

Mammogram Rates Hold Steady Despite USPSTF Guidelines.

[HealthDay](#) (4/20, Doheny) reported, "More than three years after controversial new guidelines" from the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) "rejected routine annual mammograms for most women, women in all age groups continue to get yearly screenings, a new survey shows." Investigators found that "mammogram rates actually increased overall, from 51.9 percent in 2008 to 53.6 percent in 2011, even though the slight rise was not considered statistically significant." The research is published online in *Cancer*.

[Aunt Minnie](#) (4/20, Casey) reported, "The research team, led by Dr. Lydia Pace, speculated as to several possible reasons for the lack of change. For one, uptake of the revised USPSTF guidelines could have been delayed, and the study could have been too early to detect a decline." Additionally, "many healthcare providers and women themselves may have disagreed with the new guidelines, as indicated in several research studies published after 2009."