Mammograms can detect breast cancer early, allowing for more effective treatment. Over 20% of women in Illinois are NOT up to date with screening recommendations.

New diagnoses of breast cancer in Illinois have increased over time. Fortunately, death rates have declined.

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed in their lifetime

White women are diagnosed with breast cancer most frequently, but death rates are highest in black women

Screening

Screening can REDUCE the impact of breast cancer by detecting it early, before symptoms present

Screening for breast cancer should take place from AGE 50-74 every two years

If you have a family history of breast cancer, screening may need to begin earlier

Talk to your doctor.

NOTE: All cancer incidence and mortality data are specific to Illinois residents. Five-year survival estimates reflect age standardized, relative survival. Methods are described in the ‘Cancer in North America: 2011-2015’ report, cited below. All presented rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard million population. Unless otherwise noted, displayed incidence and mortality rates have been calculated for the 2016 calendar year.

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