

RESEARCH SAVES LIVES

Because of medical research, improvements have been made to early detection and treatment of breast cancer that have led to a 40% decrease in mortality in the U.S. over the past 30 years. There are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. Despite this tremendous progress, more than 42,000 women and men still die from breast cancer every year in the U.S. We can do better. Which is why in 2016, Komen set a Bold Goal to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths in the U.S. by **50 percent by 2026**.

We listened to our patient advocates and worked with our scientific advisors to set research priorities to help us achieve this goal: conquering metastatic breast cancer (MBC), eliminating disparities in outcomes and putting Big Data to work for breast cancer patients.

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Our research investments are guided by more than 50 leading scientists and advocates, including our [Scientific Advisory Board](#) and [Komen Scholars](#).

We fund the brightest minds and [the best breast cancer research](#) – research that has the potential to help us achieve our Bold Goal. Our research program is [patient-focused](#), with patient advocates involved in all steps of the research process.

As a global leader in the fight against breast cancer, we have funded research in 47 states and the District of Columbia, and 24 different countries. Our commitment to the most promising, innovative and meaningful research will never waver.

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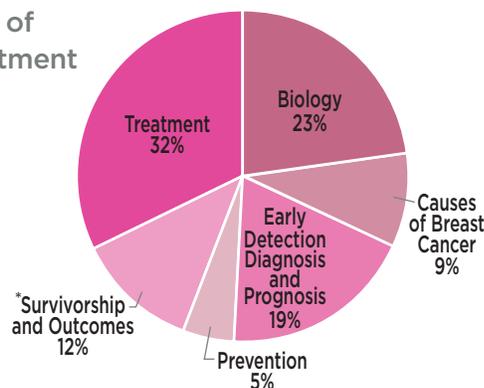
OUR RESEARCH INVESTMENT: (1982-2019)

More than **\$1 billion** in more than **2700 research grants** and more than **500 clinical trials**

What are Komen-funded researchers doing right now?

- Developing and testing new and improved treatments for metastatic breast cancer starting with an understanding of the biology of breast cancer and how it spreads.
- Developing better treatments for aggressive forms of breast cancer and those that tend to become resistant to treatment and become metastatic.
- Identifying the factors that contribute to breast cancer disparities and developing tools and methods to improve access and utilization of quality breast cancer care among vulnerable populations
- Using Big Data and transformative technology such as artificial intelligence to fuel scientific discoveries and accelerate the delivery of equitable, patient-focused care.

Topic Area of Total Investment



*Survivorship & Outcomes research focuses on a broad range of areas including management of side effects; support, education and communication strategies for patients, family/caregivers and healthcare professionals; and health care delivery approaches to improve quality of life.

What's in Komen's Research Pipeline



More than 450
New research products (drugs, biomarkers, devices, etc.) supporting Komen's Bold.



More than 120
New therapies, more than half of which are focused on metastatic breast cancer.



More than 100
New strategies to reduce breast cancer disparities like better healthcare delivery methods.