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## To control the morbidity and mortality rate of breast cancer through increasing knowledge capacity


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**B**reast cancer in women is a major health burden both in developed and developing countries. It is the second leading cause of death in women worldwide as well as in Uganda. Recent global cancer statistics shows that global incidence is rising at a faster rate especially in developing countries like Uganda. But still breast cancer is not on the top of the priority list for the policy makers, donors and health professionals. But the prevailing situation can be more devastated if early attention is not given. To concentrate on this fast-growing health problem will need to know the overall situation concerning incidence, prevalence, risk group, diagnostic and treatment status survival and mortality rate first to make a comprehensive policy to cope with breast cancer situation in Uganda. To evaluate

the knowledge and practices about breast cancer among women, this present study was conducted. Knowledge about sign, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment is quite not good among the women. 21% women have knowledge about performing breast self-exam and 17% have heard about mammography. However, to controlling the morbidity and mortality rate of breast cancer we should increase the level of knowledge and we should take some steps to spread the knowledge and awareness about breast cancer.

**Conclusion:** Breast cancer is the top cancer in women worldwide and is increasing particularly in developing countries where the majority of cases are diagnosed in late stages.

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