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 of women
 diagnosed with
early-stage breast cancer
 will survive
 more than **5** years.

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Patient-Centered Care

The Breast Cancer Team at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI) provides comprehensive, individualized care to individuals who have:

- A higher than average risk for the disease
- Precancerous abnormalities
- Breast cancer

National Leaders in Breast Cancer

RPCI has taken a leadership role in the development of breast cancer treatment guidelines published by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and participates in national breast cancer studies to improve the prevention, detection and treatment of breast cancer.

FOR WOMEN AT HIGH RISK...

The Breast Cancer Risk Assessment and Prevention Program is for women concerned about their risk because they have these or other risk factors:

- More than two close relatives with breast cancer
- A relative diagnosed with breast cancer at a young age
- A family or personal history of a gene mutation or ovarian cancer
- A personal history of an abnormal breast biopsy

Women who are at above average risk can obtain a comprehensive breast cancer risk assessment, regular clinical breast exams, breast imaging, genetic counseling and testing, risk reduction strategies and clinical trials.

Breast Resource Center

The Western New York Breast Resource Center, located in the Breast Cancer Center at Roswell Park, is open to patients served by any health care provider in Western New York and provides important information, resources and support. **716-845-4432**



Flaxseed for Breast Cancer

Roswell Park is offering two clinical research studies to evaluate the impact of flaxseed, a food commonly consumed as a dietary supplement which is a rich source of lignan.

One study (81906), designed for premenopausal women with a high risk of breast cancer, will help determine if consuming flaxseed has the potential to reduce their risk. (Swati Kulkarni, MD)

A second study (99507), will compare how well flaxseed and/or anastrozole (Arimidex) works in treating postmenopausal women who will be having surgery for newly diagnosed early stage breast cancer. (Swati Kulkarni, MD)

Dr. Stephen Edge, MD, Chief of Breast Surgery at RPCI, helps to write the national treatment guidelines for breast cancer.



Have you had a mammogram lately?

In 2008,

only 79.9% of New York women over age 40 had a screening mammogram in the past 2 years.



Jennifer Hydeman – WNY Komen Grant



Jennifer Hydeman, PhD, is a medical psychologist who helps to meet the counseling and emotional support needs of our patients. She was recently awarded a WNY Komen for the Cure Grant to study how we can better support breast cancer patients during their transition from active treatment to survivorship. The project will help identify patients who are dealing with the transition, and provide them with appropriate educational materials, resources and referrals for psychosocial services.

Reaching Out

The Office of Cancer Health Disparities Research offers an array of programs for minorities and medically underserved patients in Western New York.

The Witness Project

The Witness Project is a screening and prevention program for African-American women and provides education about early cancer detection through stories told by breast and cervical cancer survivors during programs held in churches and community settings. The program also provides cancer risk assessments and helps women access cancer services.

Esperanza y Vida

This program is designed to increase breast and cervical cancer screening in Hispanic women who live in rural and urban areas. The program also investigates barriers to cancer care.

The Witness Project was originally developed in Arkansas by Deborah Erwin, PhD, who now directs RPCI's Cancer Health Disparities Program.

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Approximately 1,300 women in Western New York will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

To receive cancer information, please call the Cancer Information Program at 1-877-ASK-RPCI (1-877-275-7724) or e-mail us at ASKRPCI@RoswellPark.org.