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We, women are not fighting this disease aggressively enough. We keep leaving the cure of this disease in the hands of others. We need to know what scientists in this country are fighting this disease, where they are fighting and what are the current results of their efforts. Are these scientists consulting one another and sharing information. We seem to be sitting somewhere waiting quietly for this disease to pick us off one by one. This disease is real. We must stand up to it regardless of the terror. The disease affects women of all colors and religions. No classification of women escapes this disease. Shaquille O'Neal's Sister Ayesha Harrison-Jex Died October 25, 2019 at Age 40 three years after being diagnosed with cancer. February 4, 2020 actress **Shannen** Doherty revealed Tuesday that she got a second diagnosis of breast **cancer**, this time stage 4, about a year ago. The "90210" and "Charmed" actress said she is going public with the diagnosis

now because "it's going to come out in a matter of days or a week. Doherty, 48, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015 and underwent treatment for about two years before announcing in 2017 that she was in remission. See articles, Shannen Doherty reveals breast cancer is back, now stage 4 - Shannen Doherty shares update on her battle with stage 4 breast cancer. By Marianne Garvey, CNN, Updated 1:07 PM ET, Tue September 29, 2020. Kelly Preston, John Travolta's wife, died on July 12, 2020, at the age of 57, two years after she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her diagnosis had been kept quiet and was not widely publicized. Preston had been receiving treatment at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas; she had also been treated at other medical centers.

Many celebrities have experienced breast cancer. As breast cancer survivors many women are speaking out and using their status to raise awareness. In August 2015 actress Shannen Doherty said that she was being treated for breast cancer. By February 2020 the breast cancer had recurred and reached stage 4 (metastasized). On September 28, 2017 Julia Louis-Dreyfus announced that she had breast cancer. In December 2011 Giuliana Rancic underwent a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. Andrea Mitchell, 64, was diagnosed with breast cancer in late August 2011 after an annual screening. During a follow-up to her breast reduction surgery in 2011 Wanda Sykes discovered she had stage 0 breast cancer. Wanda Sykes decided to have a preventive double mastectomy. "I had both breasts removed because now I have zero chance of having breast cancer." She had a history of cancer on her mother's side of the family. Melissa Etheridge was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer in 2004. She had a lumpectomy, had 15 lymph nodes removed, and underwent five rounds of chemotherapy and radiation. Edie Falco was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer in September 2003. Suzanne Somers was diagnosed with breast cancer. She announced "I never smoked. I never drank to

excess. I ate right. And I didn't abuse pharmaceuticals. I had done the work! But I learned that we're all at risk for cancer.”

Christina Applegate, was diagnosed with breast cancer in April 2008 at age 36. She had a lumpectomy. When she learned she had the [BRCA1 genetic mutation](#) (a gene associated with an increased risk of both breast and ovarian cancer), she chose to have a double mastectomy followed by the removal of her ovaries and fallopian tubes. Sheryl Crow was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 and had a lumpectomy and radiation treatment. Her cancer was detected via her yearly screening mammogram. She encourages all women, especially those with dense breasts like herself, not to skip this important exam. Cynthia Nixon was diagnosed in 2006 with breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy and then six and a half weeks of radiation therapy, Nixon's mother is a breast cancer survivor. Singer Olivia Newton-John was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1992 after a self-examination. "My instincts were telling me that something wasn't right." After a surgical biopsy, they found the cancer" when a mammogram and needle biopsy came out negative. Carly Simon was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997 and undergoing treatment including chemotherapy. She said, "There's a feeling that if this had been a man's disease, it would have been licked already." Jaclyn Smith's breast cancer was found during her yearly mammogram. She had a lumpectomy and radiation in 2002. She said, "One of the most important things you can do is remember the power of girlfriends. ... Girlfriends saved my day." One of her friends was a breast cancer survivor. Rita Wilson had a double mastectomy following a diagnosis of invasive lobular carcinoma. When an early test came back negative she demanded a second opinion, and only then was the cancer was discovered. Rita Wilson did not only needed chemotherapy or radiation following her mastectomies, and she had to have reconstructive surgery. Sandra Lee said in May 2015 that she had been diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ ([DCIS](#)) at age 48 following a routine

screening mammogram. She was advised to have a double mastectomy, after a lumpectomy was done which she did. Sandra Lee experienced complications following her mastectomies and required a second surgery to treat an infection. Sandra Lee made very important statement. Sandra Lee spoke out strongly in favor of starting screening mammograms early, in a woman's twenties or thirties, and not waiting until age 50, as is [recommended for most women](#) by the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#). "If I would have waited," she said, "I probably wouldn't even be sitting here." In March 2016 Janice Dickinson [said](#) that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer after a doctor detected a pea-size lump in her right breast. A biopsy determined she had early-stage DCIS, a form of breast cancer that starts in the milk ducts. Mrs. Dickinson underwent eight weeks of radiation and two lumpectomies. Kathy Bates was diagnosed with [stage 2 breast cancer](#) in 2012. She underwent a double mastectomy. She developed lymphedema, a swelling in the body's extremities. There is no cure for lymphedema. Physical therapy and weight loss can help with the side effects. Kathy Bates said, "I've joined the ranks of women who are going flat, as they say. I don't have breasts — so why do I have to pretend like I do? That stuff isn't important. I'm just grateful to have been born at a time when the research made it possible for me to survive. I feel so incredibly lucky to be alive." Lastly, Judy Blume said this when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, "Wait — me?" "There's no breast cancer in my family. I haven't eaten red meat in more than 30 years. I've never smoked, I exercise every day, forget alcohol — It's bad for my reflux — I've been the same weight my whole adult life. How is this possible? Well, guess what — it's possible." At age 74, 6 weeks after her diagnosis, she received a mastectomy.

According to the ACS in 2019 an estimated 252,710 women were diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States. There are currently more than 3.5 million breast cancer survivors in the

United States. Breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer among women worldwide. Despite race or ethnicity, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer found in women in the United States. Lifestyle can often have little effect over the development of the disease. Regardless of race or ethnicity, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer found in women in the United States. The type and the stage of the cancer will determine treatment options. Breast cancer is much more common among older women, but it does sometimes occur in younger women. According to [V.K. Gadi, MD](#), an [oncologist](#) at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, having LCIS in one breast raises the risk of developing any cancer in either breast.

What we need is a centralized data base that women can access for information and direction. Will you please join the Women of Courage Show and send us your suggestions, ideas as to how we can go about developing such a data bank. Let us pretend this is a man's disease. We can be reached at murderedvoices@gmail.com or by phone 734 786 3233 – leave a message. Please adjust you schedule and help.

Schedule a mammogram.