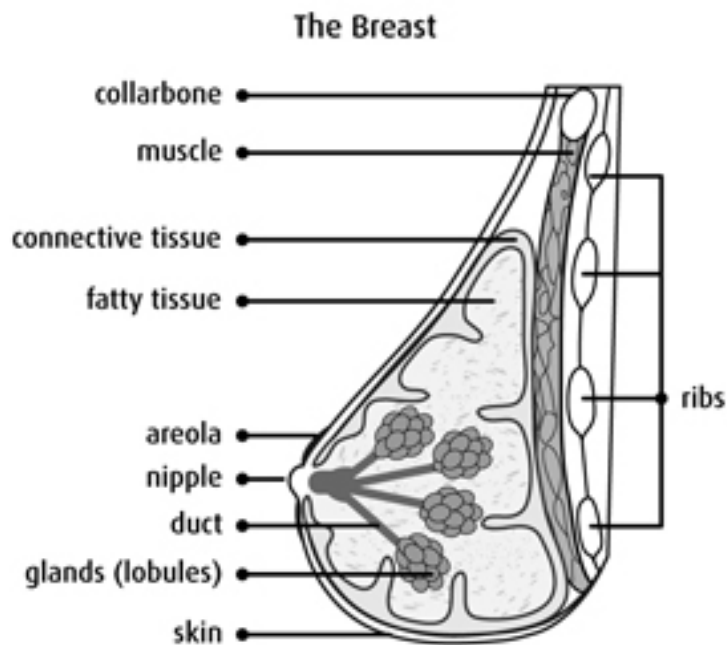


WHAT IS BREAST CANCER?

Breast cancer starts in the cells of the breast. Breast tissue covers a larger area than just the breast, extending up to the collarbone.

Cancer cells may start within the ducts (thin tubes) or in the lobules (glands that produce milk). *Ductal carcinoma* (starting within the ducts) is the most common type of breast cancer.



BREAST CANCER STATISTICS

Year: 2011	Males	Females
Cases	190	23,400
Incidence rate*	1	102
Incidence rank	-	1st
Deaths	55	5,100
Death rate*	<0.5	21
5-year survival (2004-2006)	79%	88%

*age-standardized to the 1991 Canadian Standard Population (per 100,000)

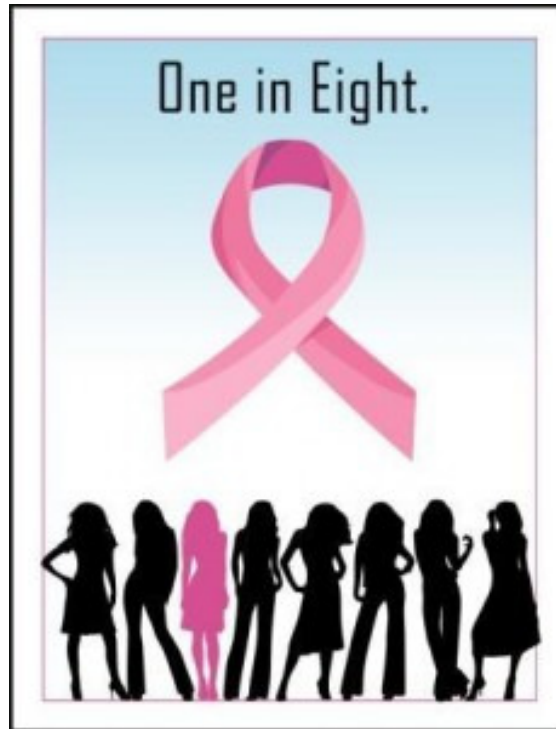
Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer).

In 2011:

- An estimated 23,400 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 5,100 will die of it.
- An estimated 190 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 55 will die of it.
- On average, 64 Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day.
- On average, 14 Canadian women will die of breast cancer every day.

Probability of developing or dying from breast cancer

One in 8 women is expected to develop breast cancer during their lifetime and one in 29 will die of it.



Resources:

<http://www.cancer.ca/>, <http://www.cbcf.org/>