

# Breast Cancer...

*not just a disease of older women*



## Facts

- ◆ over 400 young women (15-39 years) are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in Ontario
- ◆ about 60 diagnosed will die
- ◆ incidence in young women (15-39 years) is increasing
- ◆ breast cancer does not always start as a lump
- ◆ breast cancer can spread (bones, liver, lungs, brain)
- ◆ breast cancer in young women is often very aggressive
- ◆ early detection saves lives

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