Skipped Mammograms Tied To Increased Risk For Later-Stage Cancer.

Aunt Minnie (10/29, Yee) reports that, according to a study published in the November issue of the American Journal of Roentgenology, women who "skip a mammography screening exam – even for just one year," may have an increased risk for later-stage cancer. Researchers arrived at this conclusion after examining data on some 1,428 with breast cancer. The study's findings are in direct "conflict with the revised 2009 mammography screening guidelines from the US Preventive Services Task Force...which state that women should start screening mammography at age 50, rather than 40, and continue thereafter biennially through age 74."