

Skipping Mammograms May Increase Older Women's Risk Of Dying From Breast Cancer.

[MedPage Today](#) (4/9, Struck) reports, "Women 75 and older who skipped mammograms were at an increased risk of dying from breast cancer, suggesting a need for continued screening in this age group, a researcher said" at the American Association for Cancer Research meeting.

Investigators found that "women 75 and older who had an interval of 2 to 5 years between their last mammogram and a breast cancer diagnosis had an 87% increased risk of death from breast cancer (HR 1.87, 95% CI 1.10 to 3.19) compared with those who had mammograms at 6 months to 1 year before diagnosis." Meanwhile, "matters were even worse for women who let more than 5 years pass without a mammogram or who had never had the imaging procedure."