

MYTHS & REALITIES OF METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

1. Being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer means you have approximately one year to live. True / False
2. The number of women dying from metastatic breast cancer has decreased over the years. True / False
3. The treatment for metastatic disease uses higher dose chemo than what is used in treating primary breast cancer because the disease is more aggressive. True / False
4. If you treat breast cancer early, it won't become metastatic. True / False
5. Having bilateral mastectomies will prevent metastatic breast cancer. True / False
6. Approximately 30% of women with primary breast cancer will become metastatic. True / False
7. You should be vigilant in being scanned to diagnose metastases early. True / False
8. As long as a biopsy is done on one tumor, there is no need to biopsy future tumors. True / False
9. A malignant tumor in the breast is fatal. True / False
10. You can live with cancer in your body if it remains stable. True / False
11. Metastatic patients stay on each treatment for 6-8 cycles. True / False
12. Metastatic breast cancer is a chronic disease. True / False

two of the statements are true

The Metastatic Breast Cancer Network (MBCN) is a national, independent, patient-led, nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to the unique concerns of the women and men living with metastatic breast cancer.

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