Breast Cancer Risk Factors

Myth or Fact?

Myth: I’m only 25, breast cancer happens only in older women.
Fact: Although the risk increases as you get older, all women are at risk for getting breast cancer. The two most important risk factors for breast cancer are being female and getting older.

Myth: Women with a family history of breast cancer typically get breast cancer.
Fact: Most women who get cancer have no family history of the disease. Although, a person whose mother, sister or daughter had breast cancer has an increased risk.

Myth: Men cannot get breast cancer.
Fact: Breast cancer in men is rare, but it does happen. In 2009, an estimated 1,910 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

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The Power of Pink

Wear pink on Thursdays in October to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness month!

Visit the Student Wellness Network in the Union October 8 and 15 from 11 AM - 2 PM for pink ribbons and self-exam cards!

Screening Methods

Breast Self Exam:

You should become familiar with the look and feel of your breasts and report changes to your healthcare provider right away.

Mammogram:

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. Women should have a mammogram once a year beginning at age 40.

Clinical Breast Exam:

The breasts are checked for any changes or abnormalities by a healthcare provider. Have a clinical breast exam every 3 years starting at 20, and every year starting at 40.

Warning Signs

Most common signs are changes in the look or feel of the breast or nipple:
- Lump, hard knot or thickening
- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening
- Change in the size or shape of the breast
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
- New pain in one spot that doesn’t go away

If you have any of these symptoms you should discuss them with your healthcare provider.

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Strive to be the Owl!

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Are you like a turtle?

“It’s none of my business.”

Do you:

- Avoid the situation?
- Think problems will go away if you ignore them?
- Think that you should intervene, but don’t because you think you’ll be going against the norm?
- If YES, you are like a TURTLE.

Advantage: If you ignore a problem, small issues may not become bigger ones.

Disadvantage: You miss important times to intervene early.

You need: Courage

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Look for the next stall talk to see what animal will be featured next!

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Breast Cancer Awareness Forum

Who: Precious Stones

What: Breast cancer survivors will be telling their stories and giving information about Breast Cancer detection and what to do if you have it!

When: October 6, 2009 at 7PM

Where: BTSU Room 315

They will also have tables set up the week prior to sell items to donate to the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation! Check it out!