

# BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION NATIONAL REGISTER



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OUR MISSION: TO IMPROVE THE CARE AND OUTCOME  
OF BREAST CANCER PATIENTS IN NEW ZEALAND

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The Breast Cancer Foundation National Register (The Register) collects information on breast cancer patients in New Zealand to help improve care and outcomes for all.

The Register is a confidential resource, vital in helping doctors and researchers better understand how breast cancer is diagnosed and treated. It also provides information about patient outcomes.

The Register has been operating for nearly 20 years. Learnings from clinical studies and data analysis have led to a steady improvement in breast cancer management. Audit and analysis of Register data has allowed us to identify inequalities in patient care and outcomes. We are now working to ensure that all breast cancer patients, regardless of ethnicity or geographic location, will receive the same high standard of care and advances in treatment.

## What can you do to help?

We are asking you to allow your information to be included in the Register for the ongoing audit of standards of care and research. This includes seeking information from your GP about annual follow-up data, including breast cancer medications prescribed and any recurrent or new breast cancers. The more complete the data, the greater the value of the Register for improving treatment and care in the future.

**Confidentiality:** Patient data will remain confidential at all times, coded to ensure details are not identifiable, and stored securely. There will be occasions when a third party needs to accurately match records e.g. the BreastSurgANZ quality audit, or a researcher studying treatments and patient outcomes. For these requests, identified data is coded, linked, stored securely and destroyed after use.

If at any stage you do not wish to be included in the Register,

Please email: [admin@breastcancerregister.org.nz](mailto:admin@breastcancerregister.org.nz)

or call: 0800 005 849

Or write to:

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## New Zealand Breast Cancer Facts

- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women with one in nine women diagnosed in their lifetime and over 3,000 diagnosed per year.
- Breast cancer in men is less common, with about 25 men diagnosed per year.
- Breast cancer survival rates are amongst the highest of all cancers due to scientific advances, and ever improving standards of treatment and care. The Register data has shown that our breast cancer survival rates are 87% for 5 years and 80% for 10 years.

NZ Breast Cancer Specific Survival Rates	5 Year	10 Year
Auckland region (n = 8809)	87%	80%

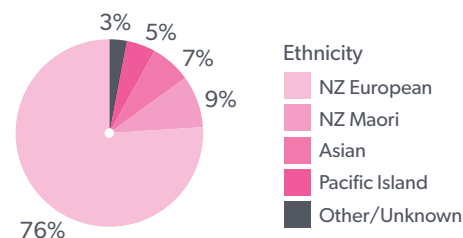
Source: The Register Auckland regional data and Auckland Breast Cancer Study Group (2012)

Data from other regions will be reported in the future, when enough data has been collected over a similar duration.

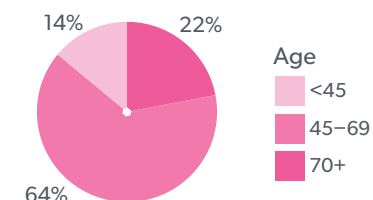
## NZ Register by Patient Ethnicity and Age

(70% of registrations, Breast Cancer Foundation National Register 2012)

### Diagnosed by Ethnicity



### Patient Demographics



## The BCF National Register Clinical Advisory Group

Includes representatives from the following specialities

Breast Surgery  
Breast Pathology  
Medical Oncology  
Data Managers  
Breast Physician  
Epidemiology

Chair Medical Advisory Committee (BCFNZ)  
Scientific Representative  
Consumer Representative  
Māori Representative  
Pacific Island Representative  
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