Each year more than 1.6 million people are diagnosed with breast cancer globally and over 500,000 will die from the disease.

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The Different Stages of Breast Cancer

**Early Stage (I)**

The tumour is no larger than two cm, and has not spread to the lymph nodes.

**Locally Advanced (II & III)**

The tumour is between two and five cm in size and may have spread to the lymph nodes under the arm or surrounding breast tissue.

**Advanced or Metastatic (IV)**

Tumour(s) have spread to other organs in the body e.g. lungs, liver or bone. This is sometimes referred to as advanced or metastatic cancer.

Diagnosis

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Prognosis becomes progressively worse as the stage of breast cancer becomes more advanced and the disease spreads.


Remaining 1% is diagnosed as unknown.

