



Breast Cancer

The facts

- An estimated 5,900 Quebec women (22,400 Canadian women) will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 and an estimated 1350 Quebec women (5,300 Canadian women) will die of the disease.
- A woman has a 1 in 9 chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime.
- The death rate for breast cancer for Canadian women has fallen 25% since 1986.

What we're doing

The Canadian Cancer Society works across Canada to ensure that no one is alone in the fight against cancer. As Canada's leader in the fight against cancer, we:

- support excellent breast cancer research
- educate women about early detection
- provide information and support to women living with breast cancer, their families and their caregivers

Breast cancer research

The Canadian Cancer Society is dedicating \$4.9 million in 2008-2009 to fund a broad range of breast cancer research projects across Canada, including:

- A study developing a new way to use magnetic resonance imaging as a simpler and pain-free tool for detecting if breast cancer has spread to other parts of the body.
- Research examining the benefits of metronomic chemotherapy – a new approach to treatment where patients are given lower doses of anti-cancer drugs over prolonged periods of time without a break. The goal of this research is to improve the effectiveness of the drugs while reducing their side effects.
- A study of the presence and positioning of a special molecule on breast cancer cells that, when present, can contribute to the spread of the disease. This study could lead to new treatments for breast cancer.

*Local Canadian Cancer Society offices, our toll-free Cancer Information Service and our website offer comprehensive information on breast cancer and can help you find support programs in your area. Visit our website at www.cancer.ca or call us at **1 888 939-3333**.*