A global snapshot into the lives of women living with advanced breast cancer

Women living with advanced breast cancer (ABC) have different experiences and unique needs from those living with earlier stages of the disease.

**Sources of Support**

- Friends and/or Neighbors: 83%
- Nurses: 82%
- Cancer Doctor: 81%
- Coworkers: 78%
- Family: 77%

**Psychic of women living with advanced breast cancer**

- 67% are concerned about their own personal health
- 54% are satisfied with their level of self-esteem
- 63% feel like no one understands what they are going through

**Source of Information**

- 77% actively seek out info on advanced breast cancer
- 45% believe the health information about advanced breast cancer and say that information available on breast cancer does not address their needs

**Work Life**

- 51% of employed women had to take days off of work because of their ABC
- 38% of employed women had to make changes in their daily routines because of their ABC
- 34% of employed women had to ask their employers to make accommodations because of their ABC
- 6 out of 10 said all or most of their co-workers knew about their ABC
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- 51% said all or most of their co-workers knew about their ABC

**Financial Impact**

- 69% of women have had to adjust spending:
  - 50% spending on non-essential purchases (e.g., entertainment, vacations, etc)
  - 48% spending on travel to and from medical appointments
  - 6% of women have had to cut back on essential purchases (e.g., rent, utilities, food)

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