

POSITION OF BREAST CANCER AMONG WOMEN IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: PREVALENCE AND A SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

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Breast cancer is the most common cause of death in women worldwide. The incidence of breast cancer in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has been rising and yet many cases remain undetected. Studies reveal that the prevalence of breast cancer in most SSA countries does not give the true picture as many of these countries lack national cancer registries. A number of risk factors such as alcoholism, age and hormones predispose women to breast cancer and several challenges are currently faced in detecting and managing breast cancer in SSA, especially in the domain of medical imaging technology and finances. The purpose of this review is to document the prevalence of breast cancer among women in SSA.

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