

Early Detection is the Key

Although there has been a decline in the rate of deaths from breast cancer in recent years, it is still the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Studies have shown that, when detected early, the chance for successful treatment of breast cancer is nearly 100%.

Methods for early detection of breast cancer include clinical examinations by a healthcare professional and mammography. In most cases, mammography can identify an abnormal breast mass as much as two years before it can be detected by touch.

Some physicians also recommend a monthly breast self examination for all women beginning at the age of 20, following proper training by a qualified healthcare professional.

For additional information on breast health, call the American Cancer Society at 1.800.ACS.2345 or visit www.hologic.com.