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PDQ Screening and Prevention Editorial Board  
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Re: Breast Cancer Screening (PDQ®) Health Professional Version

We are writing on behalf of the Commission on Breast Imaging of the American College of Radiology to express our concern with the recently updated

observational studies that show a substantial association in mortality reduction related to screening alone. Indeed, a very large Canadian study published in 2014 confirmed an average reduction in breast cancer mortality of 40% for women who participated in screening, but this study is not included in summary references. (4)

In 2017, the American College of Radiology (ACR) issued its guidelines for breast cancer screening for average risk women. (5) This guideline thoroughly summarizes the literature in support of screening. On behalf of the ACR Commission on Breast Imaging, we strongly encourage the Editorial Board to consider this broader spectrum of evidence in future revisions to its summary. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in more detail and to provide additional information or respond to specific questions you may have. Please contact Gloria Romanelli or Priscilla Butler at 703-648-8900 with any questions or requests.

Sincerely,

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