Weighing the benefits and harms of breast cancer screening

Brief Synopsis:

The ability of breast cancer screening to reduce breast cancer mortality is controversial. In addition, because breast cancer management is increasingly efficient, more and more women need to be screening for preventing one breast cancer death. In contrast, the burden of overdiagnosis and overtreatment associated with breast cancer screening has remained quite constant over time. Hence, the balance between benefits and harms associated with breast cancer screening may have drastically changed over the last three decades.