

BREAST CANCER AND WOMEN IN EGYPT: TIME TO SPLIT

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Background

- Egypt overview
- BC is the leading cancer-related cause of death among women.
- The mortality rate is approximately 53%.
- Median age at diagnosis is one decade younger than in Europe and North America.
- Tumours are relatively advanced at presentation.



Objectives & Methods

Come up with culturally adapted and feasible recommendations

Ten FGDs were conducted with 100 women. Themes included:

- Knowledge of risk factors, symptoms and measures of management.
- Screening practices
- Recommendations to improve access to prevention and care.

The analysis was done using grounded theory.



Results

One fifth of the interviewed women were able to list correctly possible risk factors, symptoms and measures of management of BC.

None of the women practiced early detection breast self exam nor clinical breast exam.

Conclusion & Recommendations

Egypt conservative culture and the sensitivity of affected organ are barriers to awareness raising, seeking early diagnosis and management.

(Outreach)

Limited resources.

(Linking to income generation & sponsorship)



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