



Young women

While breast cancer in young women accounts for a small percentage of all breast cancer cases, the impact of this disease is widespread: There are more than 250,000 women age 40 and under in the U.S. living with breast cancer¹, and over 11,500 young women will be diagnosed in the next year². But, despite the fact that breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in women ages 15 to 54³:

- Many young women and their doctors are unaware that they may be at risk for breast cancer.
- There is no effective breast cancer screening tool for women 40 and under.
- Young women are often diagnosed at a later stage than their older counterparts.
- There is very little research or educational material focused on issues unique to this younger population, such as fertility, pregnancy, genetic predisposition, the impact of hormonal status on the effectiveness of treatment, psychosocial and long-term survivorship issues, and higher mortality rates for young women, particularly for African-Americans and Latinas.
- Young women diagnosed with breast cancer often feel isolated and have little contact with peers who can relate to what they are experiencing.

For these reasons, the Young Survival Coalition is working to change the face of breast cancer and increase the quality and quantity of life for all young women affected by this disease.

The Young Survival Coalition is the only international network of breast cancer survivors and supporters dedicated to the critical concerns and issues unique to young women and breast cancer. Through action, advocacy, and awareness, the YSC seeks to educate and influence the medical, research, breast cancer, and legislative communities to address breast cancer in women 40 and under, and to serve as a point of contact for young women living with breast cancer.

What Can You Do?

Help support the YSC by volunteering or making a donation today! Log on to www.youngsurvival.org or call 212-206-6610 or 877-YSC-1011. Together we will change the face of breast cancer and improve the quality and quantity of life for all young women affected by this disease.

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