



Christian Voices for Life

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Why is Breast Cancer Increasing in Younger Women?



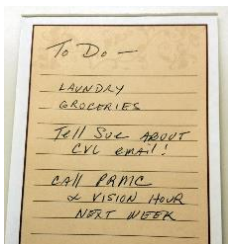
Education: Breast Cancer in women less than 40 years old has been increasing for over 30 years. Measuring the incidence of breast cancer with distant involvement at diagnosis per 100,000 women age 25-39, the incidence increased from 1.53 in 1976 to 2.90 in 2009. (1) Why is this happening? In 2006, a meta-analysis was done of 23 studies, showing a clear connection between the Pill and breast cancer. The risk is greatest for women who take the pill for 4 or more years before ever having children.(2) In fact, the hormones in oral contraceptives are considered a Group 1 carcinogen for breast, cervical and liver cancer.(3) Oral contraceptives are also known to have other health risks, such as increasing blood clots, which can cause heart attacks or strokes, and increasing the risk of contracting HIV. (4)

In addition to the increased risk of breast cancer from oral contraceptives, abortion also causes an increased risk of breast cancer. In spite of denial from pro-abortion sources, the evidence for the relationship is overwhelming, and the mechanism for abortion causing an increased risk of breast cancer is understood. Briefly, during early pregnancy, high estrogen levels and changes to the breast increase the number of cells that are susceptible to cancer. Late in pregnancy further changes to the cells greatly lowers the susceptibility to cancer. Therefore having a full-term pregnancy earlier in life serves to protect against breast cancer, but an interrupted pregnancy, along with delaying the first complete pregnancy, will increase risk. (5)

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Prayer: Dear Father God, please help women hear the truth about the health risks of both contraception and abortion. Help unmarried women realize the value of chastity and married couples learn about fertility-awareness based methods of family planning. Help all women who are tempted to abort be aware of all the risks of abortion, for both physical and emotional hurt, in order to encourage their choice for life. Help them to seek and find life-affirming support and solutions to whatever problems they are facing. We also ask for conversion on the part of those who deny the dangers of contraception and the connection between breast cancer and abortion, that the truth will be clear to all.



Action: When the subject of breast cancer or mammograms comes up, mention that it is a shame that women are not being told the truth that oral contraceptives and abortion increase the risk of breast cancer. If anyone denies that is the case, refer them to Reference 5 above, which is available online. You can also mention that oral contraceptives are also linked to breast cancer, as well as increasing the risks of blood clots that can lead to heart attacks or strokes, and increasing the risk of contracting HIV. The pill is even linked to increased risk of suicide or a violent death. (4)