

ADVANCED BREAST CANCER: BEFORE MENOPAUSE

Premenopausal breast cancer is a different and more aggressive disease than postmenopausal breast cancer and is the leading cause of cancer death in women **20–59 years old**.^{1,2}



~1 in 7 women with advanced breast cancer (ABC) is age 50 or younger³

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PREMENOPAUSAL?

<50 Typically younger than 50 years old

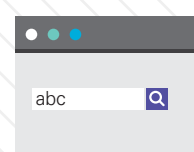


Having regular periods



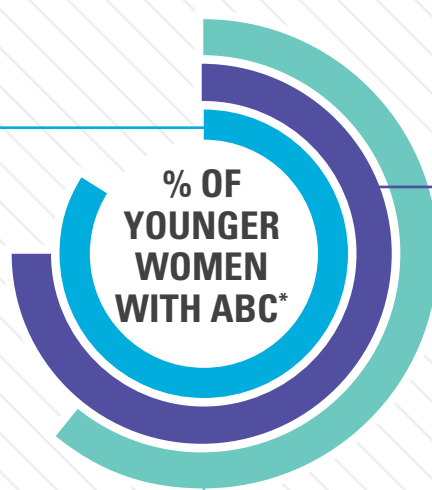
Experiencing no symptoms of menopause, such as hot flashes or fatigue

UNIQUE CHALLENGES FOR YOUNGER WOMEN



84%

actively seek out information about their disease on their own. This may be due to feeling overwhelmed by the diagnosis and struggling to accept their prognosis⁴



75%

have suffered a personal loss of income due to their diagnosis' interference to work⁴



61%

have experienced a negative impact on their attitude, which is likely due to concerns about body image and the possibility of early menopause and sexual dysfunction brought on by treatment⁴



Many young women are raising small children while on treatment and may have subsequent side effects or concerns about whether pregnancy is safe or even possible

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For more information on ABC, please visit
advancedbreastcancercommunity.org

* "Younger women" refers to women under 50 years old.

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