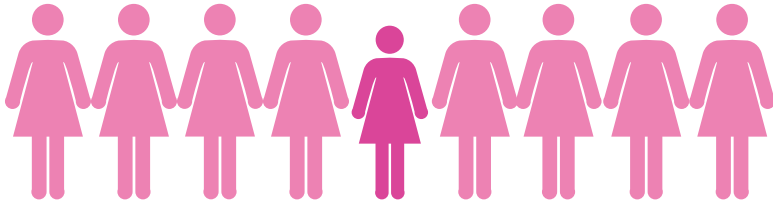


# Breast Cancer in Young Women



**BREAST CANCER** IS THE **LEADING CAUSE** OF CANCER DEATHS IN WOMEN UNDER THE AGE OF

**40**

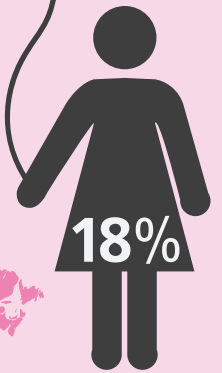
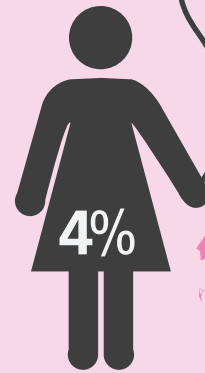
Infertility  
Body image  
**Shock** Child care  
Premature menopause  
**CONCERNS FOR YOUNG WOMEN**  
Early mortality Sexuality  
Relationship challenges  
Early career disruptions  
Depression

**4%** OF BREAST CANCERS IN CANADA OCCURRED IN WOMEN UNDER THE AGE OF 40 (APPROXIMATELY 1,055 CASES)

**40**  
years

**50**  
years

IN 2013



**18%** OF ALL NEW BREAST CANCER CASES IN CANADA ARE DIAGNOSED IN WOMEN LESS THAN **50** YEARS OF AGE

**9%** of all breast cancers diagnosed before the age of 40 are attributable to mutations in **BRCA1 or BRCA2** genes

WOMEN DIAGNOSED AT A YOUNG AGE **HAVE LOWER SURVIVAL RATES AND EXPERIENCE POORER QUALITY OF LIFE** THAN WOMEN DIAGNOSED AT A LATER STAGE OF LIFE.

Low incidence  
Unexpected finding  
**CHALLENGES OF DIAGNOSING BREAST CANCER IN YOUNG WOMEN**  
Dense breast tissue  
Lack of regular screening programs

Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

