

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEKLY INFORMATION & NEWS

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FACTS

- **BREAST CANCER IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN.**
 - Studies an estimated 19,540 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among African American women in 2009.
- **THE 5-YEAR RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATE FOR BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSED IN 1996-2004 AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN WAS 77%, COMPARED TO 90% AMONG WHITES**
 - This difference can be attributed to both later stage at detection and poorer stage-specific survival among African American women.
 - Factors that contribute to the higher death rates among African American women include differences in access to and utilization of early detection and treatment and differences in tumor characteristics.
- **BREAST CANCER IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN, SURPASSED ONLY BY LUNG CANCER.**
 - An estimated 6,020 deaths from breast cancer are expected to occur among African American women in 2009.

<http://www.sistersnetworkinc.org/breastcancerfacts.html>

IN THE NEWS

- **EATING POMEGRANATES MAY HELP PREVENT BREAST CANCER.**
 - “Tests in the lab have found that the chemicals called ellagitannins block the production of oestrogen which can fuel the growth of cancer cells.”
 - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/6930861/Eating-pomegranates-may-help-prevent-breast-cancer.html>

- **BLOCKING INFLAMMATION RECEPTOR KILLS BREAST CANCER STEM CELLS, U-M STUDY FINDS.**
 - “Cancer stem cells, the small number of cells that fuel a tumor's growth, are believed to be resistant to current chemotherapies and radiation treatment, which researchers say may be the reason cancer so often returns after treatment.”
 - http://www.redorbit.com/news/science/1804459/blocking_inflammation_receptor_kills_breast_cancer_stem_cells_um_study/index.html?source=r_science

INFORMATION

- **SYMPTOMS OF ADVANCED BREAST CANCER MAY INCLUDE:**
 - Bone pain
 - Breast pain or discomfort
 - Skin ulcers
 - Swelling of one arm (next to breast with cancer)
 - Weight loss

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/000913.htm>
- **CANCERS IN THE BODY ARE GIVEN NAMES, DEPENDING ON WHERE THE CANCER STARTED. CANCER THAT BEGINS IN THE BREAST WILL ALWAYS BE CALLED BREAST CANCER, EVEN IF IT HAS SPREAD TO ANOTHER PLACE SUCH AS THE LIVER, BONES, OR BRAIN.**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorials/breastcancer/oc139104.pdf>
- **MALE BREAST CANCER IS RARE. IT HAPPENS MOST OFTEN TO MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 60 AND 70. RISK FACTORS FOR MALE BREAST CANCER INCLUDE EXPOSURE TO RADIATION, A FAMILY HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER AND HAVING HIGH ESTROGEN LEVELS, WHICH CAN OCCUR WITH DISEASES LIKE CIRRHOSIS.**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/malebreastcancer.html>

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- Women who took diethylstilbestrol (DES) to prevent miscarriage may have an increased risk of breast cancer after age 40. This drug was given to the women in the 1940s - 1960s.

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