

Mammogram Debate Rages On **News**

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When should women get mammograms? There's a new report that could reignite the debate.



That new report suggests guidelines should be changed encouraging earlier, regular mammograms for all women.

But other experts say, 'not so fast.'

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) currently suggests women start routine mammograms at the age of 50 and continue every two years.

The report released Monday shows many women who died of breast cancer before age 50 were never screened. The study suggests earlier screening could save lives.

But, those on the opposite end of the report call it "flawed" stating it's going to confuse women even more than they already are when it comes to the health guidelines.

Other experts say the types of tumors that kill younger women are fast-growing and not usually caught by mammograms.

Dr. Jamie Wagner at the University of Kansas Hospital said she thinks there's enough reasons to justify early screenings.

"Identifying anything early, we know, can treat it up front, more aggressively, right from the beginning," she said.