

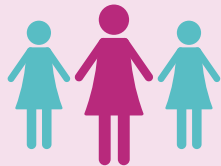
# BREAST CANCER EDUCATION



## Why does breast cancer awareness matter?



Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women (excluding certain skin cancers).



Among adult women, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths.



More than 224,000 women in the United States were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012, and more than 41,000 died from the disease.



Although rare, breast cancer also affects men. More than 2,000 men in the United States were diagnosed with the disease in 2012, and more than 400 died from the illness.

## Who should receive preventative screenings?



Women should begin regular breast self-exams starting in their 20s.



Starting at age 50, all women should receive a mammography screening at least once every two years until age 74.



Approximately 11% of new breast cancer cases are discovered in women under age 45.



Women with a family history of breast cancer, certain health conditions, or an increased risk of mutations in genes BRCA1 or BRCA2 should talk to a doctor about starting mammography screenings early.



Statistics provided by the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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