



Statistics about Women's Cancers

Breast Cancer, Canada

- ✚ 1 in 9 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, 1 in 28 will die from it.
- ✚ An estimated 22,700 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 5 400 will die from it.
- ✚ On average, 437 Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer every week.
- ✚ On average, every week, 104 Canadian women will die from breast cancer.
- ✚ The expected 5-year survival rate is estimated at 87% following a breast cancer diagnosis.
- ✚ The estimated five-year survival ratio for breast cancer is 87%.
- ✚ Breast cancer is the most common cancer and cause of cancer death in women aged 20-59, accounting for 37% of new cancer cases and 22% of deaths.
- ✚ Breast cancer occurs 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 women.

Gynecologic Cancers, Canada

- ✚ 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 five-year survival ratio for uterine cancer is estimated at 85%.
- ✚ The estimated five-year survival ratio for endometrial cancer is estimated at 75%.
- ✚ The estimated five-year survival ratio for ovarian cancer is estimated at 40%

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