

BREAST CANCER IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT: SHIFTS IN UNDERSTANDING AND TREATMENT AMONG FEMALE

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ABSTRACT

Breast cancer is one of the most common malignancies affecting women worldwide. Throughout history there has been considerable progress in the comprehension, identification and treatment of this illness. Breast carcinoma is a disease in which abnormal cells in the breast grow out of control and form tumors. If left untreated, these tumors can be fatal and can spread to other parts of the body. The major risk factor for the development of mammary cancer is being female, almost 99% of cases are diagnosed in women and 0.5 - 1% in men (WHO). Treatment of male breast cancer is essentially the same as for females. This study is an attempt to look at the historical perspectives of female breast cancer in the context of health. The study maps the evolution of medical knowledge, societal attitudes and healthcare legislation to reveal how gendered viewpoints have influenced both the diagnosis and treatment modalities for breast cancer. Therefore, the study tried to analyze its stages, types, symptoms, risk factors and also points out a number of initiatives taken by the government to fight breast cancer through early detection and prevention.

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