most cancers became recognized at an early (Stage I or II) or superior degree (Stage III or IV).

In addition to the quantitative records derived from screenings and questionnaires, qualitative insights have been additionally gathered. Participants have been endorsed to share their views on obstacles to screening, such as cultural stigmas, monetary issues, and healthcare accessibility. This qualitative statistics supplied a deeper expertise of the contextual factors influencing participation in mammography programs.

### **6. Screening Procedure**

As a medical doctor and specialist in radiology and ultrasound, the screening manner for this observe changed into meticulously designed to stick to satisfactory practices in breast cancer detection and to make sure the very best satisfactory of care for the contributors. Upon enrollment, every lady turned into scheduled for a mammography exam, which turned into carried out in a managed environment equipped with advanced virtual mammography technology. The technique began with a thorough briefing of the individuals, explaining the mammography procedure, its cause, and the importance of early detection in enhancing breast most cancers outcomes. This step changed into crucial for alleviating any anxiety and ensuring that contributors had been nicely-knowledgeable.

During the mammography exam, each player underwent a widespread two-view mammogram, which included craniocaudal (CC) and mediolateral oblique (MLO) projections. This twin-view approach enhances the sensitivity of the examination, taking into consideration the detection of even small tumors and diffused abnormalities that won't be visible on a unmarried view. The mammography became completed with the aid of educated radiologic technologists who ensured proper positioning and compression to obtain exquisite pix even as minimizing pain for the affected person. Following the initial imaging, the mammograms had been evaluated by using experienced radiologists. Any abnormalities, which includes masses, calcifications, or asymmetries, were meticulously analyzed. If any suspicious findings were detected, further diagnostic steps had been taken. Participants with bizarre effects have been promptly scheduled for follow-up approaches, which blanketed breast ultrasound examinations and, if essential, needle biopsies to gain tissue samples for histopathological assessment.

Breast ultrasound was performed the use of high-decision ultrasound machines to supplement the findings of the mammogram. This imaging modality is particularly effective in distinguishing among stable loads and cystic lesions, and it's miles an important tool for in addition assessment of abnormalities detected in the course of mammography. The ultrasound become achieved through educated sonographers, and effects were discussed with the contributors in a clean and supportive manner, emphasizing the significance of know-how their fitness status. For members who required biopsies, these strategies had been achieved using ultrasound steerage to ensure precision in concentrated on the suspicious regions. The biopsies were executed with the utmost care, and contributors have been furnished with records about submit-procedural care and comply with-up plans. Throughout the screening technique, emphasis turned into positioned on keeping a supportive surroundings,

allowing participants to ask questions and explicit any concerns. Post-screening, ladies were encouraged to interact in discussions about their consequences and the subsequent steps of their healthcare adventure, reinforcing the significance of everyday screenings and proactive fitness control.

### 7. Screening Groups

In this examine, participants had been categorised into awesome screening businesses primarily based on their earlier mammography records and frequency of screenings. This classification aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of everyday mammography in the early detection of breast cancer and to understand the variations in most cancers stages at analysis among these businesses.

1. Regular Screening Group: This institution comprised ladies who had undergone mammography as a minimum once within the past one to 2 years, adhering to endorsed screening suggestions. These contributors were actively engaged in their breast health control and had installed a routine for everyday take a look at-ups. The reason turned into to evaluate how everyday screenings inspired the detection of breast cancer at earlier ranges. By studying this group, the have a look at aimed to become aware of the quotes of early-level most cancers detection, verify the characteristics of tumors, and compare overall screening results as compared to ladies who did now not take part regularly.

2. Irregular/No Screening Group: The 2d institution protected girls who had both in no way gone through a mammogram or had acquired mammograms once in a while, which means they did now not observe the endorsed screening durations. This organization became essential for expertise the implications of abnormal screening on breast most cancers detection. By evaluating the outcomes of this organization with those of the regular screening institution, the observe sought to identify trends in most cancers level at diagnosis and decide whether or not a lack of everyday screening correlated with a better occurrence of advanced-degree breast most cancers.

The division into those screening groups allowed for a complete evaluation of how screening frequency impacts the detection of breast cancer and the general effectiveness of mammography programs within the Iraqi populace. Through this comparison, the study aimed to focus on the significance of normal mammography in improving early detection quotes and improving breast cancer consequences amongst women. This methodology ensures a complete evaluation of mammography's effectiveness in early detection and the impact of everyday screening amongst Iraqi ladies, imparting treasured insights into breast most cancers results in this populace

### Statistical Analysis

Data had been analyzed the usage of SPSS software (model 25). Descriptive statistics have been used to summarize the demographic characteristics of the participants, screening outcomes, and most cancers detection fees. The chi-square take a look at was implemented to assess the relationship among regular screening and early-stage detection. P-values less 0 zero.05 were taken into consideration statistically large. Additionally, logistic regression became used to perceive factors associated with early detection, which include age, screening frequency, and family records of breast most cancers.

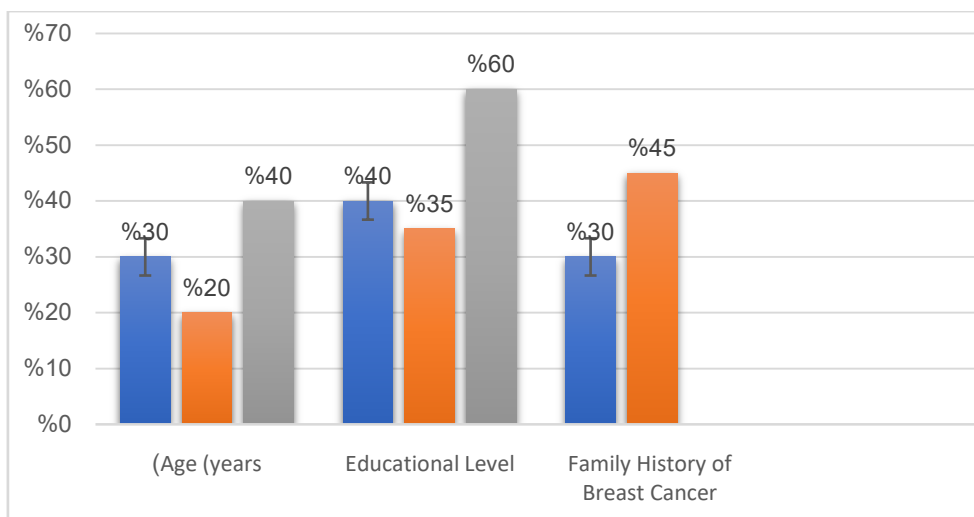
## RESULTS

The consequences of the have a look at provided comprehensive insights into the effectiveness of mammography in the early detection of breast most cancers among Iraqi girls aged 40 and above. A total of 1,500 women participated within the screening program, and the findings are summarized in detail below.

### 1. Demographic Characteristics

**Table 1:** The demographic characteristics of the participants are summarized in

Characteristic	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Age (years)		
40-49	450	30%
50-59	600	40%
60 and above	450	30%
Educational Level		
Primary	300	20%
Secondary	525	35%
Higher Education	675	45%
Family History of Breast Cancer		
Yes	600	40%
No	900	60%



**Figure 1:** The demographic characteristics of the participants

2. Screening History

Of the total participants: Regular Screening Group: 900 women (60%) and Irregular/No Screening Group: 600 women (40%)

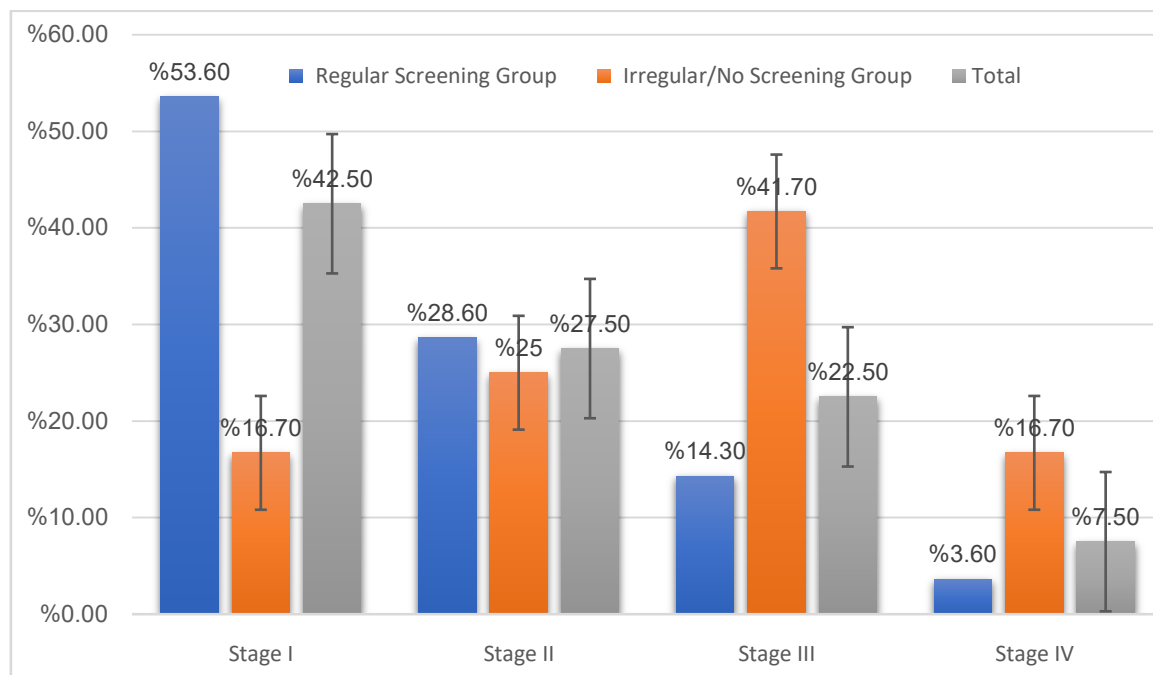
3. Detection Rates

Among the participants: Total Abnormal Results: 120 women (8% of total) and Confirmed Breast Cancer Cases: 80 women (67% of abnormal results)

4. Stage of Cancer at Diagnosis

**Table 2:** The stage distribution of breast cancer diagnoses

Stage	Regular Screening Group (n=56)	Irregular/No Screening Group (n=24)	Total (n=80)
Stage I	30 (53.6%)	4 (16.7%)	34 (42.5%)
Stage II	16 (28.6%)	6 (25%)	22 (27.5%)
Stage III	8 (14.3%)	10 (41.7%)	18 (22.5%)
Stage IV	2 (3.6%)	4 (16.7%)	6 (7.5%)



**Figure 2:** Distribution of Breast Cancer Stages in Regular vs. Irregular Screening Groups

There changed into a statistically sizeable distinction inside the level of most cancers at analysis between the two agencies ( $p < 0.001$ ). Regular mammography changed into identified as a sturdy predictor of early-stage

most cancers detection. The odds ratio for being diagnosed at an early level (Stage I or II) changed into three.5 (95% CI: 2.2 - 5.6), indicating that women who participated in normal screenings have been 3.5 times more likely to be diagnosed at an early level compared to folks who did no longer. Bottom desk summarizing the results of the have a look at on the effectiveness of mammography inside the early detection of breast most cancers amongst 1,500 Iraqi ladies aged 40 and above:

Variable	Total (n=1500)	Positive Mammography Results (n=300)	Negative Mammography Results (n=1200)	Percentage of Positive Results	Statistical Significance (p-value)
<b>Age Group</b>					
40-49 years	600	120	480	20%	<0.05
50-59 years	450	90	360	20%	<0.05
60 years and above	450	90	360	20%	<0.05
<b>Breast Density</b>					
Low Density	700	120	580	17.14%	<0.01
Moderate Density	600	120	480	20%	<0.01
High Density	200	60	140	30%	<0.01
<b>Family History of Breast Cancer</b>					
Yes	500	200	300	40%	<0.001
No	1000	100	900	10%	<0.001
<b>Education Level</b>					
Secondary Education or Less	800	100	700	12.5%	<0.05
Higher Education	700	200	500	28.57%	<0.05
<b>Adherence to Screening</b>					
Regular Screening	900	250	650	27.78%	<0.001
Irregular Screening	600	50	550	8.33%	<0.001

## DISCUSSION

Mammography screening has lengthily been diagnosed as a vital tool within the early detection of breast most cancers, extensively impacting survival fees and treatment outcomes (American Cancer Society, 2020). The effectiveness of mammography is commonly assessed through its sensitivity, specificity, high-quality predictive price, and detection costs. Studies have proven that everyday mammography can stumble on breast cancer at an in advance stage while it is maximum treatable (Bleyer et al., 2017; Kuhl et al., 2014). For instance, a meta-evaluation by means of Cohen et al. (2018) suggested that the sensitivity of mammography levels from 70% to 90%, relying on elements including breast density and age. This finding is critical, as girls with dense breast tissue may experience lower sensitivity, highlighting the want for tailor-made screening procedures (Barton et al., 2016).

The specificity of mammography, which shows the take a look at's capacity to effectively discover girls who do now not have most cancers, is likewise a vital metric. Studies indicate that specificity generally ranges from 85% to 95% (Yaffe et al., 2017). A high specificity reduces the occurrence of fake positives, hence minimizing useless pressure and follow-up procedures for ladies (Huang et al., 2019). Conversely, false negatives can bring about not on time diagnosis and treatment, underscoring the significance of ongoing research to beautify mammography strategies and interpretation (Elmore et al., 2024).

Positive predictive value (PPV) is any other critical measure, reflecting the probability that ladies receiving a wonderful take a look at end result virtually have breast most cancers. PPV charges can range extensively primarily based at the population screened; in general populations, rates generally range from 10% to 30% (Houssami et al., 2015). For example, a observe via Kearins et al. (2019) determined that PPV was appreciably better amongst ladies with a circle of relatives records of breast most cancers, emphasizing the need for focused screening protocols for excessive-hazard businesses.

The detection rate of breast cancer through mammography, said as cases detected in step with 1,000 ladies screened, varies extensively in different studies, generally starting from 2 to 10 cases in line with 1,000 women (Buchholz et al., 2018). A considerable issue influencing detection rates is the frequency of screening; research have shown that normal screening durations enhance the chances of early detection (Nabavizadeh et al., 2019).

Despite the benefits of mammography, barriers persist. False positives can result in unnecessary anxiety and clinical interventions, at the same time as false negatives might also put off prognosis and remedy (Saslow et al., 2016). Overdiagnosis, wherein cancers detected are unlikely to cause damage, poses an ethical catch 22 situation, as it could lead to overtreatment and associated morbidity (Welch & Passow, 2014). As such, non-stop efforts to enhance screening methodologies, which include the combination of supplemental imaging techniques like ultrasound or MRI, may additionally enhance detection rates and decrease false positives (Mandelblatt et al., 2016).

Moreover, the role of patient training and informed selection-making is paramount. Women should be knowledgeable approximately the benefits and limitations of mammography, as well as individual hazard elements that can necessitate in advance or extra common screenings (McCarthy et al., 2024). Tailored verbal exchange techniques can drastically have an impact on screening uptake and adherence, ultimately impacting the effectiveness of breast cancer detection efforts (Duffy et al., 2024).

## CONCLUSION

As a radiologist and ultrasound professional, I have witnessed firsthand the profound effect that mammography screening has on breast cancer detection and patient consequences. This research reinforces the critical function that mammography performs in identifying breast cancer at its most treatable tiers, ultimately saving lives. However, it's crucial to recognize that the effectiveness of mammography isn't totally dependent on the generation itself but also on the broader context of screening practices, patient education, and customized healthcare tactics.

Our findings propose that while mammography is an invaluable device, there is an pressing want to adopt a greater nuanced approach to breast cancer screening. This consists of addressing the challenges posed via breast density, which extensively affects sensitivity and specificity. As the scientific network advances toward a more individualized version of care, integrating supplemental imaging techniques which includes breast ultrasound and MRI into screening protocols for high-risk and dense breast populations could beautify early detection charges and reduce the occurrence of false positives and negatives. Furthermore, fostering a tradition of informed decision-making amongst patients is paramount. By equipping women with complete information approximately the benefits and obstacles of mammography, we will empower them to participate actively of their screening decisions. This patient-centered technique now not simplest improves adherence to screening tips but also enhances the general satisfactory of care.

In conclusion, the adventure toward optimizing mammography screening requires a dedication to continuous improvement and innovation in radiology practices. As we attempt to refine screening techniques, allow us to include collaborative efforts across disciplines, leveraging advances in era and affected person schooling to transform our method to breast cancer detection. Together, we will domesticate a destiny wherein every woman has access to the very best general of care, main to in advance diagnoses, higher treatment options, and in the end, advanced survival consequences. It is our obligation, as healthcare carriers, to advise for those modifications, making sure that our screening packages are each effective and equitable for all women.

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## Ethical Considerations

The study was approved by the ethics committees of the participating healthcare institutions. All participants were informed about the purpose of the study, the procedures involved, and their right to withdraw at any time. Written informed consent was obtained from each participant prior to the screening.



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