

## BREAST CANCER IN 2013

The **Canadian Cancer Statistics in 2013** report has been released. Please find below an overview of the statistics relating to breast cancer at both a national and regional level.

In Canada...

- Breast cancer continues to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canadian women - with 1 in 4 cancer diagnoses being breast cancer.
- 1 in 9 women are expected to develop breast cancer in their lifetime.
- In 2013, an estimated 23,800 Canadian women and 200 Canadian men will be diagnosed with breast cancer (an increase of 1,100 for women compared to 2012).
- The risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer increases with age - 82% of new breast cancer cases will occur in Canadian women over the age of 50.
- Breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women; however, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in Canadian women under the age of 40. Approximately 100 women under 40 are expected to die from breast cancer in 2013, representing 2% of all women who will die from breast cancer this year.
- In 2013, it is estimated that 5,000 women and 60 men will die from breast cancer.

In Atlantic Canada...

- An estimated 1,730 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. This is an increase of 15 from 2012.
- In Atlantic Canada, 365 women will die from breast cancer in 2013, a decrease of 25 from 2012.

Breast Cancer in 2013 - Atlantic Canada		
Province	New Cases (women)	Deaths (women)
New Brunswick	550	110
Nova Scotia	750	130
Prince Edward Island	100	30
Newfoundland and Labrador	330	95

There is good news...

- Fewer Canadian women are dying from breast cancer today than in the past. Since their peak in 1986, breast cancer deaths have decreased by 42% due to earlier detection through regular mammography screening, advances in screening technology, and improved treatments.
- Canadian women with breast cancer are surviving for longer periods of time - over 157,000 Canadian women who have had a breast cancer diagnosis in the last 10 years are living.