

## **Radiologist Calls Study's Breast Cancer Overdiagnosis Conclusion "Flawed."**

In a special piece for [Aunt Minnie](#) (4/30), Dr. Daniel Kopans, a professor of radiology at Harvard Medical School, "offers his rebuttal of a [study](#) published last November in the New England Journal of Medicine, building on his opinion piece published online March 29 in the Journal of the American College of Radiology." Dr. Kopans asserts, "This scientifically unsupportable paper has been used to raise concerns among women and their physicians and will no doubt discourage some women from participating in screening." Dr. Kopans argues, "The analysis in this paper is fundamentally flawed: Using the authors' methods, but with a more accurate extrapolation, there is no evidence of overdiagnosis of invasive breast cancer and the paper should be withdrawn by the New England Journal of Medicine."