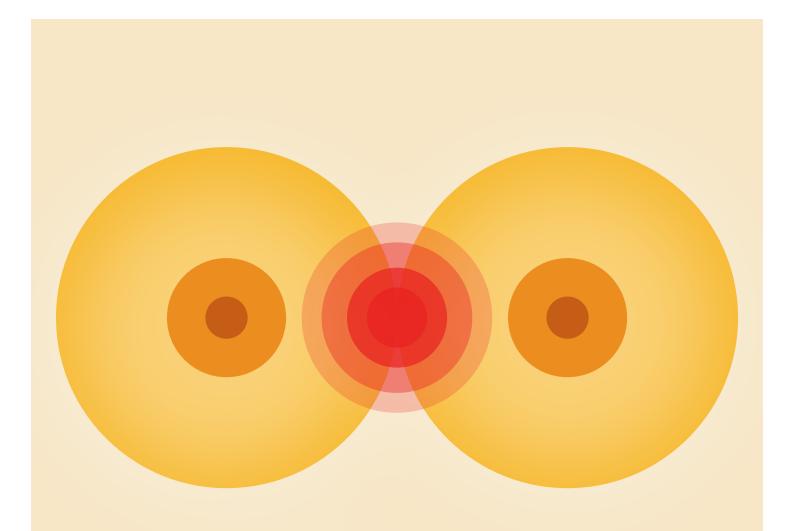
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Breast cancer is a common disease.

1 in 10 women has breast cancer.

Breast cancer is more common when you're older.

Early detection

is finding a disease before symptoms occur.

Breast

is what doctors call the boob.

What can I do to prevent breast cancer?

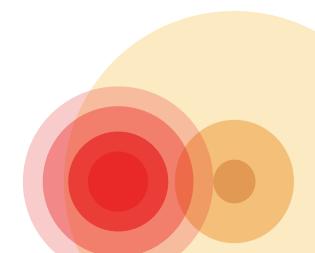
When the breast cancer is very small, it can be detected early and when it is detected early it is almost always treatable.

Detect

is to discover that something exists.

Although the breast cancer may be very small, it can be detected through a test called a mammogram, which is quick and simple.

Almost all breast cancers can be detected with a mammogram.



What is a mammogram?

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast.

Two images of each breast will be taken.

It is necessary to flatten the breast

to get a clear view of it during the mammogram.

It may hurt a little upon pressing.

Detecting breast cancer early is very important, which is why the Ministry of Health gives women between 45–69 years of age the chance to get a mammogram for free every two years.

How can you get a mammogram?

You'll get a letter at home telling you what you need to do.
You can also ask your doctor.
After your first mammogram,
you'll receive a letter every two years for the following check-ups.

How will you know the results?

The results of the mammogram will be sent by post to your home, as well as to your doctor.

When the results are negative,
this means that your breast is normal
and you don't have cancer.
You may be told to get the mammogram done again
if the images cannot be seen clearly.

When the results are doubtful, it's difficult to say whether you have breast cancer or not. In this case, you'll have to see your doctor so that they can run other tests on you.

Some tips

On the day of your mammogram,
don't apply anything to your breast or armpits
to get a clearer view.

To get the mammogram done, you'll have to remove all clothing from the waist up.

It's important for you to be familiar with your breasts.

This is why you have to do a breast self-exam every so often, so you'll notice if there's any change

or you feel a lump.

See your doctor when you find something unusual in your breast, even if you've just had a mammogram done recently.

Get a mammogram whenever you get a call.

Once is not enough.

GO WHENEVER YOU GET A CALL



Breast self-exam

is examining your breasts with the flat of your hand to check for lumps.

Mammography units

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