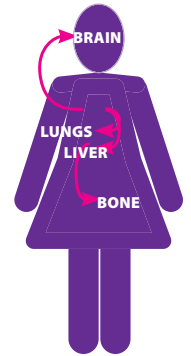


10 Facts

About Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC)



- 1. No one dies from breast cancer that remains in the breast. Life is threatened when cancer spreads or metastasizes to a vital organ, such as the liver, lungs, brain or bone marrow, .**
- 2. An estimated* 15,000 Canadians are currently living with metastatic breast cancer (also called Stage IV breast cancer). *Cancer registries do not track metastatic recurrences.**
- 3. MBC accounts for about 5,000 deaths annually in Canada.**
- 4. Treatment for MBC is lifelong and focuses on control of the disease and quality of life.**
- 5. About 5% of people are Stage IV at their initial diagnosis.**
- 6. Early detection does not guarantee a cure. MBC can occur 5, 10, 15 years after a person's original diagnosis and treatment.**
- 7. 20% to 30% of people initially diagnosed with early stage disease will develop MBC.**



- 8. Researchers still do not understand why breast cancers metastasize.**
- 9. Young people, as well as men, can be diagnosed with MBC.**
- 10. Like early stage breast cancer, there are different types of MBC.**