

What You Should Know About Breast Health

1 IN 8

Women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

More than **40,000** US women die from breast cancer every year

Breast cancer is the **second leading cause** of cancer death among women in the U.S.

About 85% of breast cancers appear in women with no family history of breast cancer¹

Annual mammography screening beginning at age 40 reduces breast cancer mortality by nearly

40%

—saving more lives than less frequent screening regimens.²



Your Mammography Report

will contain information about breast density. Breast density refers to the relative proportions of fatty versus glandular and fibrous tissue in the breast. Dense breast tissue is very common, affecting about half of women over 40, and is associated with a higher rate of breast cancer. Dense breast tissue also makes cancer more difficult to identify on a mammogram.³



3D Mammography creates clearer images, resulting in better cancer detection and fewer false positives.

Research has found that the addition of breast tomosynthesis to mammography screening increases detection of invasive breast cancers by 41% while reducing false positive results by 15%.⁴ These improvements are most pronounced among women with dense breast tissue.⁵



Know Your Body

While breast self-exam isn't currently recommended for cancer screening, being familiar with how your breasts typically look and feel will help you identify any changes.⁶

If you find a lump, see your doctor

Most changes are not signs of breast cancer. However, if you notice a lump or other change in your breast or underarm that doesn't seem to be related to your menstrual cycle, consult your doctor

Make Healthy Choices

Healthy lifestyle choices like exercising regularly, maintaining a lean body weight, eating a healthy diet, avoiding tobacco, and limiting alcohol reduce your risk of breast cancer as well as other forms of cancer.⁷

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