Metastatic breast cancer legislative agenda

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Metastatic breast cancer (MBC), or stage 4 breast cancer, is breast cancer that has spread to other parts of the body (metastasizing). Although metastatic breast cancer has spread, it is considered and treated as breast cancer. While some individuals have metastatic disease when they are first diagnosed, it is more common in the U.S. that metastatic breast cancer arises months or years after a person has completed treatment for early or locally advanced (stage I, II or III) breast cancer. The risk of breast cancer returning, and metastasizing varies greatly from person to person. Tragically, despite the overall drop in cancer mortality rates in recent years, an estimated 40,000 people are dying of MBC every year.