



About the Breast Health Global Initiative and its Mission

The Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) strives to develop evidence-based, economically feasible and culturally appropriate Guidelines for underdeveloped nations to improve breast-health outcomes.

BHGI is co-sponsored by **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center** in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. and the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**, located in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. The Hutchinson Center is home to three Nobel laureates and is world renowned in cancer research and a global leader in the effort to eliminate cancer as cause of human suffering and death. The Komen Foundation is a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research, community-based outreach programs and advocacy.

For more information about BHGI on the Web, go to www.fhcrc.org/science/phs/bhgi or e-mail program manager Leslie Sullivan, lsulliva@fhcrc.org

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The BHGI Global Alliance

Through the dedication, commitment and support of national and international organizations, individual physicians, scientists, economists and policy makers, and foundation and corporate partners, BHGI's global alliance and its breast-health guidelines are the catalyst for public-health research and efforts to improve breast- health care for women around the world.

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Collaborating Organizations:

International Union Against Cancer (UICC)
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
National Cancer Institute (NCI), Office of International Affairs
International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR)
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of the United Nations
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Breast Surgery International
International Society of Breast Pathology
American Society for Breast Disease
World Society for Breast Health
Middle East Cancer Consortium
International Society for Nurses in Cancer Care

World Health Organization (WHO) Affiliations:

Cancer Control Programme, Health System Policies and Operations
Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

Corporate Partners:

Amgen
AstraZeneca
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Ethicon Endo-Surgery Inc.
Pfizer Inc

Breast Cancer by the Numbers

Although statistics can't tell the entire story about the impact of breast cancer among women, they are a factor driving the need to improve detection and treatment. According to research by the Breast Health Global Initiative:

- Breast cancer is the most prevalent cancer in the world today due to its high incidence and relatively good prognosis. An estimated 4.4 million women are alive today in whom breast cancer was diagnosed within the last five years.
- However, breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer-related deaths among women worldwide.
- More than 1.1 million women worldwide are newly diagnosed with breast cancer annually. This represents about 10 percent of all new cancer cases and 23 percent of all female cancers.
- With more than 410,000 deaths each year, breast cancer accounts for about 14 percent of all female cancer deaths and 1.6 percent of all female deaths worldwide.
- Incidence rates are climbing by as much as 5 percent annually in low-resource countries.

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