## Bridging the Gap

No Woman Left Behind



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Women with disabilities are as likely to get breast cancer as women in the general population. Having a disability does not keep you from getting breast cancer. Breast cancer can happen to you!

## **Early Screening Saves Lives!**

- Women with disabilities are less likely to get regular clinical breast exams and mammograms.
- Some women with disabilities have more risk factors for getting breast cancer than women in general.  $% \label{eq:cancer} % \begin{subarray}{ll} \end{subarray} % \begin{subarray}{ll} \end{s$
- Most women with breast cancer have no known risk factors.
- Have a clinical breast exam (CBE) at least every 3 years starting at age 20 and ever year starting at  $\,$ age 40.
- When scheduling your clinical breast exam or mammogram, ask the appointment scheduler to allow extra time for you and explain your needs.
- Bring someone with you to the exam.
- Ask family members about your family history.
- Talk to your health care provider about your personal risk.

My last mammogram: \_

My next mammogram should be: \_\_\_



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