

Overview



The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF) is dedicated to ending breast cancer by advancing the world's most promising research. Our investigators have been a part of every major breakthrough in breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and metastasis. Your fundraising supports these top scientists and helps bring us one step closer to a world without breast cancer.

Key Facts

YOUR IMPACT

- \$50 funds one hour of research.
- \$100 funds five liquid biopsy collection kits for a clinical trial.
- \$500 funds one patient's DNA sequencing in a BCRF-supported lab.
- \$2,500 funds one patient's enrollment in a BCRF-supported clinical trial.

BCRF BY THE NUMBERS

- BCRF supports more than 260 researchers in 16 countries.
- Metastatic (a.k.a stage 4) breast cancer research comprises nearly half of BCRF's annual research investment.
- Since 2016, the FDA has approved 18 new breast cancer treatments—13 of them for metastatic breast cancer—based on the clinical findings of BCRF investigators and others.

WHY BREAST CANCER

- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide.
- One in eight women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.
- Every two minutes, a woman in the U.S. is diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Every 14 seconds, somewhere in the world, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.
- There are more than 4 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today.
- Metastatic breast cancer—when the disease spreads outside the breast to other organs—is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women. Thanks to research, metastatic breast cancer can now be treated, but it cannot be cured.
- An estimated 200,000 American women are living with metastatic breast cancer and waiting on research breakthroughs.

WHY BCRF

- Deaths from breast cancer have decreased by 44% since BCRF's founding. Only research will save more lives.
- BCRF is the highest-rated breast cancer research organization in the country.
- BCRF-funded investigators have been deeply involved in every major breakthrough in breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, metastasis, and survivorship.
- This year, BCRF is the largest private funder of breast cancer research worldwide.
- This year, BCRF is the largest private funder of metastatic breast cancer research worldwide and supports the largest global effort to study metastatic breast cancer (the AURORA US and EU programs).
- To learn more about BCRF-supported breakthroughs since our founding, [click here](#).

Timely Topics in Breast Cancer

BREAST CANCER DISPARITIES

We've made significant progress against breast cancer. Case in point: Deaths from the disease have declined by a dramatic 44 percent over the last 30 years. But this incredible progress has not been experienced equitably. In the U.S., women of different races and ethnicities experience breast cancer very differently, leading to preventable later-stage diagnoses and deaths.

For many years, BCRF has been—and remains—committed to addressing these unacceptable disparities.

Key facts:

- Black women are 40 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than white women, despite being diagnosed at slightly lower rates.
- Native American women are eight percent more likely to die from breast cancer than white women, despite being diagnosed at lower rates.

BREAST CANCER RISING IN YOUNGER WOMEN

We've long known that breast cancer incidence is on the rise. New reports indicate that breast cancer is on the rise specifically in younger women under the age of 50. BCRF is working to reverse this trend and make breast cancer care better for younger women by developing better screening, improving risk assessment, understanding the biology of younger women's breast cancers, and more.

Key facts:

- Women between the ages of 30 and 39 had an almost eight percent increase in breast cancer over a 10-year period.
- Among women aged 20 to 39, incidence rates were highest among Black women.