

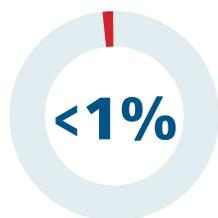
LOBULAR: The Sneaky Breast Cancer That Needs More Research

What is Lobular Breast Cancer?

- » Invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC), also called lobular breast cancer, is the 2nd most common histologic subtype of breast cancer.
 - Approximately 15% of the 281,550 women in the U.S. diagnosed with breast cancer each year have ILC.
 - Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) is the most common subtype.
- » ILC tumors can be more difficult to identify on imaging studies and by physical exam because many lack the protein called e-cadherin, which causes an unusual linear growth pattern and not lumps.
 - Later detection of ILC is unfortunately common: at larger sizes/late stages and with lymph node involvement.
 - ILC can metastasize to uncommon sites, different from IDC.
- » Although many patients with ILC have a good prognosis, recent studies suggest an increased risk of late (post 5-year) recurrence for some patients.
 - More research is needed to identify drivers of relapse and resistance to therapy in patients with ILC.
- » Though not rare, ILC has been understudied and is not well understood.
 - It is only recent research that has illuminated the need for more ILC study to determine whether ILC should be imaged and treated differently from IDC.



ILC is 15% of all breast cancer diagnoses



ILC research funding is <1% of all breast cancer research funding!



Who is the Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance?

- › LBCA is a national non-profit organization founded and guided by patients to address the lack of information and research on ILC.
- › LBCA is advised by ILC expert clinicians and researchers.
- › LBCA provides comprehensive information about ILC, educational opportunities, and supports patients and the medical community through a handful of dedicated volunteers and staff.
- › LBCA promotes collaboration and supports individuals who are seeking to advocate for ILC research.
- › LBCA provides direct funding for ILC research.

LBCA envisions a world in which lobular breast cancer is found early, treated effectively, and eradicated permanently.



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