

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This October, [Level Up](#) will be providing you with valuable information focused on breast cancer education and support.

[The American Cancer Society](#) highlights that knowing how your breasts normally look and feel is an important part of breast health. Although having regular screening tests for breast cancer is important, mammograms do not find every breast cancer. This means it's also important for you to be aware of changes in your breasts and to know the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

What Should I Do If I'm At High Risk?

Your risk depends on what kind of [family history](#) you have. For example, having one relative with breast cancer gives you a family history. But if you have two close relatives—like your mother and your sister—with breast cancer, and one of them was diagnosed before age 50, your family history is stronger and your risk of getting breast cancer is higher.

Key Points to Remember

Visit the [CDC's Breast Cancer Risk Factors](#) webpage for more information on breast cancer risks that you can and cannot change.

Make Time for Your Health

Schedule your mammogram today. Call your doctor or OB/GYN.

- [Cigna members](#)
- [Kaiser Permanente members](#)

Show Your Support

One of the biggest reasons raising awareness about breast cancer is important is that **breast cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in women, and it is the second leading cause of death among women.** All month long, Level Up will spread awareness about breast cancer through our weekly Wellness Wednesday articles.

Send a photo of you or your team creatively wearing **pink** to LevelUp@co.pg.md.us and you could win a special prize at the end of the month!

Additional Resources

- [National Breast Cancer Foundation](#)

- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

Upcoming Diabetes Awareness Month Events



Stay tuned for additional communications!

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