

# Signs and Symptoms of Breast Cancer

Symptoms of breast tumors vary from person to person. Some common, early warning signs of breast cancer include:

Skin changes, such as swelling, redness or other visible differences in one or both breasts

An increase in size or change in shape of the breast(s)

Changes in the appearance of one or both nipples

Nipple discharge other than breast milk

General pain in/on any part of the breast

Lumps or nodes felt on or inside of the breast



Symptoms more specific to invasive breast cancer are:

Irritated or itchy breasts

Change in breast color

Increase in breast size or shape (over a short period of time)

Changes in touch (may feel hard, tender or warm)

Peeling or flaking of the nipple skin

A breast lump or thickening

Redness or pitting of the breast skin (like the skin of an orange)

It's important to remember that other, benign conditions may have caused these changes. For example, changes to the skin texture on the breast may be caused by a skin condition like eczema, and swollen lymph nodes may be caused by an infection in the breast or another, unrelated illness. Seeing a doctor for an evaluation will help you determine whether something you notice is cause for concern.

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