

Clinical Investigation

# Cardiovascular Disease Risk in a Large, Population-Based Cohort of Breast Cancer Survivors



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## Summary

Breast cancer survival rates have substantially improved. However, breast cancer treatment may increase cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk. In our large, population-

**Purpose:** To conduct a large, population-based study on cardiovascular disease (CVD) in breast cancer (BC) survivors treated in 1989 or later.

**Methods and Materials:** A large, population-based cohort comprising 70,230 surgically treated stage I to III BC patients diagnosed before age 75 years between 1989 and 2005 was linked with population-based registries for CVD. Cardiovascular disease risks were compared with the general population, and within the cohort using competing risk analyses.

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