

### **Connecticut Law Leads To Surge Of Breast Ultrasounds.**

Aunt Minnie (12/20, Yee) reports, "A 2009 law passed in Connecticut that requires women with dense breast tissue to be notified of their status has led to a 'flood' of screening ultrasound exams at breast clinics in the state. The phenomenon could occur in other states that are considering similar laws, according to a presentation at the recent RSNA 2011 meeting." Researchers noted that "about 40% of the patients included in the study had dense breasts. Of those patients, an estimated 50% received a follow-up breast ultrasound." They "found that breast ultrasound in women with mammographically normal but dense breasts had a positive predictive value of 4%, a negative predictive value of 99.9%, sensitivity of 94%, and specificity of 52%," but noted that currently it is "still unclear whether ultrasound improves mortality odds like screening mammography does."