

# **Breast cancer awareness:** *Early detection*

- Breast cancer does not just affect older women
- Screening is vital for early detection
- Early detection is key to improving survival rates
- Biomarkers, along with clinical findings, define breast cancer subtypes
- Innovative and personalized treatments are guided by biomarker results

# Breast cancer affects women of all ages



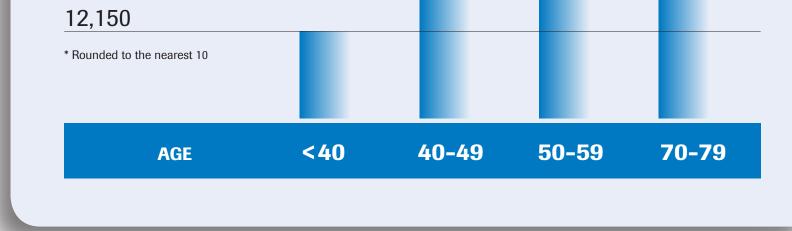
Metastatic

Localized

 1.67 million new cases and 522,000 deaths from breast cancer occur each year. Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in most countries.<sup>2</sup>

Annual new cases of breast cancer in the U.S., 2015*6		
71,030		
52,130		
48,160		

- About 20% of breast cancers occur among women <age 50.<sup>3</sup>
- Younger women (< 40 years of age) are more likely to initially present with late-stage, metastatic disease compared to older women.<sup>4</sup>



# Early detection improves survival rates

- At diagnosis, survival typically is lower among women with more advanced stages of cancer versus earlier stages.<sup>1</sup>
- Historically 36% of women require a mastectomy when diagnosed at an early stage (Stage I, II) compared to 60% when diagnosed with late-stage disease (III, IV).<sup>3</sup>
- Early diagnosis remains the cornerstone of breast cancer control. Screening for breast cancer with mammography detects many cancers before a lump can be felt.

### Not all breast cancers are the same

84.9%

5-year relative survival by stage<sup>1</sup>

25.9%

- There are several types of breast cancer characterized by different presentation, prognosis and treatment success.
- Biomarkers, along with clinical findings, are key to defining breast cancer subtypes.
  Biomarker results (ER, PR, HER2) help predict the benefit of chemotherapy and survival outcomes.<sup>3</sup>

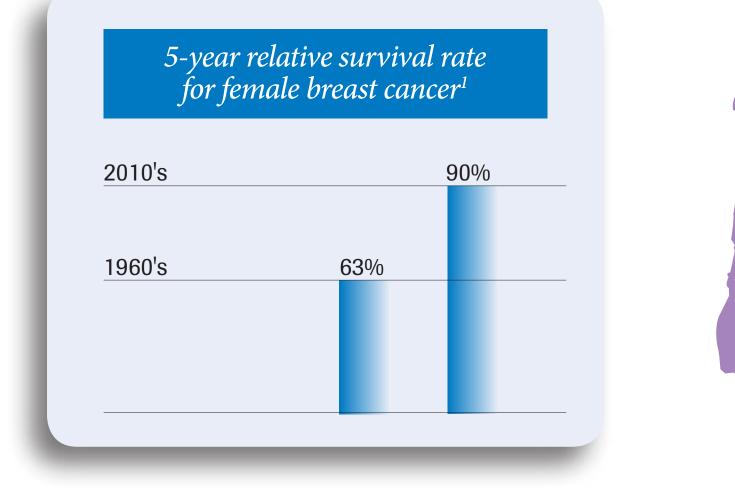
Cancer type	Estrogen/Progesterone positive	HER2 positive
Occurrence rate	<b>74%</b> <sup>6</sup>	15% to 20%⁵
Tumor characteristics	Slow growing, less aggressive	Rapid growth, more aggressive

Hormone therapies and

aromatase inhibitors

HER2 targeted

therapy



## Innovation has improved outcomes

Treatment

- Early detection and innovation, including biomarker testing and treatments, have improved the overall 5-year relative survival rate for female breast cancer patients.<sup>3</sup>
- 20% to 53% of breast cancer patients were misclassified as having benign tumors and progressed to invasive cancer during a 10-year period following the initial diagnosis.<sup>6</sup>
- Earlier detection and more effective therapies have resulted in a declining mortality rate since the 1990s in most countries.<sup>3</sup>

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