

Natural History and Epidemiology of Breast Cancer

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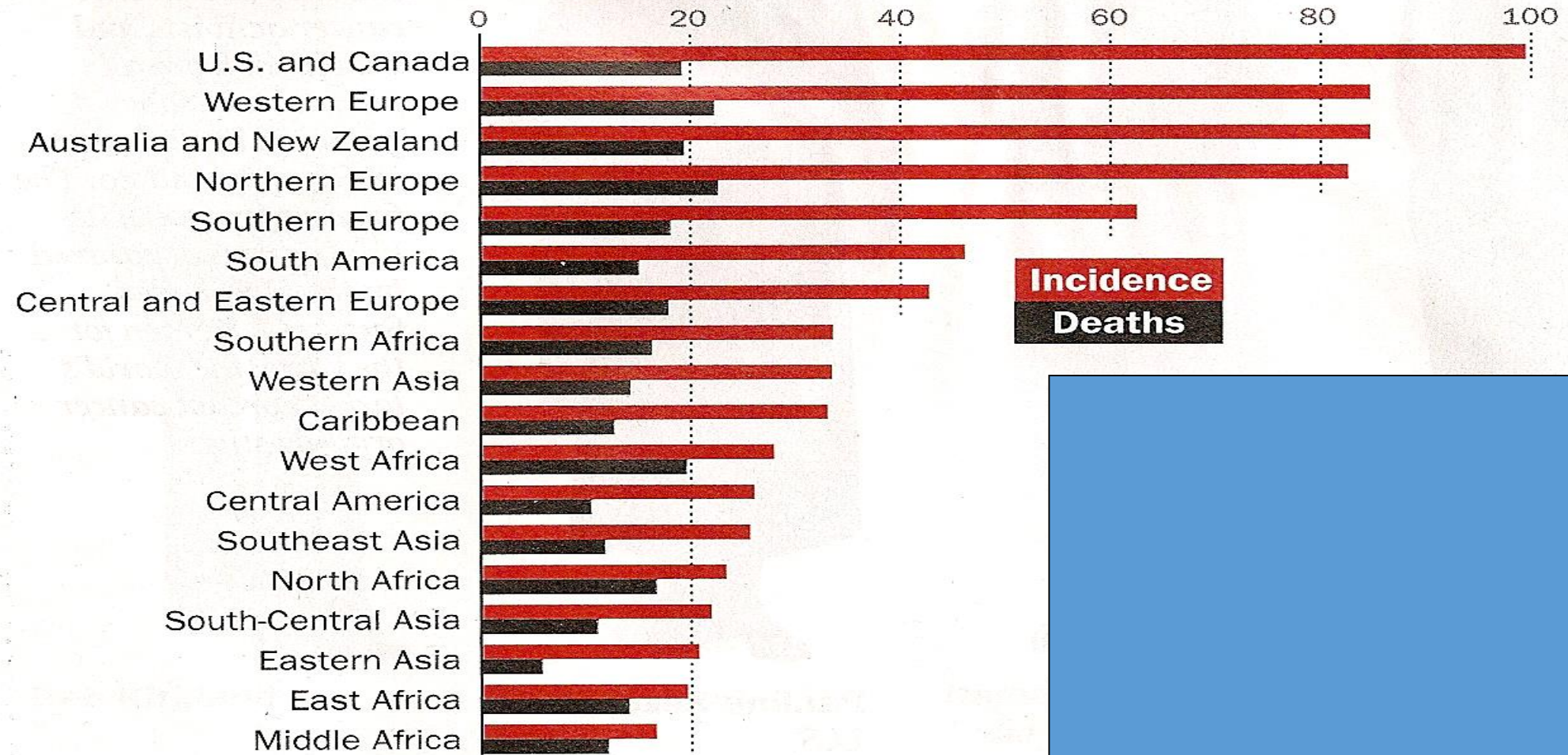
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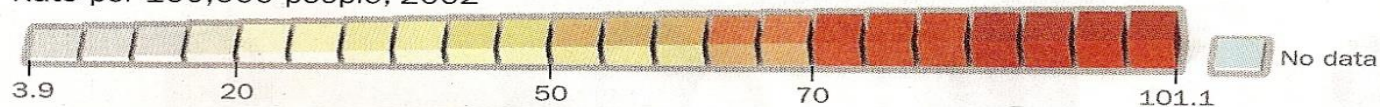


A Disease Breaks Free

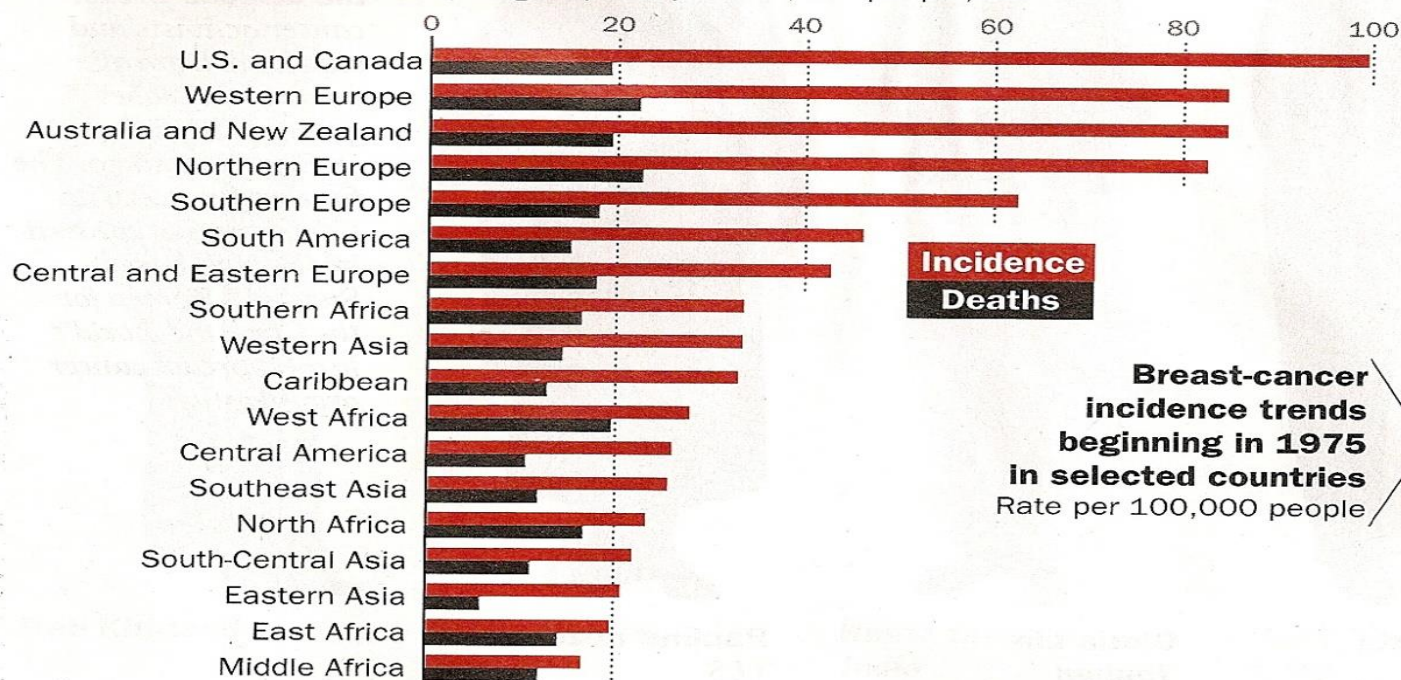
Breast cancer is on the rise. Big countries have the most cases but not always the highest incidence (cases per 100,000 people). Rates in the developing world may be even worse than the spotty data show

The map shows breast-cancer incidence by country

Rate per 100,000 people, 2002

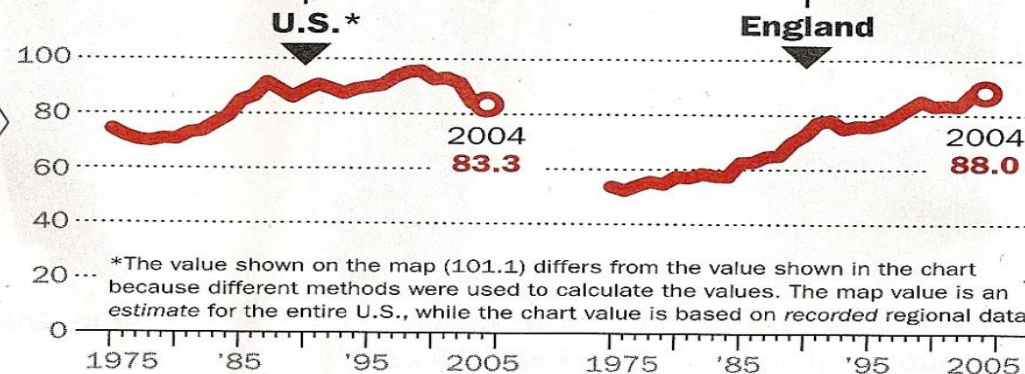


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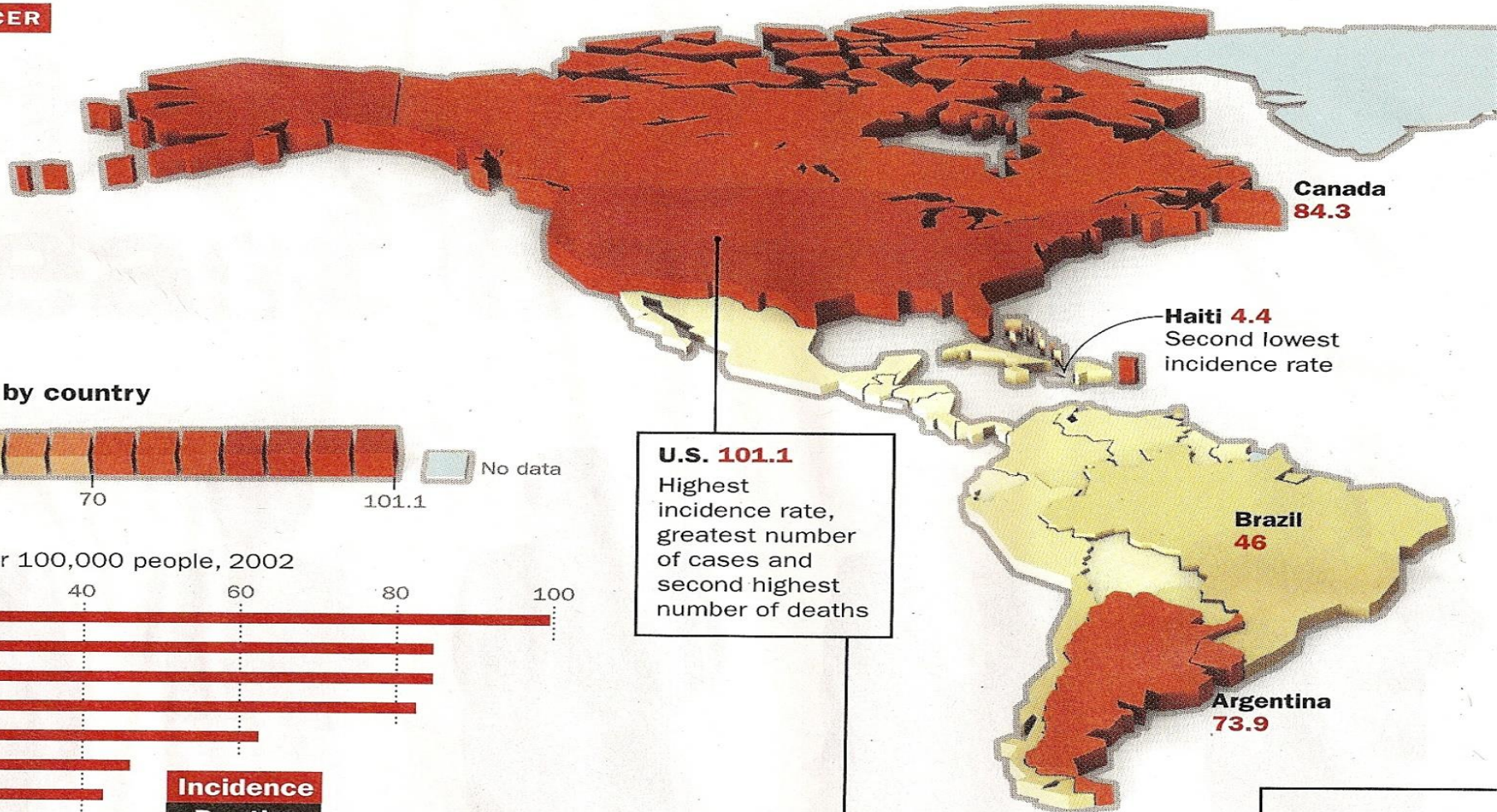


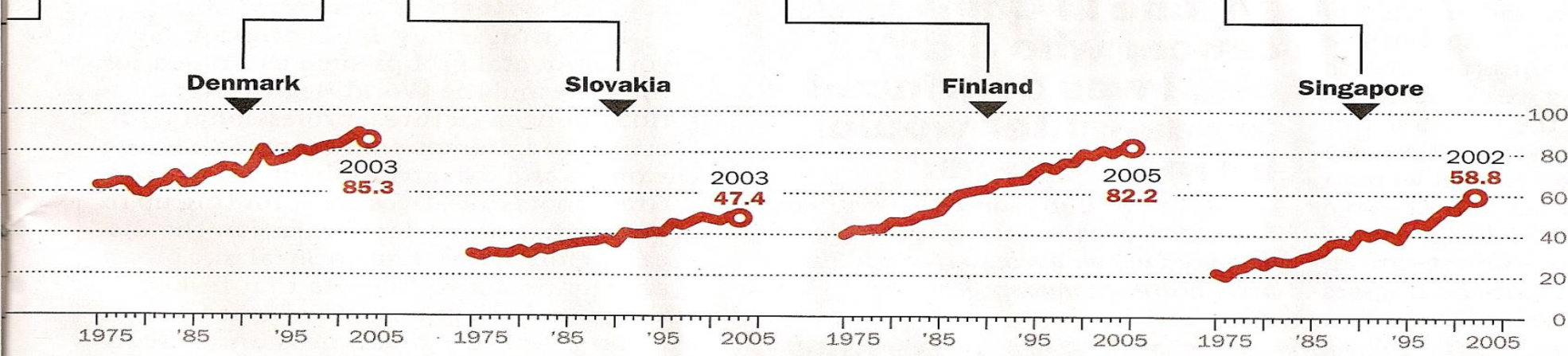
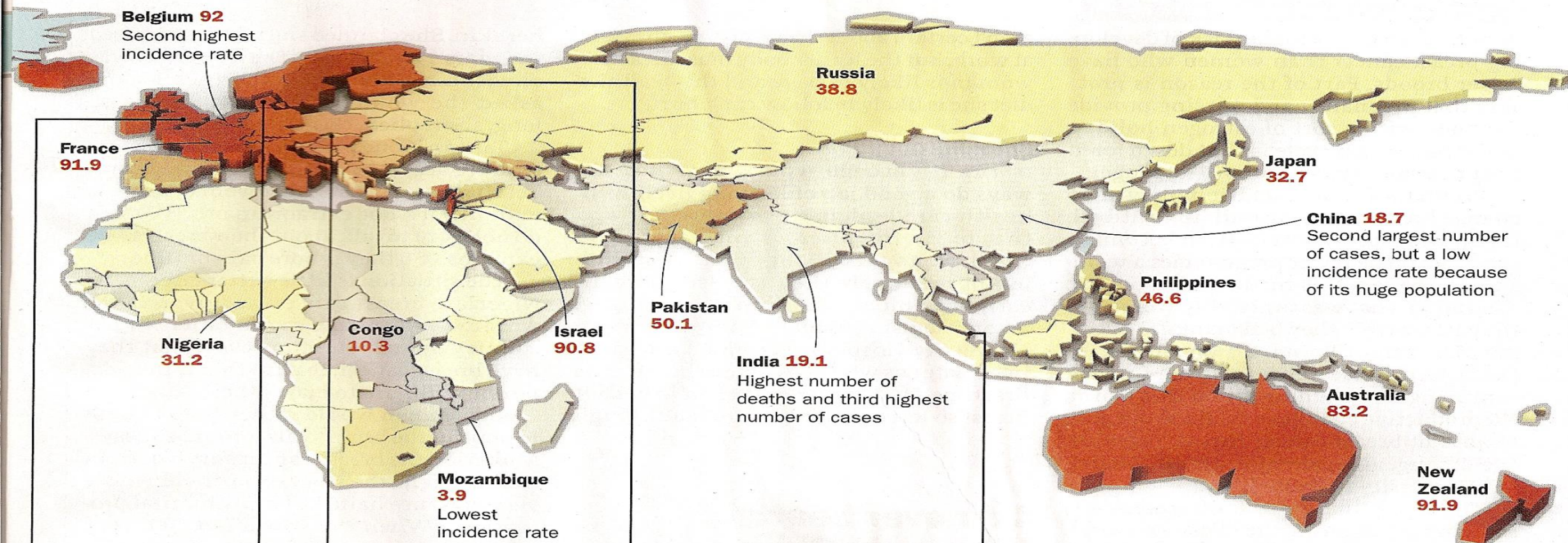
Incidence
Deaths

Breast-cancer incidence trends beginning in 1975 in selected countries
Rate per 100,000 people



*The value shown on the map (101.1) differs from the value shown in the chart because different methods were used to calculate the values. The map value is an estimate for the entire U.S., while the chart value is based on recorded regional data





Note: All rates are age-standardized.
Sources: International Agency for Research on Cancer; Danish Cancer Society, www.ancr.nu; National Cancer Institute, www.seer.cancer.gov; National Health Information Center of the Slovak Republic, www.nor-sk.org; U.K.: National Statistics, www.statistics.gov.uk; National Cancer Center Singapore, www.nccs.com.sg

Lifetime Risk of Breast Cancer

- American Women

- 1 in 8 will develop breast cancer
- 12.15% of women born today
- Over 87% will **NOT** develop breast cancer

- European Women

- 1 in 9
- 11% of women born today
- 89% will not develop breast cancer

Lifetime Risk of Breast Cancer in the US

- 13.2 percent for 2000 through 2002
- 12.7 percent for 2001 through 2003
- 12.3 percent for 2002 through 2004
- 12.0 percent for 2003 through 2005
- 12.1 percent for 2004 through 2006

US Women Today with Breast Cancer History

- 2,591,855
- Breast Cancer Detected Early is a **CURABLE** disease
- ***BREAST CANCER IS NOT A DEATH SENTENCE!!!!***

Decrease in Mortality from Breast CA

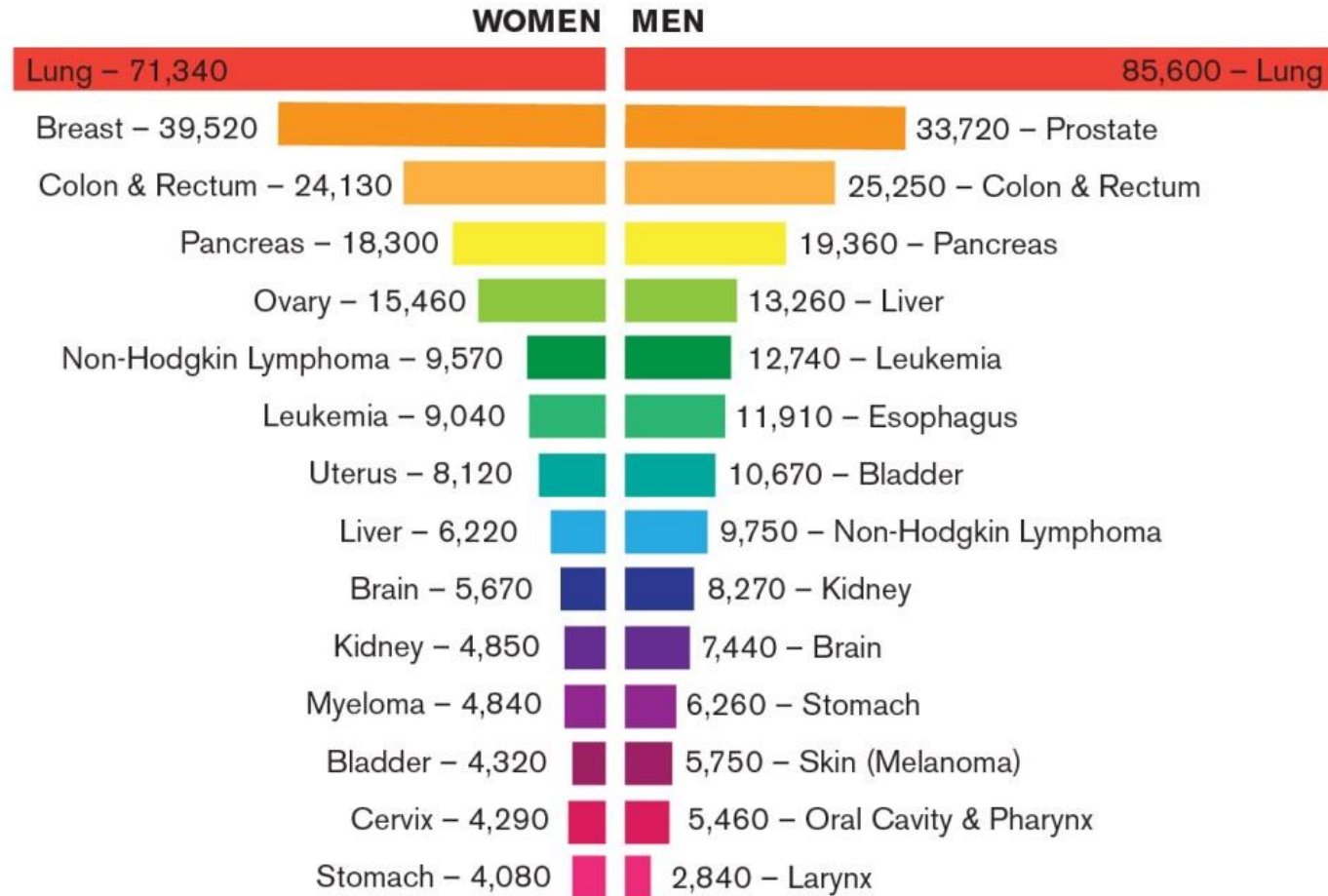
- From 1975-1990 the death rate from breast cancer increased by 0.4% annually
- Between 1990 and 2002 the rate decreased by 2.3% annually
- Percentage of decline was greater among younger women
 - 1990-2002 decreased by 3.3% in women < 50
 - 2.0% in women > 50

Breast Cancer

- Optimal would be prevention
- Initial approaches to significant risk reduction with goal of prevention
 - TAMOXIFEN as a risk reduction strategy (44% reduction of ER+, PR+ Breast cancer)
- must detect when localized and there by curable

Leading Cancer Killers

Estimated number of cancer deaths for 2011.



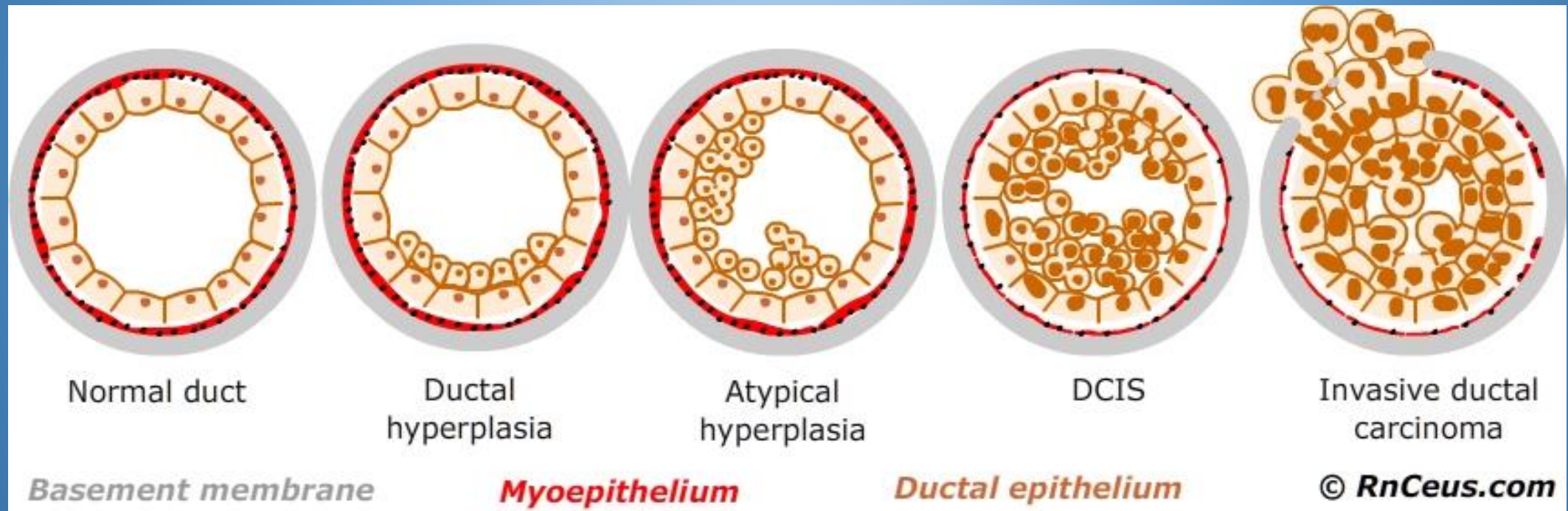
Source: Cancer Facts & Figures 2011, American Cancer Society

How Does Breast Cancer Occur?

- Multi-factorial
 - Spontaneous mutation
 - Familial
 - Gene mutations
 - BrCA 1 /2
 - Complex interaction of host and tumor
 - Immune
 - More common in developed nations
 - Increasing in developing nations

The multi-step model of carcinogenesis

- Normal breast tissue transitions to atypical hyperplasia and *in situ* carcinoma before transitioning to invasive cancer



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Breast Cancer

- Not all breast cancer has an obligatory in-Situ phase
- Rarely have DCIS component in cancer of BrCA-1 patients
 - Do see it in BrCA-2 patients

Benign, Malignant and Something in Between

- Atypical hyperplasia an overproduction and accumulation of abnormal cells in the breast
- Signifies and increased risk of breast cancer (4-5 X)
- Possible pre-cursor to breast cancer
- Atypia at minimally invasive biopsy warrants surgical excision to exclude cancer in the area of the atypia
 - 10 – 25% likelihood of malignancy at surgical excisional biopsy
 - Ongoing studies to utilize molecular markers to determine which atypia warrant surgical excision and which are innocuous
 - Until then, all to surgical excision

Atypia

- ADH associated with higher risk than previously thought
 - 3.88 fold increased risk
 - If multi-focal 10.35 fold increased risk
 - Younger women (<45) have a higher risk of cancer with Atypia
 - 6.76 fold
- Family history of cancer not contributory

Atypia (ADH and ALH)

- Recent study demonstrating far higher risk associated with atypia
 - 30% at 25 years of follow-up of 698-patient cohort of women with atypical hyperplasia
 - 5 years, the incidence was 6.6%. It then climbed to 12.6% at 10 years, 19.4% at 15 years, 23.1% at 20 years, and 30.3% at 25 years
 - In a normal, healthy population, only about 8% of women would be expected to develop breast cancer in a similar 25-year period
 - 15 Year Follow Up;
 - Single focus 14.2%
 - 23.3% for women with two foci and
 - 34.4% for women with three foci or more
- Relative risk reductions in the atypical hyperplasia subgroups ranged from 41% to 79

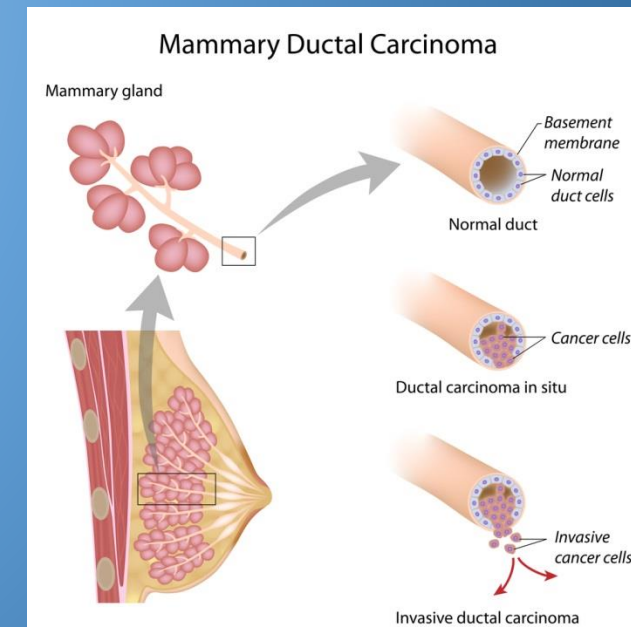
Lobular Neoplasia

- Group of lobular atypia
 - ALH, LCIS
- At minimally invasive biopsy associated with \approx 25% upgrade at surgical excision
 - More controversial than ADH

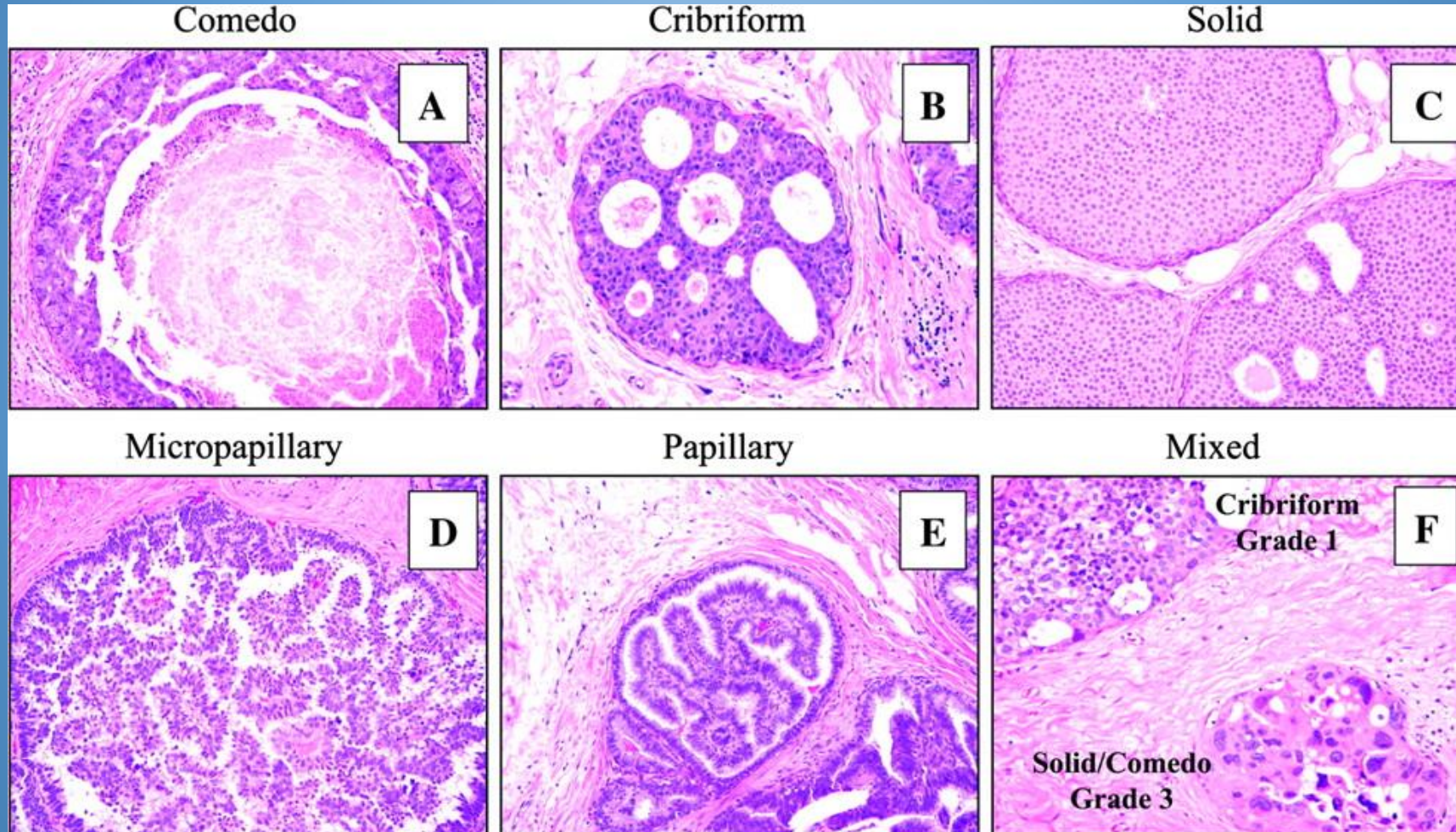
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Noninvasive Breast Cancers

- In Situ
 - Ductal Carcinoma In Situ
 - Potential to progress to invasive
 - about 1/3 of DCIS cases will develop into invasive cancer if untreated
 - Need molecular markers to determine which DCIS have the biological potential to break through the basement membrane and which do not
 - Treatment is lumpectomy and radiation therapy or mastectomy

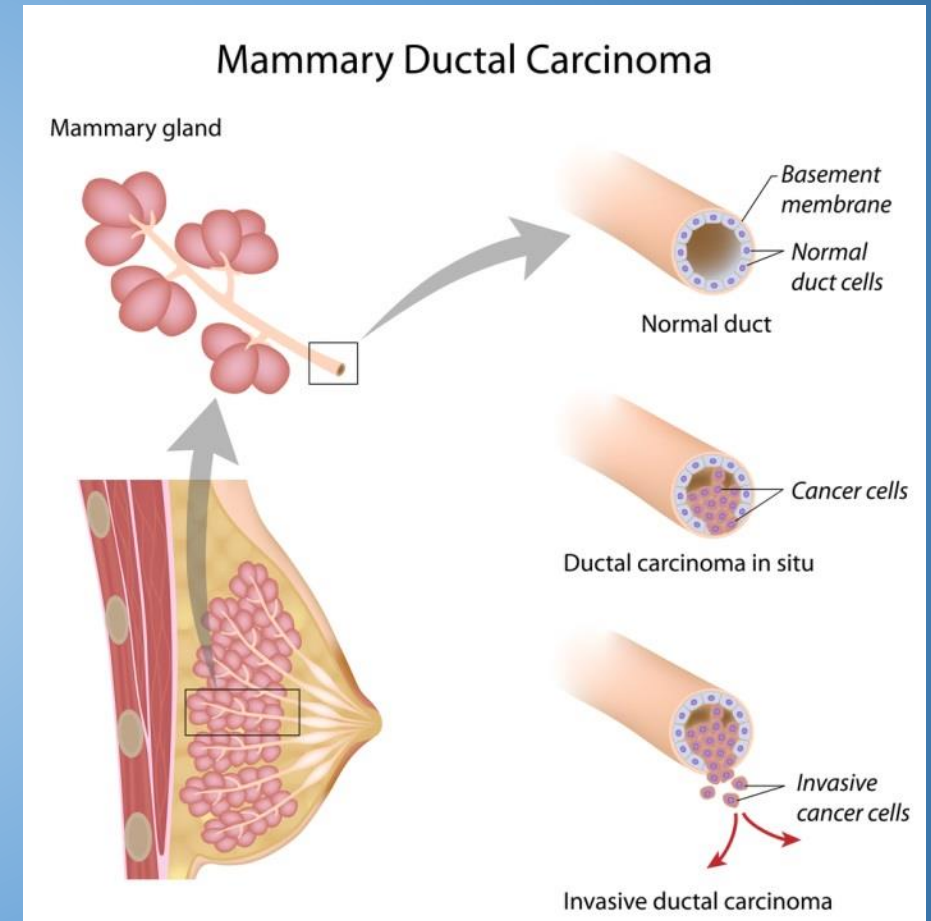


DCIS



Invasive Cancers

- Infiltrating carcinoma have broken through the basement membrane
- Potential for metastases



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Breast Cancer Screening

- X-ray Mammography
 - Proven mortality reduction
 - 30% reduction in breast cancer mortality
 - Half due to screening
- Screening Breast Ultrasound
 - Adjunct imaging for increased risk and limitation of mammography in women with dense breast tissue
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
 - Physiologic imaging
 - BrCA +
 - Post RT for Hodgkins during adolescence
- Breast Specific Gamma Imaging (BSGI)
- Screening options vary depending upon level of risk and age
- Goal is to detect breast cancer when it is a localized and treatable disease
 - 95% stage 0 and 1 breast cancer curable

Risk/ Individualized Screening

- Normal risk
 - < 15% lifetime risk
 - Mammography
- Intermediate Risk
 - 15-20% lifetime risk
 - Screening breast ultrasound
- High Risk
 - >20% lifetime risk
 - Physiologic Imaging
 - MRI
 - BSGI

Breast Cancer Screening

- Mainstay for breast cancer screening
- Proven mortality reduction
 - Overall 30% reduction in mortality from breast cancer
 - Half due to screening
 - Half due to improved therapy
- Recommendations
 - Annual mammography 40 + (ACS, ACR, ACS)
 - 5-10 years earlier than age at diagnosis of first degree relative
 - BrCA+ age 25-30

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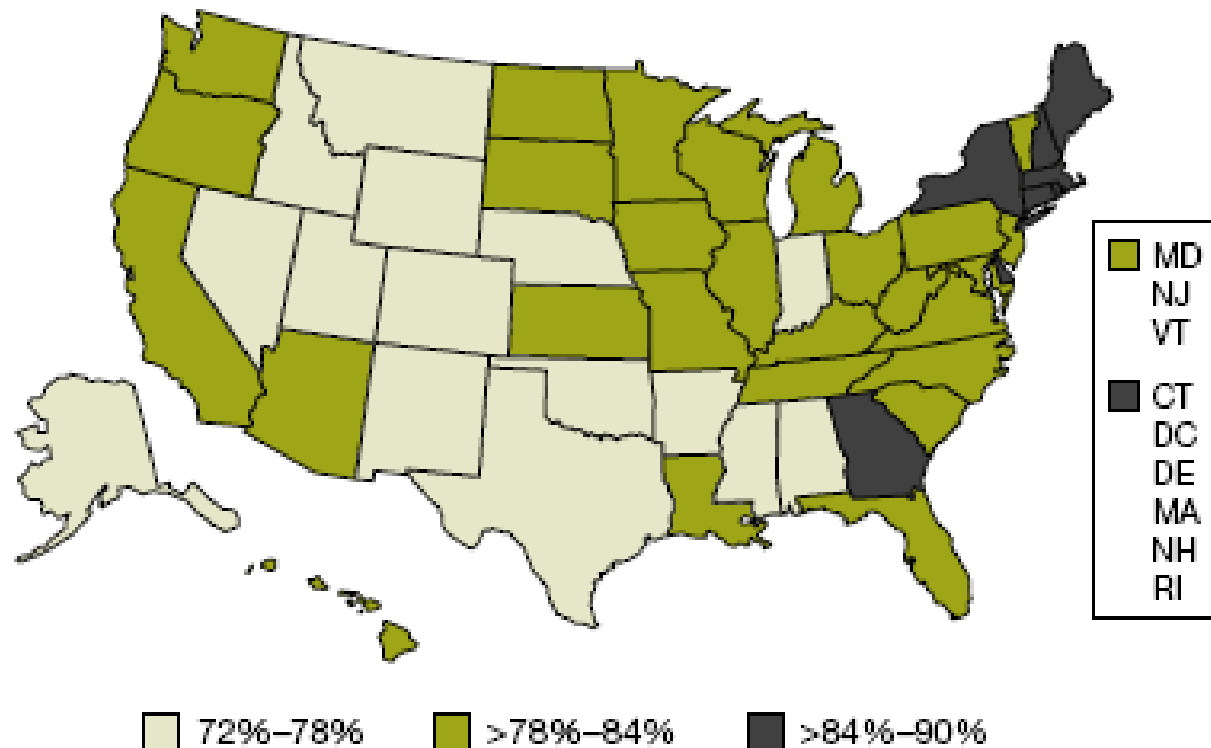
Screening Mammography: Controversy

- Controversies
- Imperfect examination
 - 85% sensitivity
 - Decreases to 65% in women with dense breast tissue
 - Women with dense breast tissue are the largest population of intermediate risk women
 - Dense tissue is a strong independent risk factor (2-6 fold increased risk)
 - Additional imaging modalities to detect mammographically occult cancer are now available
 - Dense breast inform acts are now law in 21 states and increasing

Dense Breast Tissue

- 21 states have enacted density inform laws
- National bill before congress
- Perfect storm
 - Mammography is less sensitive
 - Risk is increased
 - Therefore additional screening modalities are necessary
 - Screening breast ultrasound
 - Hand held
 - Automated
 - Nearly doubles number of cancers detected
 - Clinically significant cancers
 - Invasive
 - Small
 - Node negative

Breast Cancer Screening Prevalence,* 2008



* Mammogram use in past 2 years among women aged 50–74 years in the United States.

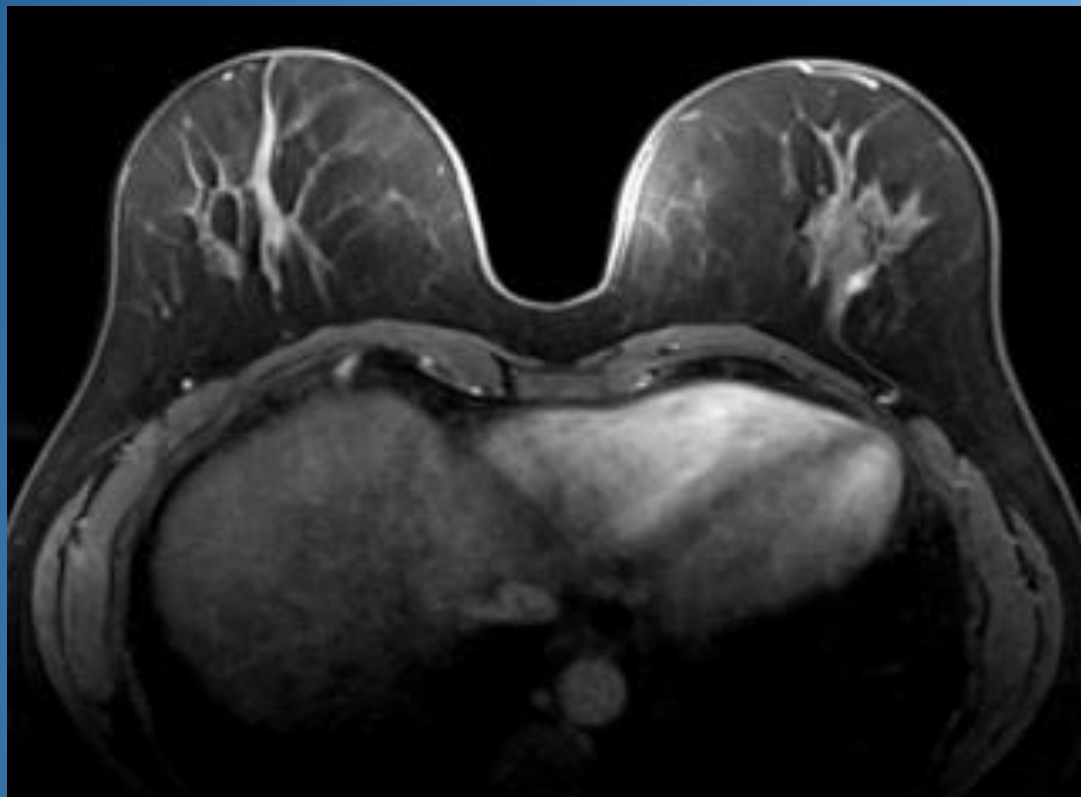
Source: CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2008.

Screening: Breast Ultrasound

- Whole breast US has been studied as a supplemental screening tool in high-risk women with dense breasts, improving sensitivity from 50% to 77.5% when used in addition to mammography
- However, screening breast ultrasound yields elevated false-positive rates compared to mammography alone, revealing a positive predictive value (PPV3) for biopsy of only 8.9% compared with 23% for mammography

Screening: MRI

- Breast MRI is now recommended as a supplemental screening tool to mammography for high-risk women (≥ 20 -25% lifetime risk) starting at 30 years old
- MRI uses a physiologic approach, requiring injection of contrast
- Sensitivity of 88-95%
- Associated with increased cost, inaccessibility to patients who are obese or have implanted devices or renal insufficiency, and workflow issues
- Used in women with newly diagnosed breast cancer
 - 10% have occult focus of breast cancer

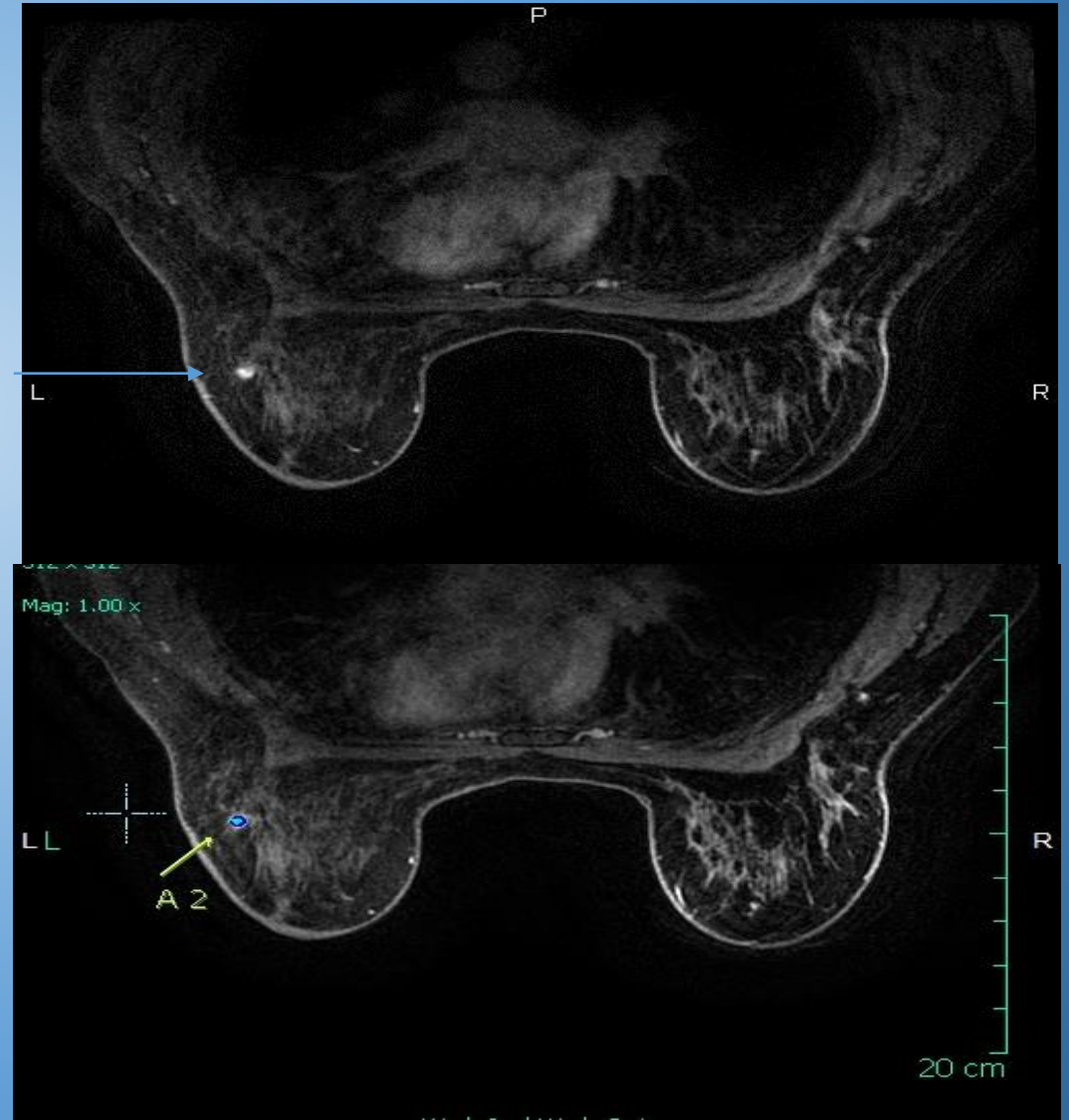


MRI 10.17.2013



New 6mm spiculated enhancing mass anterior and inferolateral to the lumpectomy site –

MRI 10.1.2014



Screening: BSGI

- Breast-specific gamma imaging (BSGI) detects breast cancer with a sensitivity of 92-96%, similar to MRI
- Has been shown to reliably detect cancers as small as <2mm and occult lesions not seen on mammography
- BSGI uses a radiotracer isotope, technetium 99m sestamibi, to identify physiological differences between breast cancer and normal breast tissue
- The efficacy of BSGI has been shown to be independent of breast density
 - Important for women at increased risk who begin screening when breast tissue tends to be denser

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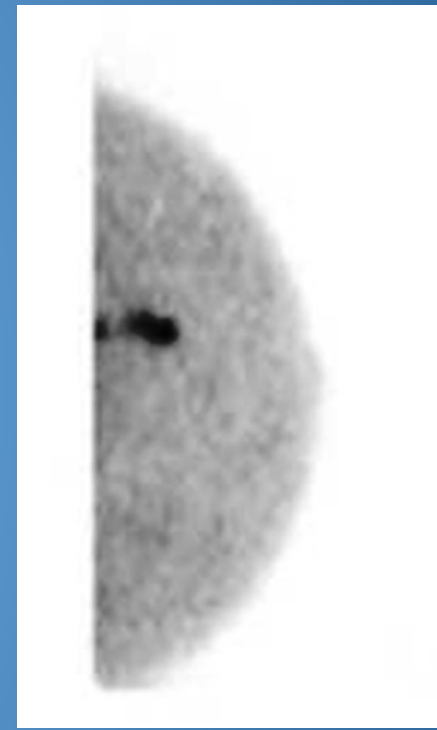
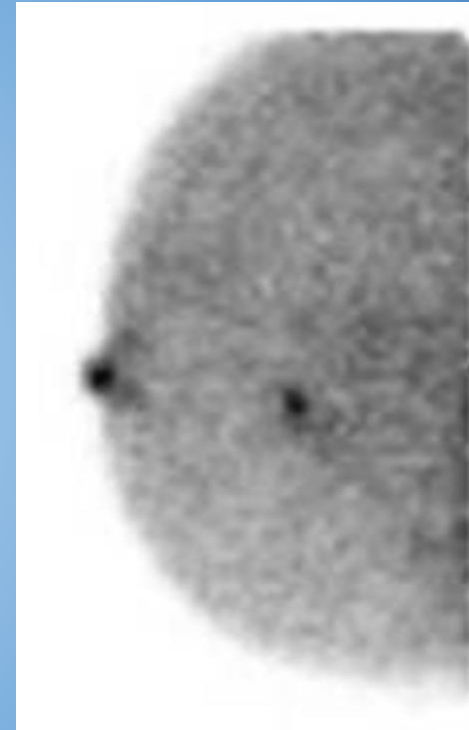
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Breast Specific Gamma Imaging

- FDA cleared
- Can be performed in any patient with venous access
- Physiologic option for women who cannot undergo MRI
 - 15% of our population
- Sensitivity 88-96%
 - ? Higher specificity
 - Can reliably detect cancers as small as 2 mm
- 10% of women with newly diagnosed breast cancer have additional focus



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Risk Based Screening

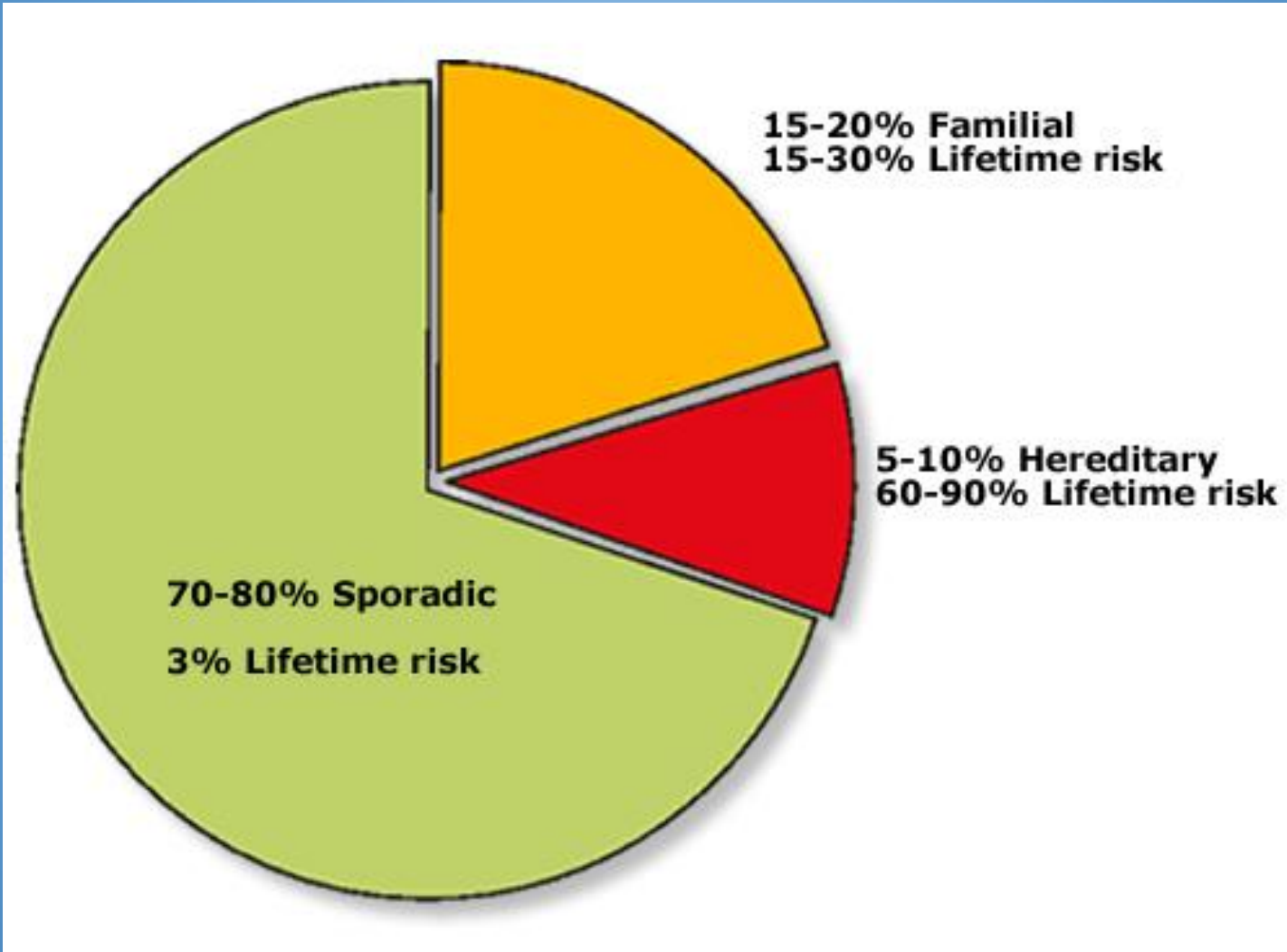
- Normal Risk
 - Mammography
- Intermediate Risk
 - Mammography and screening ultrasound
- High Risk
 - Mammography alternating with physiologic imaging every six months
 - MRI/BSGI
 - Perhaps in BrCA 1, where DCIS not an issue, consider only screening with MRI

Breast Cancer Risk Factors

- Numerous
 - Scientifically Proven
 - Scientifically suggested
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- Modifiable
 - Non-modifiable

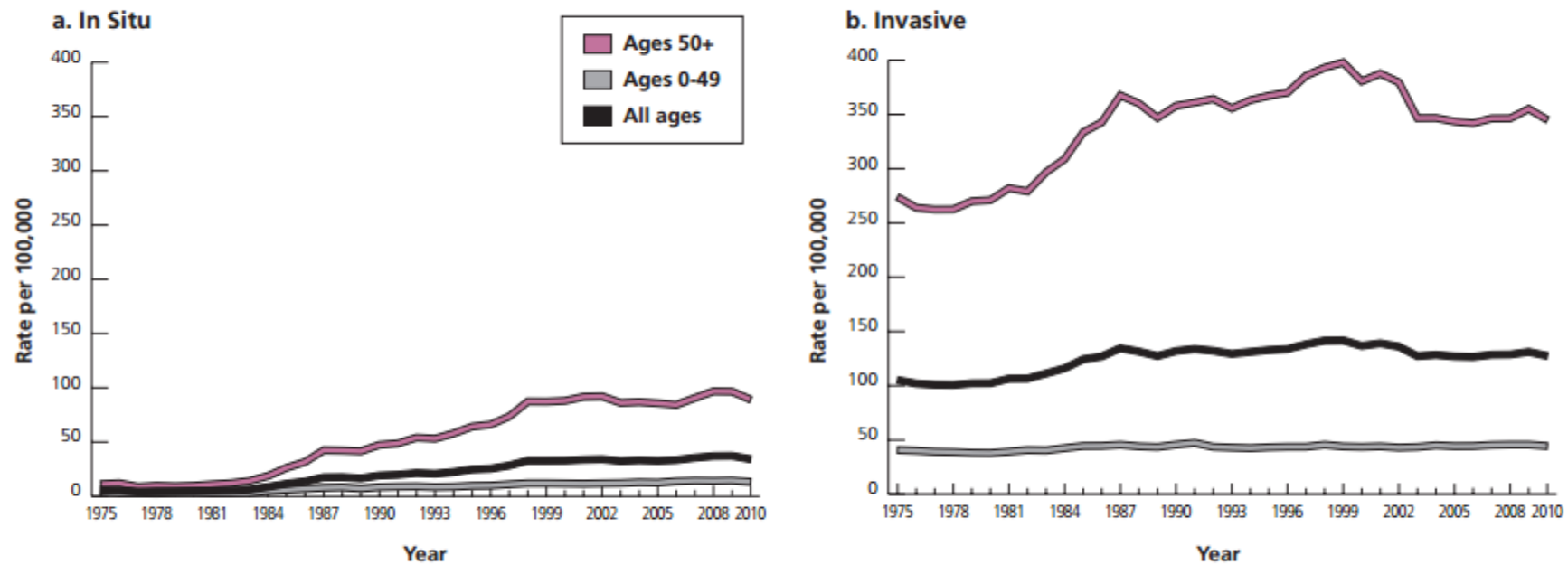
Risk Factors

Factor	Relative risk	High risk group
Age	>10	Elderly
Geographical location	5	Developed country
Age at menarche	3	Menarche before age 11
Age at menopause	2	Menopause after age 54
Age at first full pregnancy	3	First child in early 40s
Family history	≥2	Breast cancer in first degree relative when young
Previous benign disease	4-5	Atypical hyperplasia
Cancer in other breast	>4	
Socioeconomic group	2	Groups I and II
Diet	1.5	High intake of saturated fat
Body weight:		
Premenopausal	0.7	Body mass index >35
Postmenopausal	2	Body mass index >35
Alcohol consumption	1.3	Excessive intake
Exposure to ionizing radiation	3	Abnormal exposure in young females after age 10
Taking exogenous hormones:		
Oral contraceptives	1.24	Current use
Hormone replacement therapy	1.35	Use for ≥10 years
Diethylstilbestrol	2	Use during pregnancy



Risk Factors: Age

Figure 4. Incidence Rates* of In Situ and Invasive Female Breast Cancer by Age, Adjusted for Delayed Reporting, US, 1975-2010



*Rates are age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population within each age group.

Source: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program, SEER 9 Registries, National Cancer Institute.

American Cancer Society, Surveillance and Health Services Research, 2013

Risk Factors: Family & Personal History

- Family history of breast cancer
 - Especially in first-degree relative
 - Higher if more than one first-degree relative developed breast cancer
 - Compared to women without a family history:
 - 1.8x higher with 1 first-degree relative
 - Nearly 3x higher with 2
 - Nearly 4x higher with 3 or more
 - However, the majority of women with one or more first-degree relatives do not develop breast cancer!
- Family history of ovarian cancer
- Women with a history of breast cancer have higher risk of developing a second breast cancer

Risk Factors: Genetic Predisposition

- Up to 10% of breast cancer cases result from inherited mutations, including **BRCA1** and **BRCA2**
 - Present in <1% of general population, but more prevalent in those of Ashkenazi (Eastern European) Jewish descent
 - BRCA1: 44%-78% develop breast cancer by age 70
 - BRCA2: 31%-56% develop breast cancer by age 70
- Early breast cancers
 - 50% by age 50
 - Most breast cancers in women in 20's due to genetic mutation

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Recommendations for Genetic Testing for BRCA mutations

- Women of Ashkenazi descent should be referred for genetic evaluation for any of the following:
 - A first-degree relative with breast or ovarian cancer
 - Two second-degree relatives with breast or ovarian cancer
- Women *not* of Ashkenazi descent should be referred for genetic evaluation for any of the following:
 - Two first-degree female relatives (mothers, sister, daughters) with breast cancer, one of whom was diagnosed younger than age 50
 - Three or more first or second-degree female relatives (includes grandmothers, aunts) diagnosed with breast cancer
 - Both breast and ovarian cancer among first and second-degree relatives
 - A first-degree relative diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer
 - Two or more first or second-degree relatives diagnosed with ovarian cancer
 - A male relative with breast cancer

Risk Factors: Lifestyle

- **Exogenous hormone use:** combined estrogen and progestin increases risk
- **Obesity:** increases the risk of postmenopausal breast cancer
 - 1.5x higher in overweight women, 2x higher in obese women
 - Likely due to high estrogen levels: fat tissue is the largest source of estrogen in postmenopausal women
- **Physical activity:** women who get regular physical exercise have 10%-20% lower risk of breast cancer, compared with women who are inactive
- **Diet:** no conclusive evidence of relationship between diet and breast cancer

Risk Factors: Lifestyle

- **Alcohol:** increases risk by about 7%-12% for each 10g (~1 drink) of alcohol consumed per day
- **Tobacco:** limited evidence; recent meta-analysis shows that smokers had a 12% higher risk compared to non-smokers
- **Oral contraceptives:** may increase risk by 10%-30%
 - Significant decrease in ovarian cancer risk
- **Radiation:** increases risk of breast cancer

Risk Factors: Other

- Dense breast tissue
 - Women with extremely dense breast tissue have 4-6 fold increased risk compared to women with the least dense breasts
 - Density decreases with age, pregnancy, and menopause
 - Women with dense breast tissue recommended for supplemental screening, as mammographic detection of breast cancer may be impaired

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Prevention

- Chemoprevention
 - Tamoxifen and raloxifene significantly reduce risk of breast cancer in women known to be at increased risk (up to 40%)
 - Contraindication and side effect
 - endometrial cancer, blood clots, cataracts
- Prophylactic surgery
 - 90% risk reduction

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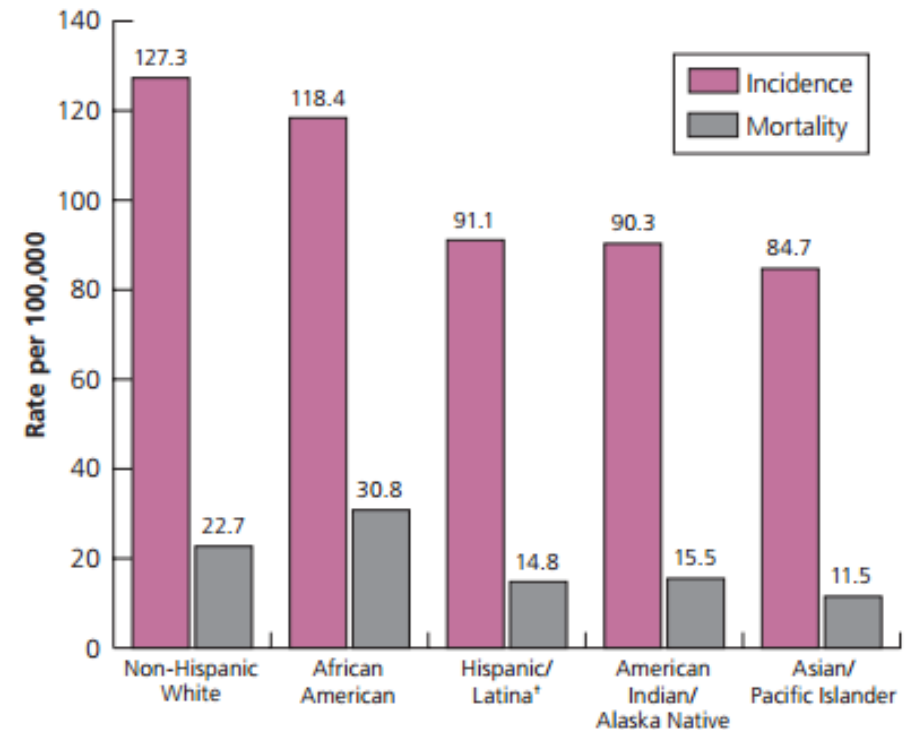
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Epidemiology

- Breast cancer incidence rates highest in Caucasian women and African American women
- African American women have higher incidence rate before age 40,
- African American women have higher mortality rate
- Asian/Pacific Islander women have lowest incidence and death rates

Figure 2. Female Breast Cancer Incidence and Mortality Rates* by Race and Ethnicity, US, 2006-2010



*Rates are age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population.

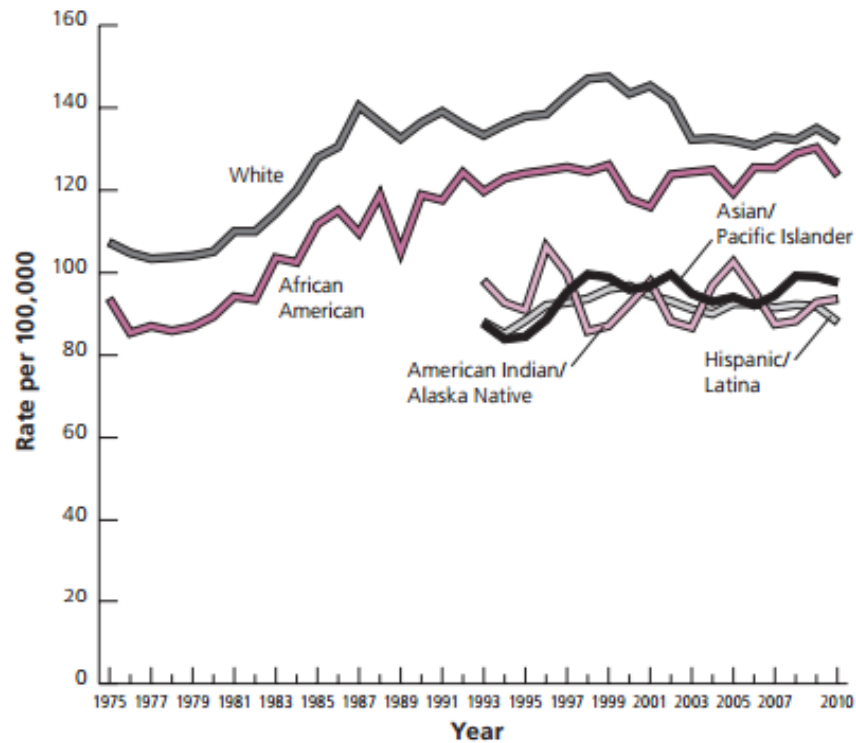
†Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race.

Sources: Incidence: Copeland et al.¹⁵ Mortality: Howlader et al.¹⁴

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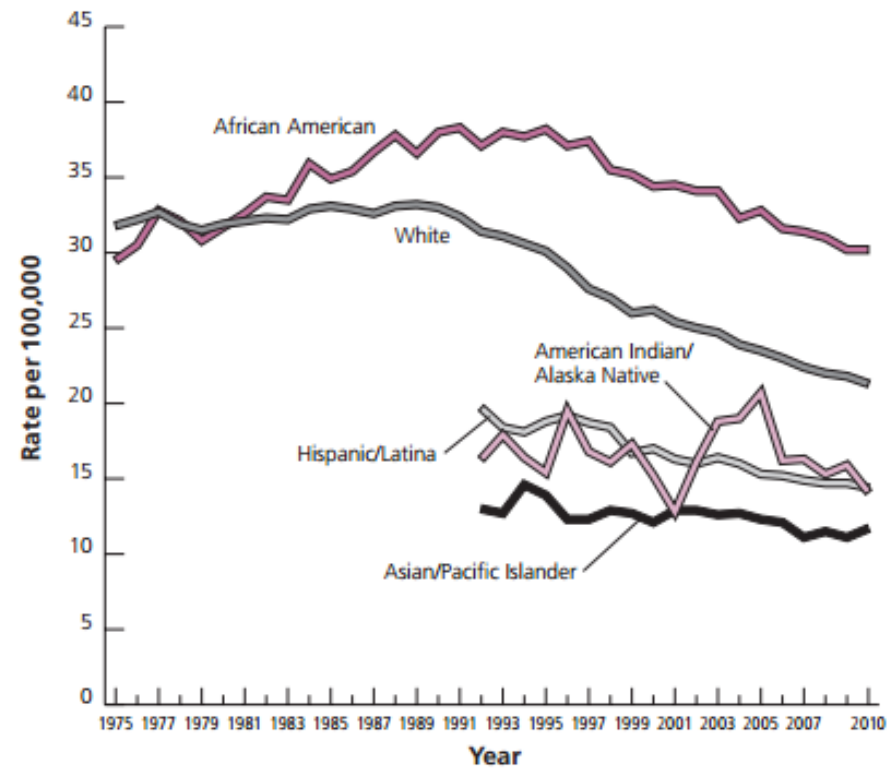
Epidemiology

Figure 5a. Trends in Female Breast Cancer Incidence Rates* by Race and Ethnicity, US, 1975-2010



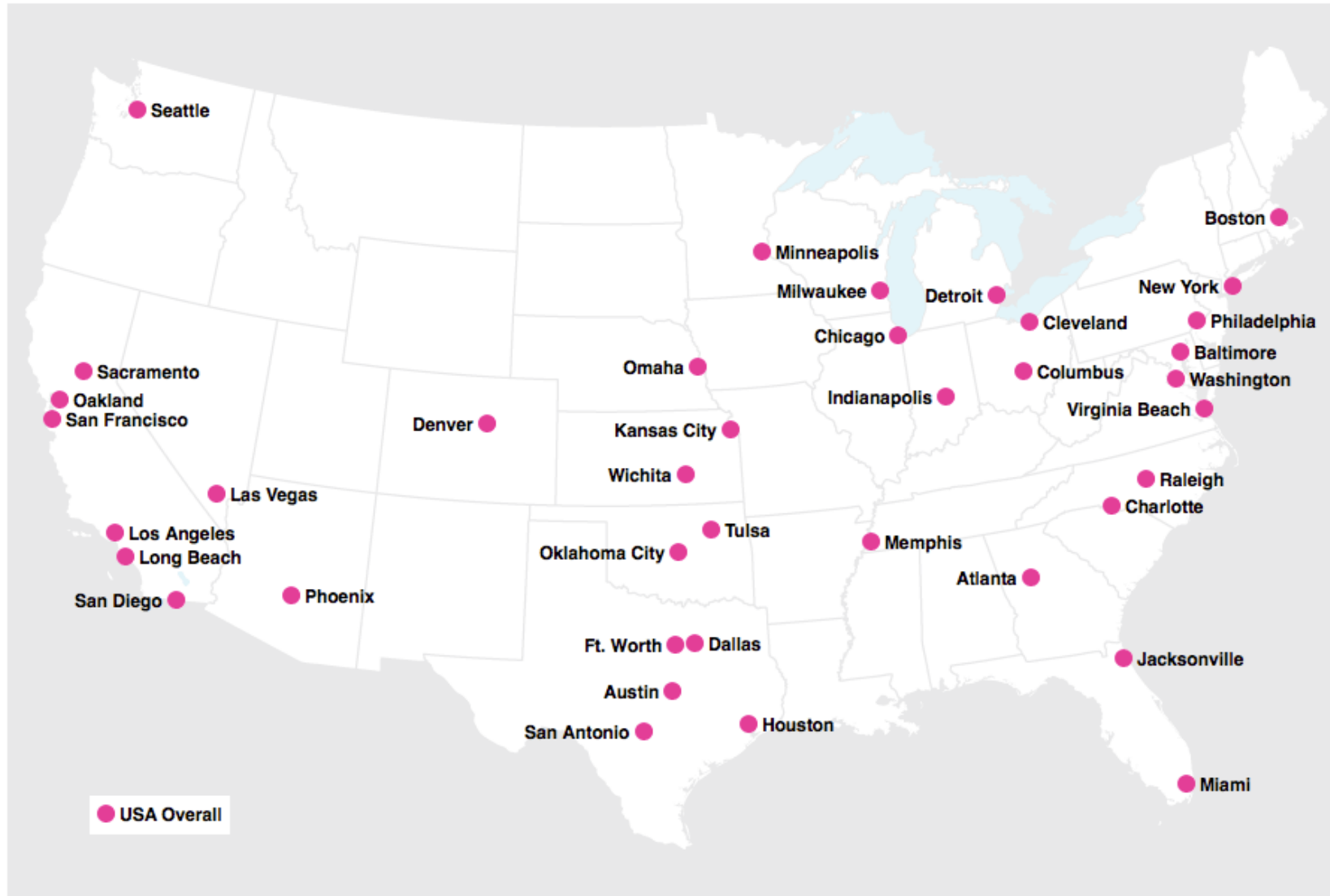
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Figure 5b. Trends in Female Breast Cancer Death Rates* by Race and Ethnicity, US, 1975-2010



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2014 Racial Disparity in Breast Cancer Mortality Study



The 2014 Racial Disparity in Breast Cancer Mortality Study, a national study conducted by Sinai Urban Health Institute and the Avon Foundation for Women, found a black:white disparity in breast cancer mortality in 39 of the most populous U.S. cities, with 35 of those cities experiencing a widening disparity over a 20-year period from 1990 to 2009.

Why?

- Access
- Biology
- Information
- GW Mobile Mammography Program

Collaboration: PCF and GW Medical Faculty Associates

Address barriers to mammography

- Financial: free
- Language: Bi-lingual patient navigators
- Partner with Community Leaders



BREAST CANCER

PREVENTION

TIPS



What can we do

- Risk based screening
- Educate and empower women
- Improve disparities
- Modifiable Risk Factors
- RESEARCH
 - Define atypia and high risk lesions with molecular markers
 - Further appropriate and individualized screening protocols
- Collaborations!!!
- Multi-disciplinary
- Women
- Community leaders