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Only fuzzy logic explains cancer screening recommendations

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Over the last 30 years I have handled medical malpractice cases. Often times I have seen medical literature corrupted to ease the standard of care which in turn makes it more difficult or impossible for a plaintiff to get justice when he or she was negligently injured or killed. In these circumstances, the changes have been for economic reasons with the logic being if a person is permanently crippled or killed, there will be no payment if the literature says that it was ok for the health care provider to act the way giving rise to the lawsuit.

The current change in breast cancer screening guidelines makes me wonder, if, on the heels of health care reform, there is a hidden agenda between medicine, insurance companies and the government to make these insurance plans that will be shoved down our throats more palatable if they are more affordable. After all, if screening tests become passe, medical care will be cheaper because less tests will be used. There has been a cost benefit analysis in some government bean counters office which equates to that it is cheaper to provide cancer care to all of these unfortunate women who will develop breast cancer as a result of the new screening guidelines than it is to provide these life saving tests to all women who need them.

It may be cheaper to have an ambulance in the valley below than a fence at the top of the hill but it's not necessarily safer. There have been other big lies disseminated in the past that have resulted in disastrous consequences...Nazi Germany for example.

Folks should demand an inquiry into this area of fuzzy logic because it does not appear prudent or safe...just economical.

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