Breast Cancer in Connecticut

In 2017, 3,236 new breast cancer cases were diagnosed among Connecticut women. Connecticut has one of the highest incidence rates* in the country, with 141 cases per 100,000 women - ranking 2nd compared to other states.

1 in 8 women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer over their lifetime. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in CT women, accounting for 31% of all new cancer cases.

New Breast Cancer Cases per 100,000 Women*, 2013-2017

- Hispanic: 121.6
- Non-Hispanic Black: 125.0
- Non-Hispanic White: 145.1

The majority of breast cancers occur in women. Tumors typically develop in the ducts and less frequently in the lobes. Breast cancers are grouped into 4 molecular subtypes: Luminal A, Luminal B, HER2-enriched, and triple-negative.

Luminal A breast cancers have the best prognosis. They accounted for 71% of all new breast cancer diagnoses in CT.

Triple Negative breast cancers have a poorer prognosis. They only accounted for 9% of new breast cancers.

Breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death in CT women, accounting for 14% of all cancer deaths.

Non-Hispanic black women have the highest mortality rates* in Connecticut, despite their lower incidence rates.

Breast cancer deaths among CT women decreased significantly at an average annual rate of 3% from 1990-2017.

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