

Frequent Mammograms Linked To Lower Risk Of Lymph Node Involvement In Breast Cancer Patients.

[HealthDay](#) (12/5, Doheny) reports that research presented at a medical conference suggests that “breast cancer patients who have mammograms every 12 to 18 months have less chance of lymph node involvement than those who wait longer, therefore improving their outlook.” Researchers looked at approximately 300 women who had received a diagnosis of breast cancer after a routine mammogram. Patients were divided “into three groups, based on the interval between mammograms: less than one and a half years, one and a half to three years or more than three years. Most women were in the first category.” The investigators found that while “nearly 9 percent of those in the shortest interval had lymph node involvement, 21 percent of those in the middle group and more than 15 percent in the longest-interval group did.” [Diagnostic Imaging](#) (12/5) also covers the story.