

Breast Cancer Screening Benchmark

NCQA removed age stratification for breast cancer screening in 2009. Since there is no longer a HEDIS benchmark for mammography screening for women age 52-69, the new benchmarks for 2010 are based on DoD data from CY 2009.

The PHN Dashboard has always used this age cohort to measure clinical performance, and the evidence from the USPSTF still supports the efficacy of screening among this group: "There is convincing evidence that screening with film mammography reduces breast cancer mortality, with a greater absolute reduction for women aged 50 to 74 years than for women aged 40 to 49 years. The strongest evidence for the greatest benefit is among women aged 60 to 69 years." (USPSTF, 3rd Ed.)