



1 in 8 women (about 12%) in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

In 2019, an estimated 268,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the United States as well as 62,930 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer. 62% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized stage, for which the 5-year survival rate is 99%. This year, an estimated 41,760 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S.

Although rare, men get breast cancer too. The lifetime risk for U.S. men is 1 in 1,000. An estimated 2,670 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in the U.S. and approx. 500 will die. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among black women, and an estimated 33,840 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2019. An estimated 6,540 deaths from breast cancer are expected to occur among black women in 2019.

Male breast cancer is a rare cancer that forms in the breast tissue of men. Though breast cancer is most commonly thought of as a disease that affects women, breast cancer does occur in men. Male breast cancer occurs when malignant cells form in the tissues of the breast. Any man can develop breast cancer, but it is most common among men who are 60 to 70 years old. About 1 percent of all breast cancers occur in men. About 2,000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Breast cancer risk in men is increased by elevated blood levels of estrogen.

Celebrity Men with Breast Cancer

Richard Roundtree: Cancer Survivor

Edward Brooke: In 1966, Edward Brooke became the first African American elected to the Senate: Died from Breast Cancer

Montel Williams: Cancer Survivor

Mathew Knowles, who is the father of Beyoncé and Solange Knowles: Cancer Survivor