

Do You Know the Facts about Stage IV Breast Cancer?

NEWS STORIES ABOUT BREAST CANCER APPEAR FREQUENTLY IN THE MEDIA, BUT DESPITE THIS, MANY PEOPLE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF STAGE IV BREAST CANCER (ALSO KNOWN AS METASTATIC BREAST CANCER OR ADVANCED BREAST CANCER)—THE KIND OF BREAST CANCER THAT KILLS OVER 41,000 WOMEN AND MEN EACH YEAR.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?



Stage IV breast cancer is cancer that has spread, or “metastasized,” to other parts of the body, including the lungs, liver, bones and/or brain



Approximately 266,120 Americans are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and 30% of people who have been treated for early stage breast cancer eventually develop stage IV breast cancer. In addition, 3–6% of first time breast cancer patients are already stage IV when first diagnosed.



Stage IV, metastatic breast cancer (MBC) patients live, on average, 18–36 months after diagnosis



Stage 0 patients can and do metastasize, even 30 years or more after their initial treatment

Despite these statistics, only 2–5% of research dollars are focused on the treatments for patients with stage IV breast cancer. In addition, many stage IV breast cancer patients lack access to vital health care and treatment information, innovative treatment options, disability benefits, and support groups. This gap in disease information is especially true for those in underserved populations such as people of color, people of varied ethnic origin and people who are located in rural areas, away from major cancer centers. **METAvisor aims to change this. 100% of every donation to METAvisor goes to fund stage IV metastatic breast cancer research.**



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About METAvivor

METAvivor Research and Support, Inc. is a non-profit organization that funds research to benefit people with stage IV metastatic breast cancer (MBC). We also raise awareness, advocate for and provide information and support to people living with MBC.

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Since our founding in 2009, we have awarded 68 research grants totaling over \$7.4 million to fund research for stage IV breast cancer.



100% of every donation goes to fund metastatic breast cancer research.



We provide support for people living with MBC. We train stage IV breast cancer patients to be advocates and peer support leaders. METAvivor also offers education programs about stage IV metastatic breast cancer and the latest research information specific to the disease.



We educate local and national elected officials about metastatic breast cancer, recommend improved messaging to health department staff and other specialists, and advocate for the needs of stage IV patients, including people in under-served communities.



The 2019 Sea to Sea for MBC Advocacy Tour will kick-off in March. Teams of two MBC patients, supporters, and advocates, will travel across the U.S. to raise awareness of MBC, and to educate patients about how to effectively advocate for their own health. Follow our travels on our social media channels.

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