Understanding the risks of breast cancer

A comparison of lifestyle risk factors versus Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) treatment.

**Difference in breast cancer incidence per 1,000 women aged 50-59.**

Approximate number of women developing breast cancer over the next five years.

- **23 cases of breast cancer diagnosed in the UK general population**
- An additional four cases in women on combined hormone replacement therapy (HRT)
- Four fewer cases in women on oestrogen only Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT)
- An additional four cases in women on combined hormonal contraceptives (the pill)
- An additional five cases in women who drink 2 or more units of alcohol per day
- Three additional cases in women who are current smokers
- An additional 24 cases in women who are overweight or obese (BMI equal or greater than 30)
- Seven fewer cases in women who take at least 2½ hours moderate exercise per week

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