

Common Breast Cancer Acronyms

ADH- Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia

AIs- Aromatase Inhibitors

ALND- Axillary Lymph Node Dissection

AND-Axillary Node Dissection

BIRAD- Breast Imaging-Reporting and Data System

BMI- Body Mass Index

BRCA1 - BReast CAncer gene 1

BRCA2 - BReast CAncer gene 2

BSA - Breast Self-Awareness

BSE - Breast Self Exam

CAT scan- Computed Axial Tomography

CBE- Clinical Breast Exam

CIS - Carcinoma in Situ

CTC- Circulating Tumor Cell

CT - Clinical Trials

DCIS- Ductal Carcinoma in Situ

Dx- Diagnosis

ER- Estrogen Receptor

FISH- Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization

FNA - Fine Needle Aspiration

HER- Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor

HRT- Hormone Replacement Therapy

HT- Hormone Therapy

Hx- History

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IBC- Inflammatory Breast Cancer

IDC- Invasive Ductal Carcinoma

IHC- Immunohistochemistry

ILC - Invasive Lobular Carcinoma

IRB- Institutional Review Board

LCIS - Lobular Carcinoma in Situ

LMIC - Low- and Middle-Income Countries

LN - Lymph Node

MBC - Metastatic Breast Cancer

MHT- Menopausal Hormone Therapy

MBI- Molecular Breast Imaging

MRI- Magnetic Resonance Imaging

NGO - Non-Governmental Organization

NSM - Nipple Sparing Mastectomy

PCP - Primary Care Provider

PET- Positron Emission Tomography

PMH- Postmenopausal Hormones

PR - Progesterone Receptor

RCT- Randomized Controlled Trials

RT- Radiation Therapy

SERM- Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator

SNB- Sentinel Node Biopsy

TM- Tumor Marker

TNBC- Triple Negative Breast Cancer

TNM- Tumor, Lymph Node, Metastasis (system for staging breast cancer)

Acronyms for Organizations/Meetings Relevant to Breast Cancer

AACR - American Association for Cancer Research

ACS - American Cancer Society

AMA - American Medical Association

ASCO - American Society of Clinical Oncology

BCRF - Breast Cancer Research Foundation

BHGI - Breast Health Global Initiative

C4YW - Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer

CDC - United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FDA - United States Food and Drug Administration

FORCE - Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

HGEI - The Harvard Global Equity Initiative

HHS - United States Department of Health and Human Services

LBBC - Living Beyond Breast Cancer

NBCAM - National Breast Cancer Month

NBCC - National Breast Cancer Coalition

NCI - United States National Cancer Institute

NIH - United States National Institutes of Health

ONS - Oncology Nursing Society

PAHO - Pan American Health Organization

PEPFAR - The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

SABCS - San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium

SSO - Society for Surgical Oncology

SWHR - Society for Women's Health Research

TBCRC - Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium

UICC - Union for International Cancer Control

USAID - United States Agency for International Development

WHO - World Health Organization

YSC - Young Survival Coalition