QUICK FACTS: BREAST CANCER

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in the United States and worldwide [3]. Cancer that first begins to grow within the breast is called breast cancer. Breast cancer is the second-most-common form of cancer diagnosed in women, after skin cancer [1]. Other common cancers include lung cancer, prostate cancer, colon and rectal (colorectal) cancer, bladder cancer, and melanoma (a type of skin cancer) [3].

It's estimated that 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer at some point in her life, and for men, the estimate is 1 in 1,000 [2].

The National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institute of Health, provides the following statistics about breast cancer in the United States [3]:

- **+1.6 MILLION** cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2016
- **+3 MILLION** living breast cancer survivors in the U.S. in 2013
- **125/100,000** women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year
- **22/100,000** women die from breast cancer each year

90% of people diagnosed with breast cancer survive for 5 years or more after diagnosis.

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