Breast Cancer Fact Sheet

In The United States

• Except for skin cancers, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the U.S.
• In 2016, more than 240,000 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and 2,600 in men in the U.S.
• Every 2 minutes, one case of breast cancer is diagnosed in a woman in the U.S.
• In 1980, the 5-year relative survival rate for women diagnosed with early stage breast cancer (cancer confined to the breast) was about 74 percent. Today, that number is 99 percent.
• Early detection and effective treatment contributed to a 36 percent decline in breast cancer mortality (deaths) in the U.S. between 1989-2012.
• Currently there are more than 3 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.
• One in 8 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

The most common risk factors for breast cancer are being a woman and getting older.

Around The World

• Worldwide, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and the leading cause of cancer death in women, with more than 1.7 million new cases recorded in 2012.
• Every 60 seconds, somewhere in the world, someone dies from breast cancer.
• At the current rate, 13 million breast cancer deaths around the world will occur in the next 25 years.