

Breast & Ovarian Cancer Fast Facts

12 women die each day from breast and ovarian cancer.

About Breast Cancer:

- Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia.
- 1 in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- Approximately 1 in 600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- Approximately 57 Australians are diagnosed with breast cancer every day.
- In the last 10 years, rates of breast cancer diagnoses have increased by 33%.
- This year, it is expected that 9 Australians will die from breast cancer each day.
- Since 1994, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer has increased from 76% to 92%
- The survival rate for metastatic stage IV breast cancer is much lower at 32%.

About Ovarian Cancer:

- Around 1,815 Australians are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year
- 49% of those diagnosed with ovarian cancer will survive five years from diagnosis
- Most patients experience a recurrence within two years of diagnosis where the cancer develops chemo-resistance and becomes difficult to treat
- Approximately 1000 lives are lost to ovarian cancer annually in Australia
- Ovarian cancer is the sixth most common cause of death from cancer among females in Australia
- There is no early detection test for ovarian cancer — a pap/cervical smear does not detect ovarian cancer
- Although a small number of cases are associated with a genetic predisposition, the cause of most cases remains unknown
- Ovarian cancer symptoms are often vague and many women have no apparent symptoms until the cancer has spread. Hence, majority of patients are diagnosed in the advanced stages 3 and 4.

By participating in the Mother's Day Classic, you're helping fund essential research that will improve the lives of anyone touched by breast or ovarian cancer.