

# The FDA assaults breast thermography while protecting mammography industry

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(NaturalNews) The FDA published an article in "Journal Watch" on June 3, 2011 is full of information that is presumptive and incorrect and they have to know it.

First of all, it slanders the breast thermography industry and the multitude of mainstream medical journal articles supporting its value. As a point of interest, the FDA approved breast thermography as an adjunct to mammography in 1982. You would think that there just might be a reason or two supporting its value that they appreciate but fail to mention.

What [the FDA](#) did not do is approve it in 2004 as a stand alone tool to screen for [breast cancer](#). The vote in the final [FDA](#) committee was 5-4 against it. So, the vote was very close, meaning that at least four [people](#) on this committee felt breast [thermography](#) should be approved as a stand alone screening tool for breast [cancer](#), and five were opposed. This shows that the FDA's comments in the Journal Watch [article](#) are completely misleading and incorrect when Helen Barr, MD, director of the Division of Mammography Quality and Radiation Programs in the FDA's center for Devices and Radiological Health states, "While there is plenty of evidence that [mammography](#) is effective in breast cancer detection, there is simply no evidence that thermography can take its place." Maybe, Dr. Barr, there is just a little!

There is an abundance of scientific evidence in the mainstream journals supporting that breast thermography as a superior tool to [mammograms](#) because it is more sensitive and makes fewer errors when used properly, particularly in women under the age of 50, where there's tremendous controversy about the validity of mammograms as a primary screening tool for breast cancer.

The final embarrassment for the FDA and Journal Watch, is that three of the five people voting against bringing breast thermography forward into clinical practice in that fatal meeting in 2004, had a serious conflict of interest connecting them to the mammography [industry](#). Wow!

There are simply too many people who are informed about breast thermography's role in screening for breast cancer to continue concealing its value. I'll be a bit surprised if

this response actually gets past the editors of Journal Watch and into print in their blog. Nonetheless I will be taking this message to an excellent Internet resource, NaturalNews.com, and the airwaves on my weekly show on the ProgressiveRadioNetwork.com.

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