

Breast Cancer: Facts & Figures

BREAST CANCER STATS*

- About one in eight U.S. women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. Excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, accounting for nearly one in three cancers diagnosed in U.S. women.
- Based on the most recent data from the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among U.S. women in 2013.
- Today, there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.
- If cancer is detected before it has spread to lymph nodes or other parts of the body, the chance for a cure is very high.

BREAST CANCER SCREENING GUIDELINES

It is important for women to follow recommended screening guidelines for detecting breast cancer at an early stage, when it is most treatable.

The American Cancer Society (ACS), American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Radiology and Susan G. Komen for the Cure recommend that women receive a baseline screening mammogram between the age of 35 and 40 and have an annual mammogram beginning at age 40. Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam every 3 years, then annually beginning at the age of 40.

What DO the experts say?

All women should receive a baseline screening mammogram between the age of 35 and 40 and have an annual mammogram beginning at age 40.*

EARLY DETECTION IS KEY

Numerous studies demonstrate that early detection is vital in the successful treatment of breast cancer.

3D mammography, also referred to as breast tomosynthesis, is the most important advance in breast cancer screening in decades. 3D mammography is more accurate, allowing a doctor to examine the breast tissue layer by layer. Adding 3D mammography to conventional 2D exams has a higher cancer detection rate and may find up to 40%** more invasive cancers than conventional 2D mammography alone.

* Breast Cancer Facts & Figures 2011-2012, American Cancer Society, USA. Retrieved from www.cancer.org/acs/groups/content/@epidemiologysurveillance/documents/document/acspc-030975.pdf

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