

BREAST CANCER STATISTICS

Breast cancer incidence in women in the United States is 1 in 8 (about 13%).

For women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer besides lung cancer.

Besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among U.S. women.

White women are more likely to develop breast cancer than African American women, but less likely to die from it. Asian, Hispanic and Native American women have an even lower risk of developing and dying from breast cancer.

About 20-30% of women Diagnosed with breast cancer have a family history of breast cancer.

About 5-10% of breast cancers are caused by gene mutations inherited from one's mother or father.

About 90% of breast cancers are due to genetic abnormalities that happen as a result of the aging process and life in general.

The most significant risk factors for breast cancer are gender and age.

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BREAST CANCER FACTS



- Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.
- One in eight women who lives to age 85 will develop breast cancer during her lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55.
- Seventy percent of all breast cancers are found through breast self exams.
- Not all lumps are detectable by touch. We recommend regular mammograms and monthly breast self-exams.
- Eight out of ten breast lumps are not cancerous. If you find a lump, don't panic-call your doctor for an appointment.
- Mammography is a low-dose X-ray examination that can detect breast cancer up to two years before it is large enough to be felt.
- When breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96%. This is good news!



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What Makes The Breast Cancer Society Different From Other Charities

Mission Statement

The guiding mission of The Breast Cancer Society, Inc. (TBCS) is to provide relief to those who suffer from the effects of breast cancer now, as well as to work cooperatively with and give support to other personnel, individuals and organizations that share in the goal of helping cancer patients, the critically ill, and the impoverished. This is done through such means as education, direct assistance, financial aid, and the providing of supplies and care-giving products, and referral services. Additionally, The BCS assist in the eradication of breast cancer through education and the support of breast cancer research.

Your donation helps provide such things as direct monthly financial assistance grants, medication and supplies to breast cancer patients— many of whom have been put in desperate economic conditions due to not being able to work while undergoing chemo, radiation, and other treatments; and to support the tax-exempt, charitable mission and the programs of The Breast Cancer Society. On behalf of these patients and their families....Thank You.

The Breast Cancer Society, Inc. is a tax exempt charity designed to meet previously unfulfilled material needs of breast cancer patients.

Risk factors for breast cancer include:

Age: Half of all women diagnosed are over age 65.

Weight: Being obese or overweight.

Diet & Lifestyle: Lack of physical activity, a diet high in saturated fat, and alcoholic intake of more than two drinks per day.

Menstrual & Reproductive History: Early menstruation or late menopause, having your first child at an older age or not having given birth, or taking birth control pills for more than ten years if you are under 35.

Family & Personal History: A family history of breast cancer— particularly a mother or sister, or a personal history of benign (non-cancer) breast disease.

Medical & Other Factors:

Dense breast tissue (often identified by a mammogram), past radiation therapy to the breast or chest area. A history of hormone treatments— such as estrogen and progesterone, or gene changes— including BRCA1, BRCA2, and others.

The Breast Cancer Society Inc.

TBCS is based in Mesa, Arizona. It is one of the only national breast cancer charities whose guiding mission is providing direct assistance and financial aid to those suffering with breast cancer. Services are provided to recipients nation-wide, as well as internationally, based on need, demand and qualification.

We work closely with breast cancer patients, their families and other non profit organizations on a case-by-case basis in an effort to identify critical needs and to give meaningful support to aid in alleviating the special needs brought on by breast cancer.

We educate the public and patients about breast cancer and various issues surrounding it. We fund special grants for research projects that do not include animal research, whose primary aim is to improve the prevention, detection, treatment of, or recovery from breast cancer.



Signs and symptoms of breast cancer can include the following:

- Lumps. Breast cancer lumps vary and may be hard or soft and have rounded or uneven edges.
- Swelling of part of the breast
- Skin irritation or dimpling
- Nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
- Redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk
- A lump in the underarm area

