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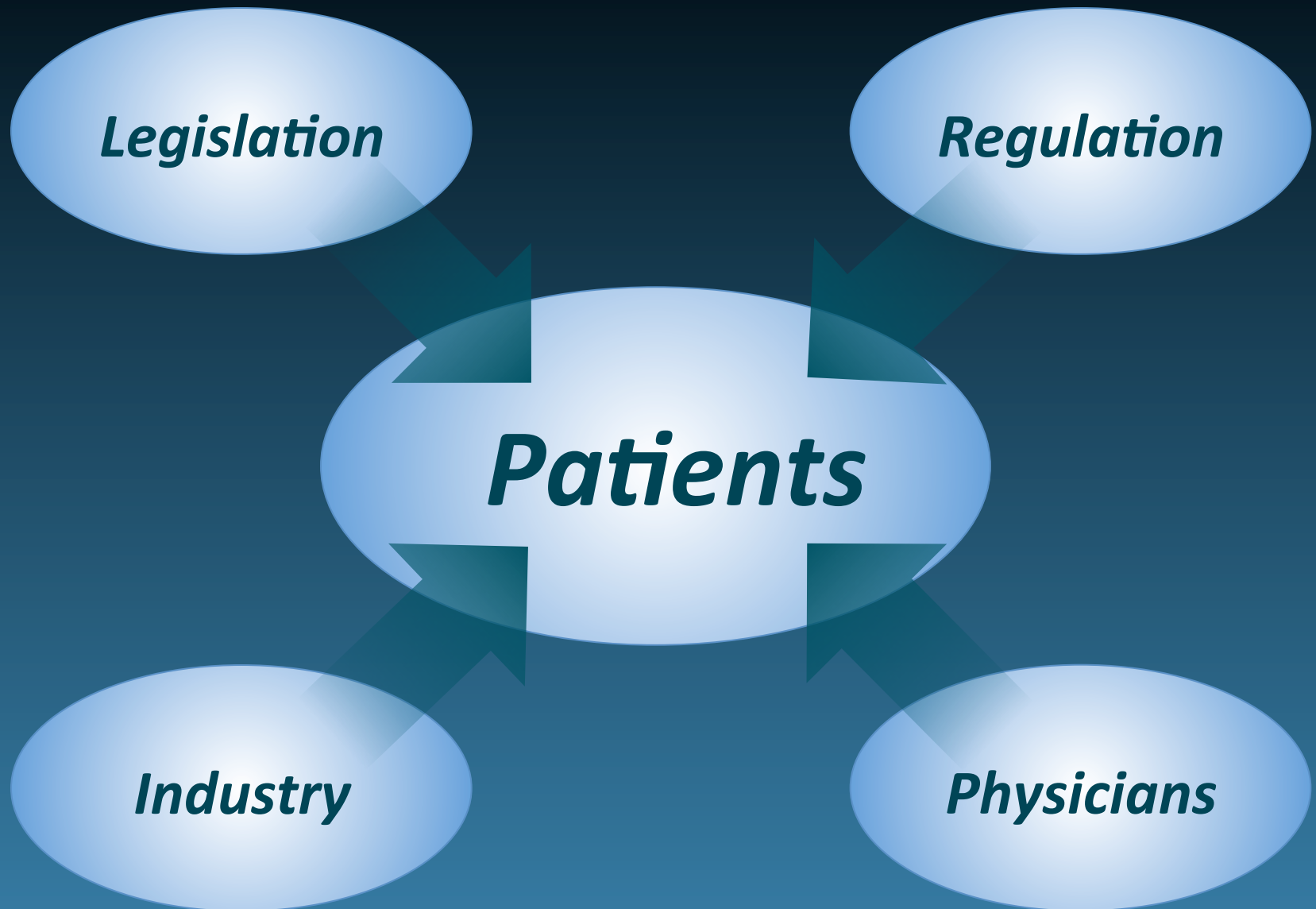
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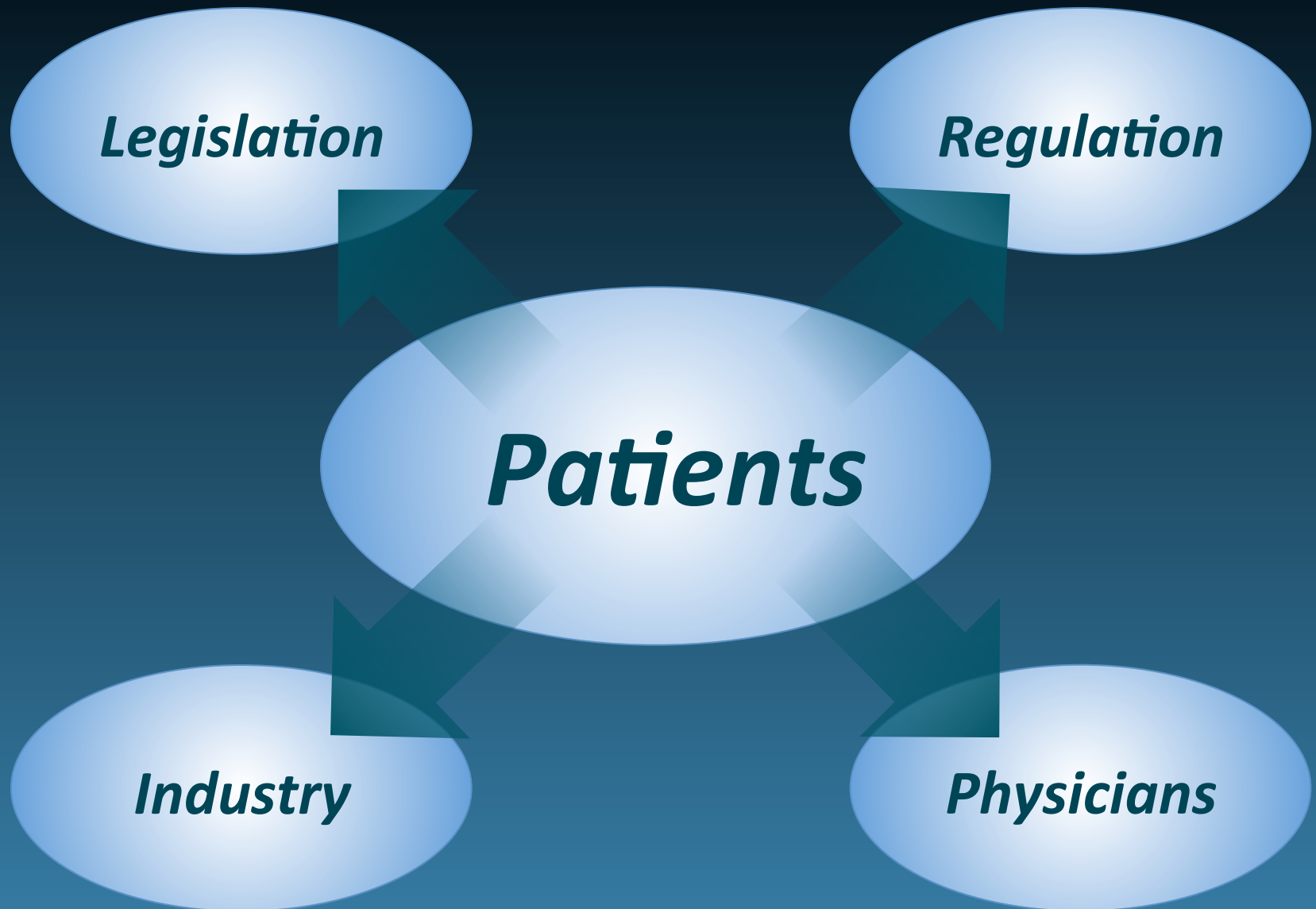
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## USPSTF Makes Sweeping Changes to Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations

*Task Force No Longer Recommends Routine Mammograms in Women Ages 40-49*

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, or USPSTF, has updated its recommendations for breast cancer screening with some significant changes, including a recommendation that screening mammography for women ages 40-49 who aren't at increased risk for breast cancer be decided on an individual basis rather than being scheduled routinely.

The AAFP's Commission on Health of the Public and Science is reviewing the evidence

and recommendations for all of the task force recommendations regarding breast cancer screening and expects to have a posi-

tion in the first quarter of 2010.

The USPSTF change is a level C recommendation, which means that although the USPSTF

recommends against routinely providing screening mammograms and there is at least moderate certainty that the net benefit is small, there may be considerations that support providing them in individual patients.

The task force said in its explanation of the recommendation change that it encourages indi-

vidualized, informed decision-making about when to start mammography screening and that the decision should take into account patient context, including the patient's values regarding benefits and harms.

Possible harms that can affect all age groups include false-positive test results, overdiagnosis and unnecessary earlier treatment, USPSTF members said. However, false-positive results are more common among women ages 40-49 than those in older age groups.

The USPSTF also recommended a switch from annual to

**See Breast Cancer Screening, page 2**



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## Mammogram Recommendations Draw Widespread Anger

By JOSEPH BROWNSTEIN ABC News Medical Unit

Nov. 18, 2009—

Doctors, Medical Centers, Former Patients Reject New Guidelines

New guidelines saying women between the ages of 40 and 50 should not receive mammograms for breast cancer have met a groundswell of rejection from many medical centers, breast cancer survivors and numerous doctors -- some of whom have advised their patients to ignore the recommendations.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology are among many groups that supported the old guidelines and have stood firmly by them since the United States Preventive Services Task Force released its new recommendations Monday evening.

The USPSTF, a panel of independent medical experts, said it was recommending against annual mammograms for women between the ages of 40 and 49, saying the risks outweighed the benefits of earlier screening. That announcement, which goes against a trend of recommending increased screening by cancer agencies, has left many confused.

*“In a 61-to-39 vote, the Senate dealt a significant blow to the power and credibility of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), by essentially deciding to disregard the task force's recent recommendation that women under 50 shouldn't undergo routine mammograms.”*

# The New York Times

## Prescriptions

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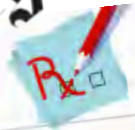
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### Senate Blocks Use of New Mammogram Guidelines

By DAVID M. HERSZENHORN

The Senate on Wednesday night agreed to bar the federal government from relying on the findings of an independent panel of health experts that recently recommended women should begin having routine mammograms at age 50 rather than at age 40.

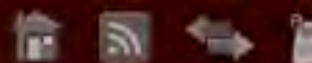
Without a vote, the Senate agreed to accept an amendment to the big health care bill proposed by Senator David Vitter,





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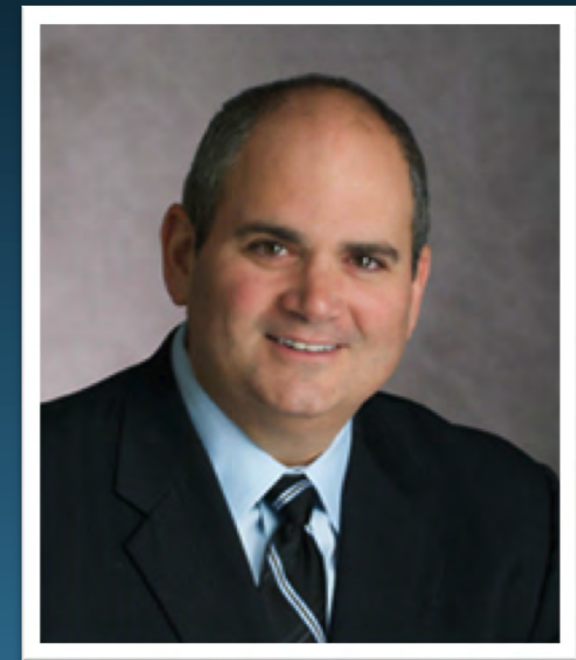
BALTIMORE, MD – **U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.)**, a senior member of the Senate Committee on Finance and General Investigations, Pensions Committee, today made the following statement about new mammogram recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force:

"I am deeply troubled by this report. It threatens the decades of progress we've made in the development of new methods of breast cancer screening that saves lives. And it could give insurance companies another reason to deny coverage to women yet another reason to do so."

*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act - March 23, 2010*







*Colon Cancer Alliance President*  
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## The Issue

Biologics are advanced prescription drugs to treat cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and other debilitating diseases. In November 2010, the Food and Drug Administration began consultation with patient groups, physicians and industry on how to approve the first copies of these drugs, known as follow-on biologics or biosimilars. As the FDA moves forward in implementing this pathway, the Alliance for Safe Biologic Medicines will work to ensure patient safety remains the priority. [LEARN MORE](#)

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