

Your guide to Breast Cancer



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What is breast cancer?

Breast cancer is a tumour that starts in the breast tissue. There is no known cause, however your risk may increase due to ageing, direct family members being diagnosed, having breast cancer previously, and lifestyle factors such as excessive alcohol consumption and physical inactivity.



Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women. It ranks as the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in Hong Kong*



One in 14 women in Hong Kong are at risk of developing breast cancer[^]



There were 4,761 new breast cancer cases in 2019 among women in Hong Kong*

58

is the median age of women with breast cancer in Hong Kong*

How can I reduce my risk?#

Exercise regularly

- Do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activities per week



Maintain a healthy body weight and waist circumference

- Body Mass Index (BMI) between 18.5-22.9
- Waist Circumference not more than 80cm for women



Consume less alcohol



*'Prevention and Screening for Breast Cancer Booklet'; Department of Health 2021

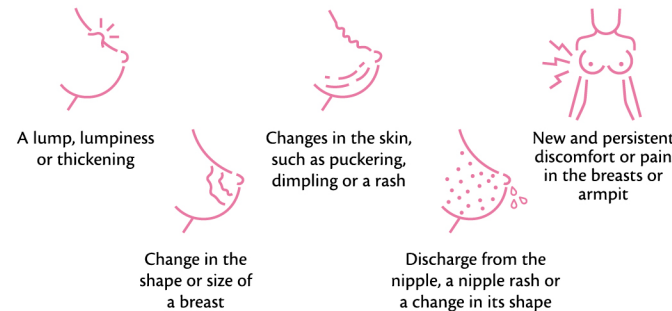
*Hong Kong Cancer Registry, Hospital Authority 2021 (figures in 2019)

[^]Lifetime risk before age 75

Do you know your breasts?

It is common for women's breasts to change. Changes take place during menstruation, pregnancy or when breastfeeding. It is important to know your breasts so you can identify anything unusual.

Breast cancer symptoms



If you notice any of the above changes, please consult your doctor for a clinical breast examination. Checking your breast regularly could save your life!

Check your breasts in 3 easy steps



How can I be screened?

If you detect changes in your breasts, your doctor will examine you and enquire about your family history. Your lymph nodes, underarms, and neck lymph nodes will be examined for swelling, pain, or other abnormal conditions. If there are any unusual findings, further tests will be done to confirm the diagnosis, such as an ultrasound or mammogram.

Mammogram



Young women tend to have denser breast tissue which makes it harder to detect tumors through a mammogram. It is less effective in women under 40 yrs old.

Ultrasound



An ultrasound is used to assess the general condition of the breast. It determines whether a lump is a cyst or a solid mass that could be present and detect if there is swelling in the underarm lymph nodes.

Should I get screened?

All women who consider breast cancer screening should be informed about the benefits and risks. Women at high risk (e.g. carriers of confirmed BRCA 1 or 2 gene mutations, with family history of breast cancer, etc.**) should seek their doctor's advice for screening methods, frequency and starting age. If you notice anything unusual in your breasts, visit your doctor immediately.



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Please show your support to women touched by breast cancer. Make a donation so we can continue to expand our Free breast cancer services. As little as **HK\$150** will provide a **Pink Recovery Pack** to be delivered to women after breast cancer surgery to help with recovery. It offers patients the tools to alleviate pain and ease discomfort as well as an information booklet. To show our appreciation, everyone who donates HK\$150 or more will receive a pink souvenir.



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