

## **Rates Of Mammography Among Women In Their 40s Have Not Declined Significantly.**

[MedPage Today](#) (5/18, Boyles) reported, "The rates of breast cancer screening among women in their 40s does not appear to have declined significantly, despite national guidelines recommending otherwise," according to a study published online in the Journal of General Internal Medicine. Investigators who "analyzed breast screening data from surveys administered in 2006, 2008, and 2010 by state health departments nationwide...found a 'small but significantly increased odds of mammogram use in the time period after the USPSTF recommendation relative to women ages 50 to 74,' in the year following the U.S. Preventive Service Task Force (USPSTF) guideline change." The researchers found that "rates of mammography among women ages 40 to 49 and 50 to 74 were 51.8 % and 64.3 % in 2006, respectively, 53.2 % and 65.2 % in 2008, and 51.7 % and 62.4 % in 2010."