

ACR Responds to New York Times Article on Redefining Cancer Diagnosis.

On August 4, the *New York Times* published a letter by Barbara Monsees, MD, chair of the American College of Radiology Breast Imaging Commission, and Carol Lee, MD, chair of the ACR Breast Imaging Communications Committee, in response to a recent [Times' article](#) (7/30, Parker-Pope) regarding the redefinition of certain types of cancers. The *Times'* article was coverage of a recent article published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* which theorized, among other things, that by removing the word "carcinoma" from premalignant lesions, such as ductal carcinoma in situ, patients might be more open to watchful waiting, instead of aggressive treatment. Please read the ACR letter at the link below.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/05/opinion/redefining-cancer-the-breast-condition-puzzle.html?emc=edit_tnt_20130804&tntemail0=y (8/5, Subscription Publication)