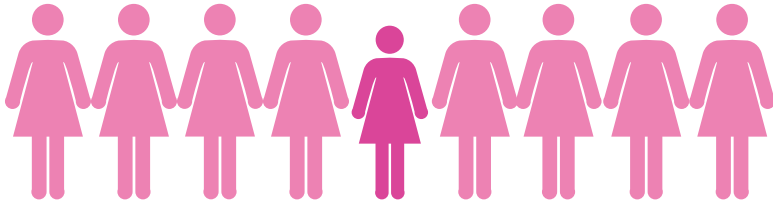


Breast Cancer in *Young Women*



BREAST CANCER IS THE **LEADING CAUSE** OF CANCER DEATHS IN WOMEN UNDER THE AGE OF

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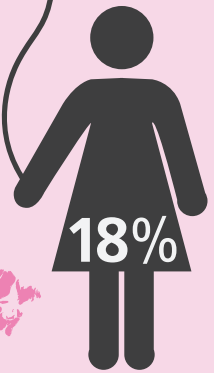
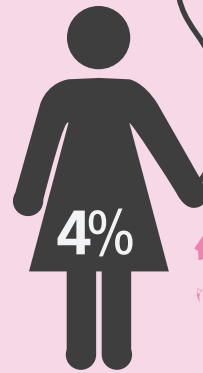
Infertility
Body image
Shock Child care
Premature menopause
CONCERNS FOR YOUNG WOMEN
Early mortality Sexuality
Relationship challenges
Early career disruptions
Depression

4% OF BREAST CANCERS IN CANADA OCCURRED IN WOMEN UNDER THE AGE OF 40 (APPROXIMATELY 1,055 CASES)

40 years

50 years

IN 2013



18% OF ALL NEW BREAST CANCER CASES IN CANADA ARE DIAGNOSED IN WOMEN LESS THAN **50** YEARS OF AGE

9% of all breast cancers diagnosed before the age of 40 are attributable to mutations in **BRCA1 or BRCA2** genes

WOMEN DIAGNOSED AT A YOUNG AGE **HAVE LOWER SURVIVAL RATES AND EXPERIENCE POORER QUALITY OF LIFE** THAN WOMEN DIAGNOSED AT A LATER STAGE OF LIFE.

Low incidence
Unexpected finding
CHALLENGES OF DIAGNOSING BREAST CANCER IN YOUNG WOMEN
Dense breast tissue
Lack of regular screening programs

