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Our research project
We are researchers from the BC Cancer Agency and Simon Fraser University exploring what types of information young women with breast cancer seek, and what their experiences have been seeking information through the Internet and other means. “Young women” for the purposes of the study are those who were diagnosed with cancer before age 45.

This study, “The information needs and information-seeking behaviours of young women with breast cancer in relation to the Internet,” is part of a larger study funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), a federal agency that promotes and supports university-based research and training.

Your participation
We want to learn about what information you’ve been looking for, how you’ve gone about looking for it, who has helped you find and/or interpret it, and what successes and frustrations you have experienced. You will be asked to submit a “story” about your experiences via email. The story can be any length and you will be provided with some guiding questions. After we analyze all the stories into descriptive ‘themes,’ we will ask you to participate in an online forum to discuss the findings. Your participation will result in policy recommendations that will be made to federal agencies in an effort to improve services and shape future programs.

If you are a young woman with breast cancer or a young breast cancer survivor, we hope you will consider working with us. Participation is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time for any reason.

Timing
We hope to collect stories from participants starting in January 2005 for several months. We expect to conduct online focus groups in the spring of 2005.

If you are interested in participating or you have questions, please contact Bev Holmes.

Thank you for considering our invitation.