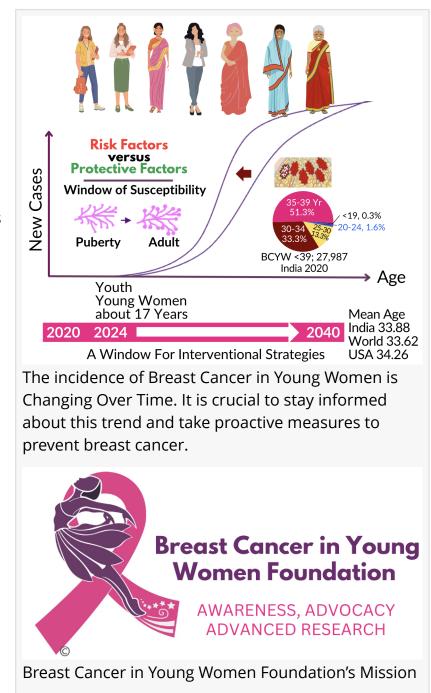


Insights, Predictions, and Pathways for Interventions to Address Rising Breast Cancer Incidence in Young Women

Youth and Young Adult Awareness Initiative: Empowering Young Women for a Healthier Future

DENVER, COLORADO, UNITED STATES, March 5, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide and is increasingly found in women under 40. This shift towards younger ages has raised concerns, particularly as many young women and teenagers may not consider themselves at risk, often seeing breast cancer as a concern for older women.

The World Health Organization predicts that the number of breast cancer cases in young women under 39 will continue to increase globally until 2040, with an average onset age of around 33.62 years globally (and 33.88 for India and 34.26 for the US). This projection suggests that many young women diagnosed in 2040 will be around plus-17 years in 2024. This projection indicates that young women diagnosed in 2040 will be around 17 in 2024. This offers us a clear window for intervention through targeted awareness at the grassroots and the early diagnosis of the disease – a core



program of the Breast Cancer in Young Women (BCYW) Foundation. Even though age-adjusted

breast cancer rates in India are lower than in some Western countries, the urgency to address this issue remains the same. The BCYW Foundation emphasizes the value of saving even one young woman's life from breast cancer, highlighting their vital role in our society today and in the time to come.



In recent years, healthcare professionals and researchers have been trying to figure out exactly why more young women are getting breast cancer and to understand the nature of causative triggers fully. This also presents an opportunity to help slow down this trend by making people aware. We need to look closely at possible reasons for the rise in breast cancer cases among young women, find better ways to prevent it, and make sure young women (and their families) today have the information they need to avoid breast cancer in the future. The BCYW Foundation aims to empower young women with knowledge and awareness, promoting a future where the death of a young woman from breast cancer is rare.

To kickstart conversations on prevention, raise awareness among youth and young women and the community, and minimize its devastating consequences in later years, the BCYW Foundation has published an article, "Understanding the Rising Breast Cancer Among Young Women: Biological Insights, Projections, and an Opportunity Window Leading up to 2040" in the Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology. The article sheds light on the increase in breast cancer cases among young women from 1984 to 2020 and projected trends up to 2040. It explores possible causes beyond genetic factors (which only explain about 10-15% of cases) and discusses what makes breast cancer in young women different from cases in older women. It also emphasizes the importance of understanding how lifestyle, environment, genetics, and hormonal changes can increase the risk of breast cancer from puberty onwards. Though the article focuses on India, the issues and solutions discussed equally apply to other countries experiencing a similar rise in BCYW cases.

This complex interaction underscores the critical period of puberty to adolescence as a time when the cells in the mammary gland are most vulnerable to factors that could lead to breast cancer. The article advocates focusing on this developmental period to prevent breast cancer in young women, highlighting the need for awareness and education on the importance of early detection and healthy lifestyle choices. It explains why addressing this issue is crucial for women's health.

The BCYW Foundation has launched an educational series, <u>#HerBreastCareInsights</u>, to disseminate the latest findings in breast health research in an accessible format. Additionally, the foundation and its global partners promote grassroots programs to educate young women about breast health, how to spot early signs of breast cancer, and how their lifestyle choices can

affect their risk of getting the disease later in life.

In short, young women are encouraged to take responsibility for empowering themselves with the knowledge necessary to prevent breast cancer, be aware of their breast health, maintain it, and become familiar with their bodies to detect any irregularities promptly. This is a critical early detection proactive step that could significantly increase the chances of successful treatment, paving the way for a future where young women can live free from the threat of breast cancer. Young women could also be vigilant ambassadors for spreading awareness about selfmonitoring and early cancer detection in their everyday circles.

The BCYW Foundation relies on individual and corporate contributions and collaborations to raise funds necessary to support its mission. Please visit the Foundation's website to get involved, learn more, or donate.

About: The BCYW Foundation focuses exclusively on core issues related to breast cancer in young women. The BCYW Foundation is a coalition of compassionate volunteers with a shared purpose: to make a difference in the lives of young women affected by breast cancer. The Breast Cancer in Young Women Foundation International visionary team includes breast cancer oncologists, surgeons, scientists, advocates, outreach experts, BCYW survivors, nongovernmental organizations, and global ambassadors for 20 countries with its awareness material in 13 international languages and bi-lingual inspiring stories of brave breast cancer survivors in many international languages.

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