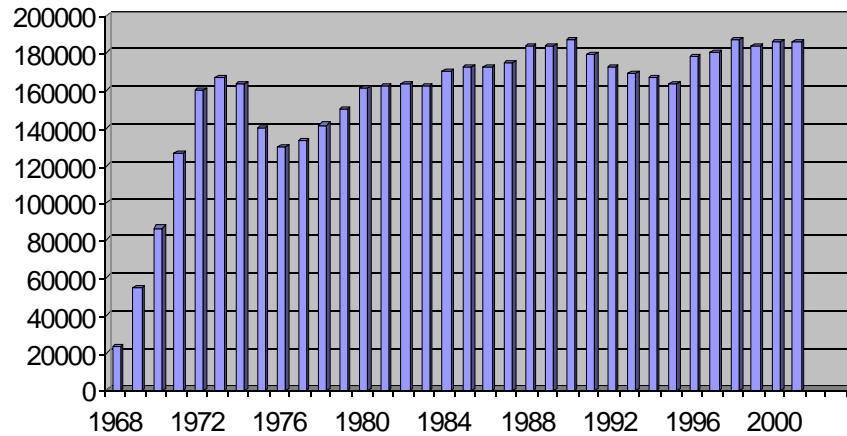


Legal abortions - Total occurrences - 1968 - 2001



Figures taken from the Office of National Statistics website - 3.6.03.

### What can you do now?

- Find out more by checking websites - start at [www.jbrind@abortioncancer.com](mailto:www.jbrind@abortioncancer.com)
- Contact your GP and your MP and find out how much they know.
- Contact the Breast Cancer Charities and find out why they persist in refusing to acknowledge or look into the link.
- Write to newspapers, hospitals, abortion and family planning clinics, schools, churches etc and inform women and girls of this danger.
- Pray - for our battle is not against flesh and blood but the principalities and powers of this dark world.

If this leaflet relates to you, whatever you do, please do not remain silent. Find someone, perhaps someone in a prayer ministry team, who will be able to support you in your pain and suffering. You are not alone. In the UK there are approximately one in four women who have had an abortion. We need to stand together and to speak out as one voice and discover why, when this evidence has been available, we were not warned of the risks.

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## Abortion & Breast Cancer

## The Link

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Please note, not all breast cancer is due to an abortion and not all women who have an abortion will contract breast cancer.

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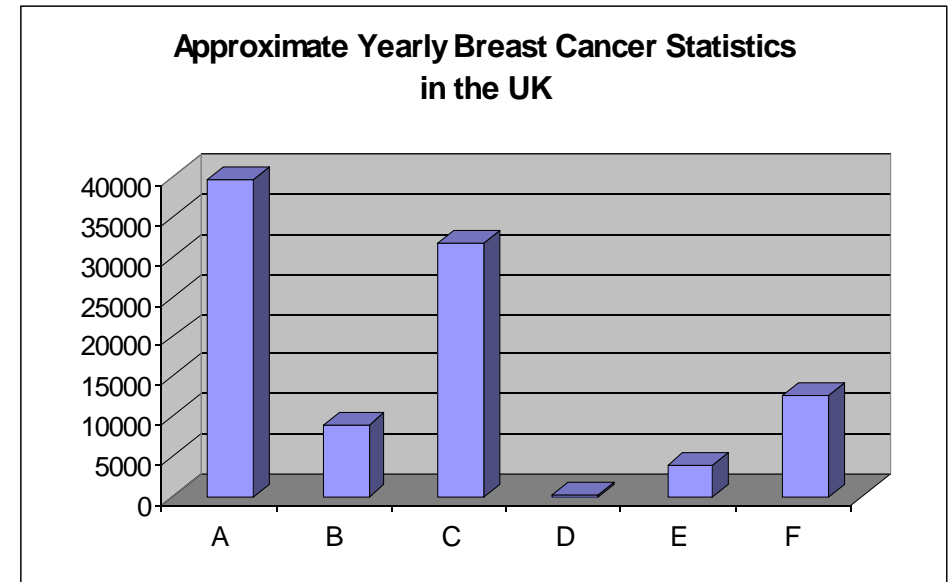
Have you ever had an abortion? Was it your first pregnancy? If so, are you aware that you are more at risk of contracting breast cancer than if that pregnancy had gone to full term? This can be a very frightening thought for millions of women nationwide and worldwide, especially as it could have been avoided.

In simple terms:

- Before a girl or woman becomes pregnant her breast cells are not fully developed - some of them are still waiting to develop into cells that will produce milk. These are called primitive or undifferentiated cells.
- Once pregnant, these cells begin to change due to a massive increase in the natural production of the hormone estradiol.
- If the pregnancy continues to term then the cells will have changed into milk producing cells and will not be at risk of becoming cancerous. These cells are then called terminally differentiated.
- If a pregnancy is artificially ended (ie the baby is aborted) during the first six months, but particularly within the first three months then, due to the increase in estradiol, these undifferentiated cells are likely to be more vulnerable in later life to becoming cancerous than if she had never become pregnant in the first place.
- As every woman has undifferentiated cells in her breasts during and after puberty but before becoming pregnant, there is a risk that if she never becomes pregnant she may develop breast cancer as these cells are still vulnerable to change. Full term pregnancy, preferably within marriage, is therefore to be encouraged in late teens or early twenties to reduce the risk of breast cancer in later life.

Did you know that the UK medical profession and Breast Cancer charities still refuse to accept there is a link between abortion and breast cancer? Yet the figures have consistently risen over the years since the Abortion Act of 1967. There are approximately 180,000 abortions in the UK each year, the majority on first pregnancies on young girls. 38,000 - 39,500 women a year are now contracting breast cancer, with 12,500 - 15,000 each year dying (depending on which website you read) and these figures for contracting breast cancer are likely to rise and not decrease although figures for women surviving breast cancer are increasing with an average of 75% of women surviving beyond five years.

Maybe you have already had or now have breast cancer and wondered how you had contracted it, not linking it to an abortion that occurred many years ago. Sadly, we all know there is no guarantee what the outcome of each individual case of breast cancer will be and there is no prevention. But if you had known before your abortion that you would be more likely to contract breast cancer in later life, would you have still gone ahead? Should you have been warned of this danger? What is your reaction now you know? It may already be too late for the six million women that have already had an abortion but don't you think we owe it to others to let them know of the possible physical dangers as well as the psychological harm that comes from the so called 'choice' of abortion?



- A - 39,500 Total number of women diagnosed each year
- B - 8,800 Pre-menopausal women diagnosed each year
- C - 31,600 Post-menopausal women diagnosed each year
- D - 250 Men diagnosed each year
- E - 3,950 Hereditary/Family history link diagnosed each year
- F - 12,500 Women died each year

The above figures are taken from 'Breast Cancer Care' website on 1.6.03. All figures are approximate. The Office of National Statistics will have exact figures on both breast cancer or abortion, but not breast cancer and abortion.