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Frequently Asked Questions about Breast Cancer

Why should I be concerned about breast cancer?

It seems like we've all been affected by breast cancer at some point in our lives, whether we have had it, or have had a family member or friend who's battled it. Every woman has a chance of getting breast cancer. Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women and the disease we fear most. As scared as we are, you can try to remember that if you find breast cancer early, it can often be treated successfully. Many women have overcome breast cancer and are living life to its fullest!

Where can I learn more about breast cancer?

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the federal government's authority on breast cancer. Contact them at 800-4-CANCER (800-422-6237) or go to the following web site: http://www.cancer.gov/cancerinfo/wyntk/breast

For More Information...

You can also find out more about breast cancer by contacting the National Women's Health Information Center (800-994-9662) or the following organizations:

National Cancer Institute Cancer Information Service

Phone: (800) 422-6237

Internet Address: http://cis.nci.nih.gov

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Phone: (888)-842-6355 (select option 7)

Internet Address: http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/index.htm

American Cancer Society

Phone: (800)-ACS-2345

Internet Address: http://www.cancer.org

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Phone: (800)-462-9273

Internet Address: http://www.komen.org

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