



# Breast & Ovarian Cancer Fast Facts

**Every day in Australia:**  
**61 people are diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer**  
**12 people die from breast or ovarian cancer.**

## About Breast Cancer:

- Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia and the most common cancer among females.
- 1 in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- 1 in 600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- 56 Australians are diagnosed with breast cancer every day.
- In the last 10 years, breast cancer diagnoses in Australia have increased by 15%.
- Every day 9 people in Australia will die from breast cancer.
- Since 1994, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer has increased from 76% to 93%.
- The five-year survival rate for metastatic stage IV breast cancer is much lower at 32%.

## About Ovarian Cancer:

- Around 1,815 Australians are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year.
- 49% of those diagnosed with ovarian cancer will survive five years from diagnosis.
- Approximately 1000 lives are lost to ovarian cancer annually in Australia.
- There is no early detection test for ovarian cancer — a pap/cervical smear does not detect ovarian cancer.
- Although a small number of cases are associated with a genetic predisposition, the cause of most cases remains unknown.
- Due to vagueness of symptoms and lack of an early detection test, around 70% of cases are diagnosed when the cancer is in the advanced stages, having already spread to other parts of the body.

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