

# BREAST CANCER IN CANADA

**Metastatic Breast Cancer (mBC)** occurs when cancerous cells spread and grow in areas of the body other than where they first formed.

The most common sites where cancer cells spread to are:

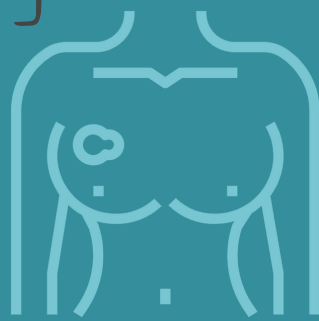
**Bones**

**Lungs**

**Liver**

**Brain**

An initial breast cancer diagnosis of mBC is referred to as de novo metastatic breast cancer

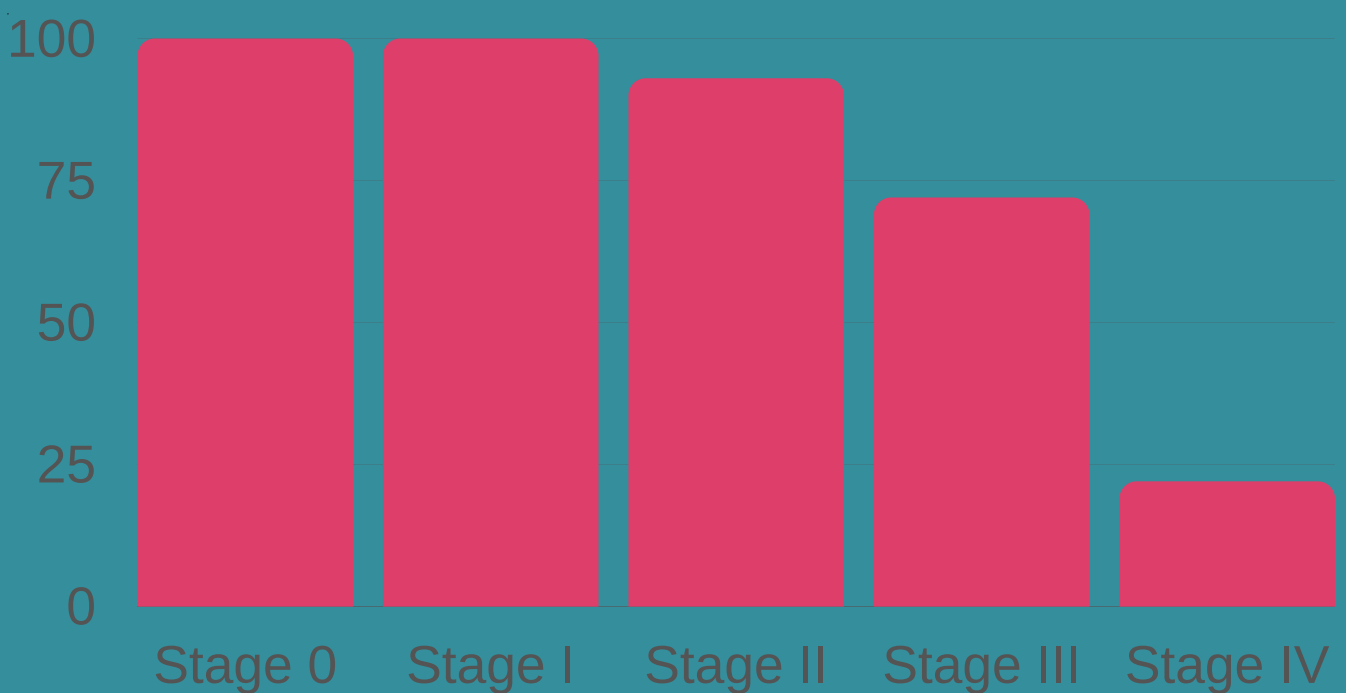


**About 10% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have an initial diagnosis of mBC**

mBC is also known as advanced, secondary, or Stage IV breast cancer

mBC is incurable. The goal of treatment is to slow the growth of the cancer cells, prevent them from growing, and to manage the symptoms of MBC.

**About 30% of women who are diagnosed with early stage breast cancer will go on to develop mBC**



**The 5-year relative survival of women diagnosed with mBC is 22%**

## References