



About Women's Cancers

About Breast Cancer, Canada, 2009

- ✚ 1 in 9 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and one in 28 will from it.
- ✚ 22 700 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 5 400 will die from it.
- ✚ On average, every week 437 Canadian women will learn that they have breast cancer.
- ✚ On average, every week 104 Canadian women will die from the disease.
- ✚ The 5 year survival rate has been estimated to 87% for 2008, which is an increase of 1% since 2006.
- ✚ Breast cancer and cause of cancer death in women aged 20-59, accounting for 37% of new cancer cases and 22% of deaths.
- ✚ Breast cancer primarily in women between the ages of 50 and 69. Only 29% of breast cancers are diagnosed over age 69, while 20% occur in women under the age of 50. It is notable that although half the cases of breast cancer are estimated to occur between 50 and 69, more deaths from breast cancer will occur in the 80 years and older age group, reflecting the benefits of screening and treatment in middle-aged.
- ✚ It is estimated that the number of deaths from breast cancer could be reduced by 25% if 70% of women ages 50 to 69 would get a preventive mammography every second year.

About Gynecologic cancers, Canada, 2009

- ✚ An estimated 9 200 women will be diagnosed with a gynecological cancer (ovarian, cervical, uterine and endometrial) and 2 830 will die from it.
- ✚ In 2005, 8 437 Canadian women were diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and 2 882 died from it.
- ✚ The estimated 5 year survival ratio for uterine cancer is 85%.
- ✚ The estimated 5 year survival ratio for endometrial cancer is 75%.
- ✚ The estimated 5 year survival ratio for ovarian cancer is 40%.

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