



# Are you aware that there are **many** types of **breast cancer**?

“ My sister died of inflammatory breast cancer in 2019 and our mom was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer in 2021. We desperately need more research into these breast cancer types.”

- Gitte  
Breast cancer patient advocate

“ I was so shocked to hear that I had lobular breast cancer! I didn't know breast cancer had subtypes. I'm worried because my doctor told me ILC sometimes resists treatment and recurs later. I wish they understood why and could prevent it.”

- Laurie  
Lobular breast cancer survivor

“ Breast cancer is not just one disease, and the diverse types of breast cancer have very different ways of detection, response to therapy and even locations of metastases. As a practicing oncologist, I am dismayed that there are not yet specific therapies to best treat each type.”

- Dr. Sasha Elizabeth Stanton  
Cancer Immunotherapy Laboratory  
Providence Cancer Institute

## Currently, breast cancer treatment is based on tumor receptor status.

Hormone receptor positive\*

HER2 positive\*\*

Triple negative (HR- and HER2-)

“Receptors” are proteins in cancer cells that affect how they grow.  
\*Hormone Receptor (HR) = Estrogen (ER) and/or Progesterone (PR)  
\*\*HER2 = Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2

## Breast cancer is also divided into three main histologic types of breast carcinomas.

There are NOT YET treatments specific to histologic type.

Invasive Ductal Carcinomas (IDC)\* (80% of all BCs)

Invasive Lobular Carcinomas (ILC)\* (15% of all BCs)

Unclassified Carcinomas\* (5% of all BCs)

Histologic type refers to how tumors appear under a microscope.  
\*All cancers can present as Inflammatory Breast Cancer

# We need **more** research and treatments for **all** breast cancer types.

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