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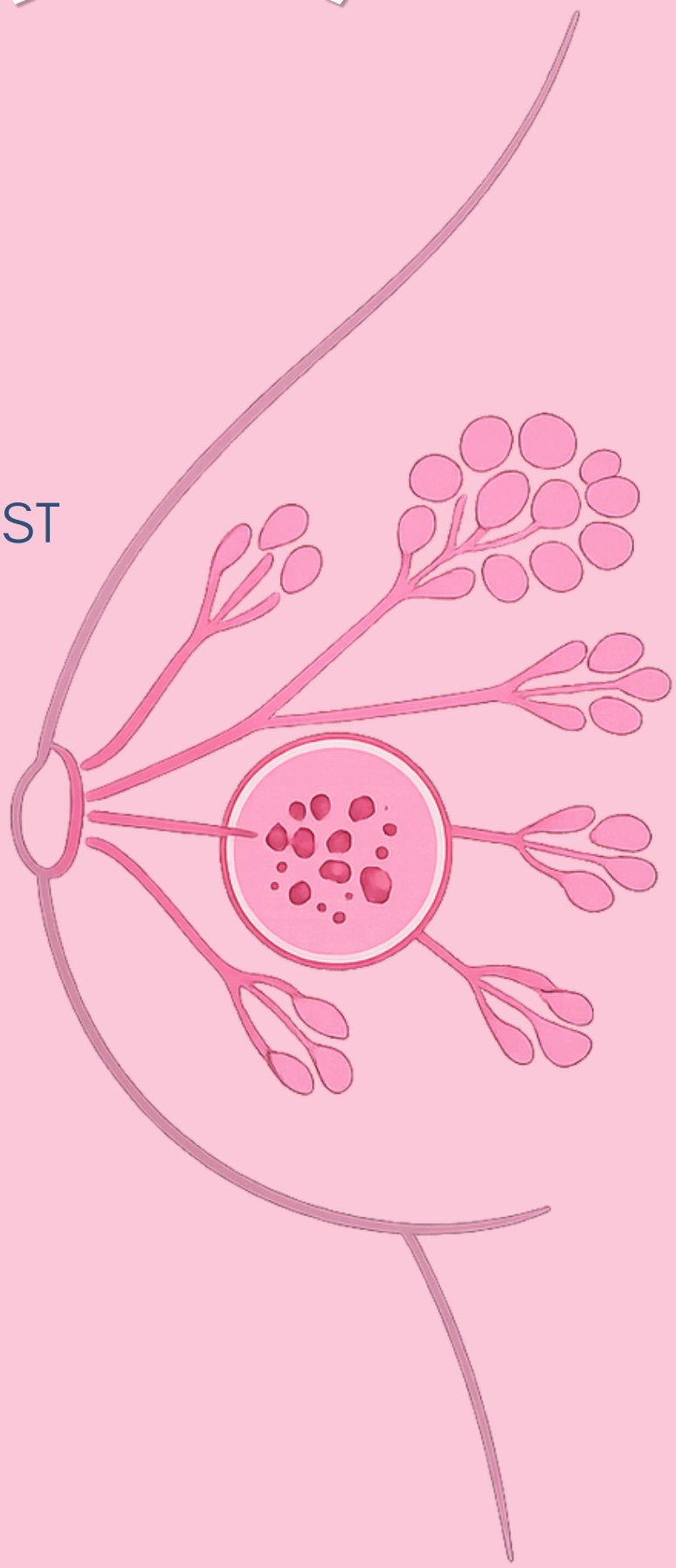
TYPES OF BREAST CANCER

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF DIAGNOSES.

INVASIVE DUCTAL CARCINOMA (IDC)

WHAT IS IT?

THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF BREAST CANCER, STARTING IN THE MILK DUCTS, SPREADING INTO THE SURROUNDING BREAST TISSUE.



HOW TO SPOT IT:

- A NEW BREAST LUMP
- CHANGES TO THE BREAST OR NIPPLE
- SWELLING OR PAIN IN THE BREAST

IS IT TREATABLE?

OFTEN HIGHLY TREATABLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN DIAGNOSED EARLY.

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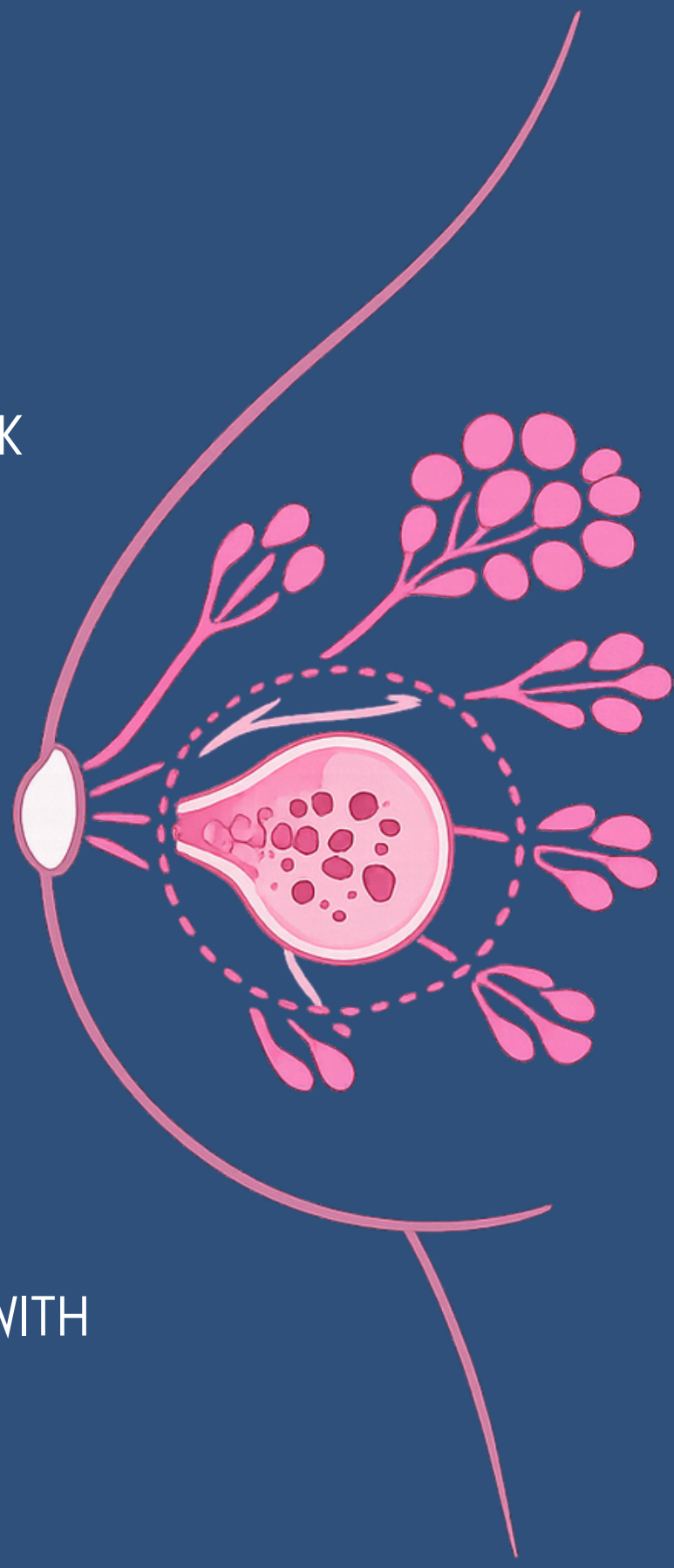
DUCTAL CARCINOMA IN SITU (DCIS)



WHAT IS IT?

ABNORMAL CELLS DEVELOP INSIDE THE MILK DUCTS BUT HAVE NOT SPREAD INTO SURROUNDING BREAST TISSUE.

HOW TO SPOT IT:

- LUMP IN THE BREAST
- CHANGES SEEN ON A MAMMOGRAM

IS IT TREATABLE?

VERY TREATABLE WHEN DETECTED EARLY, WITH EXCELLENT OUTCOMES.

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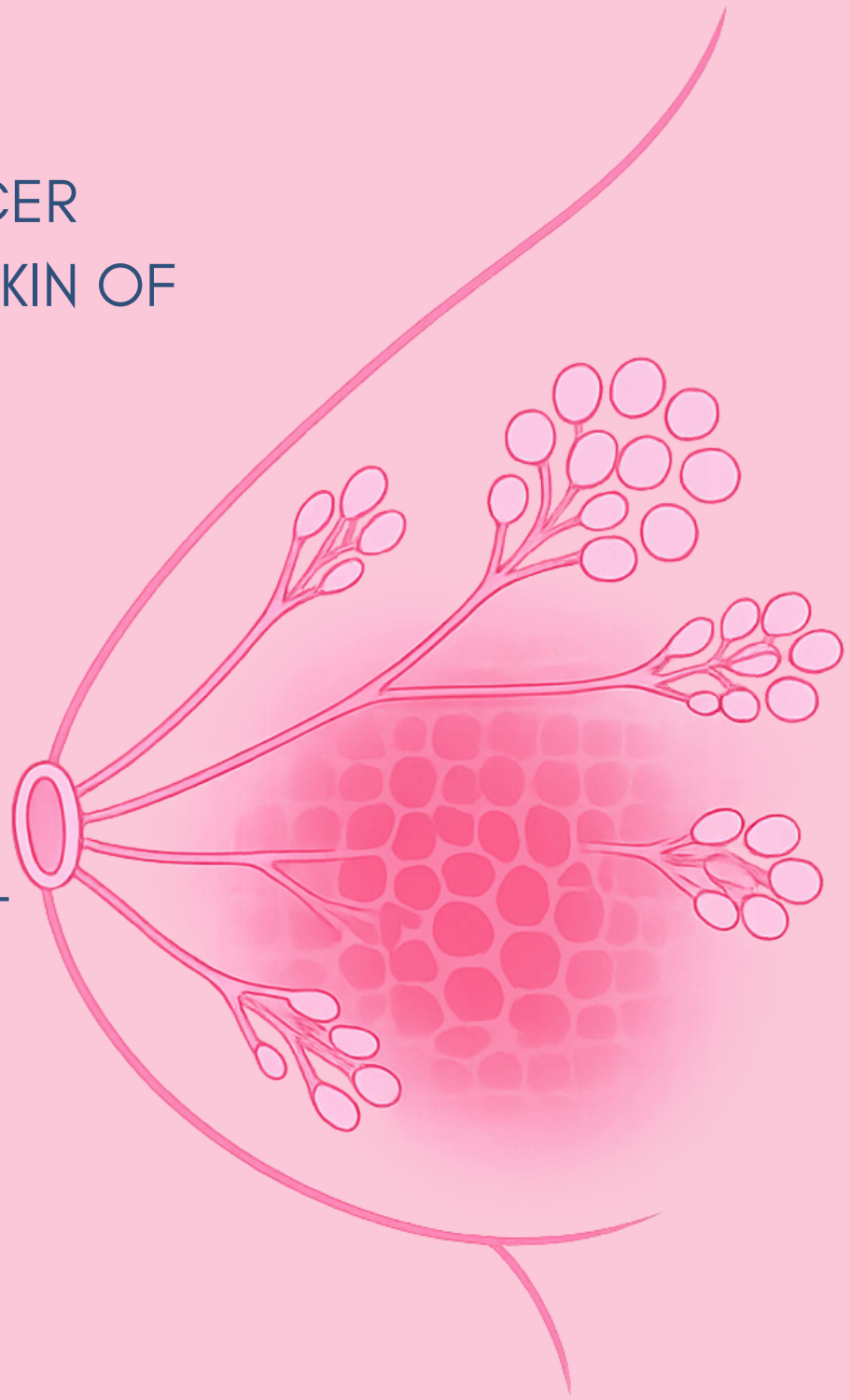
INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER (IBC)

WHAT IS IT?

A RARE, FAST-GROWING BREAST CANCER THAT BLOCKS LYMPH VESSELS IN THE SKIN OF THE BREAST.



HOW TO SPOT IT:

- REDNESS OR WARMTH OF THE BREAST
- SWELLING OR RAPID ENLARGEMENT
- SKIN THAT LOOKS DIMPLED OR LIKE AN ORANGE PEEL

IS IT TREATABLE?

REQUIRES PROMPT TREATMENT BUT CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED WITH A COMBINATION OF THERAPIES.

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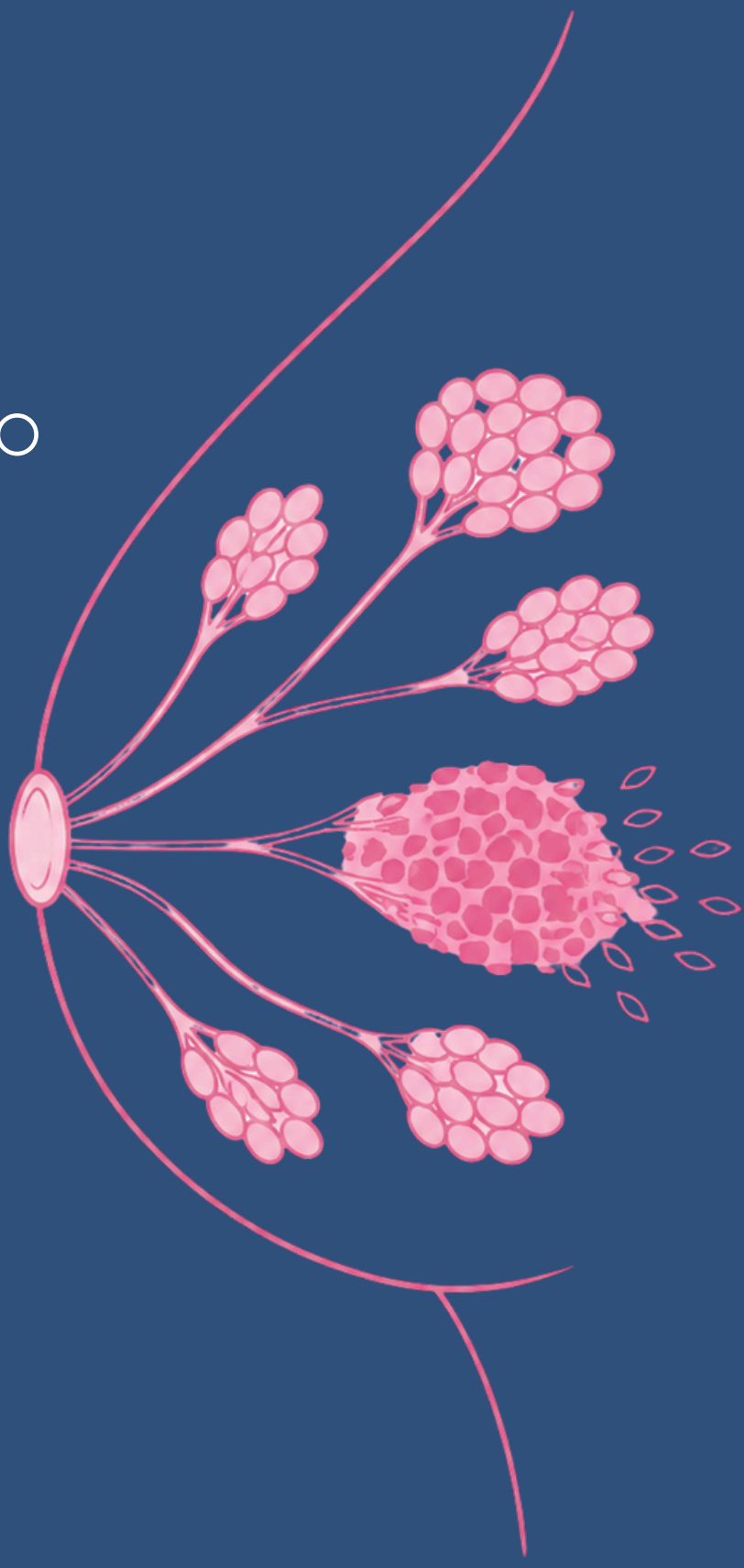
INVASIVE LOBULAR BREAST CANCER (ILC)

WHAT IS IT?

THE SECOND MOST COMMON TYPE OF BREAST CANCER. BEGINNING IN THE MILK-PRODUCING LOBULES AND SPREADING INTO NEARBY BREAST TISSUE.



HOW TO SPOT IT:

- THICKENING OF THE BREAST
- A CHANGE IN BREAST SHAPE OR SIZE
- A LUMP OR AREA OF FULLNESS

IS IT TREATABLE?

TREATMENT IS OFTEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, PARTICULARLY WHEN DIAGNOSED EARLY.

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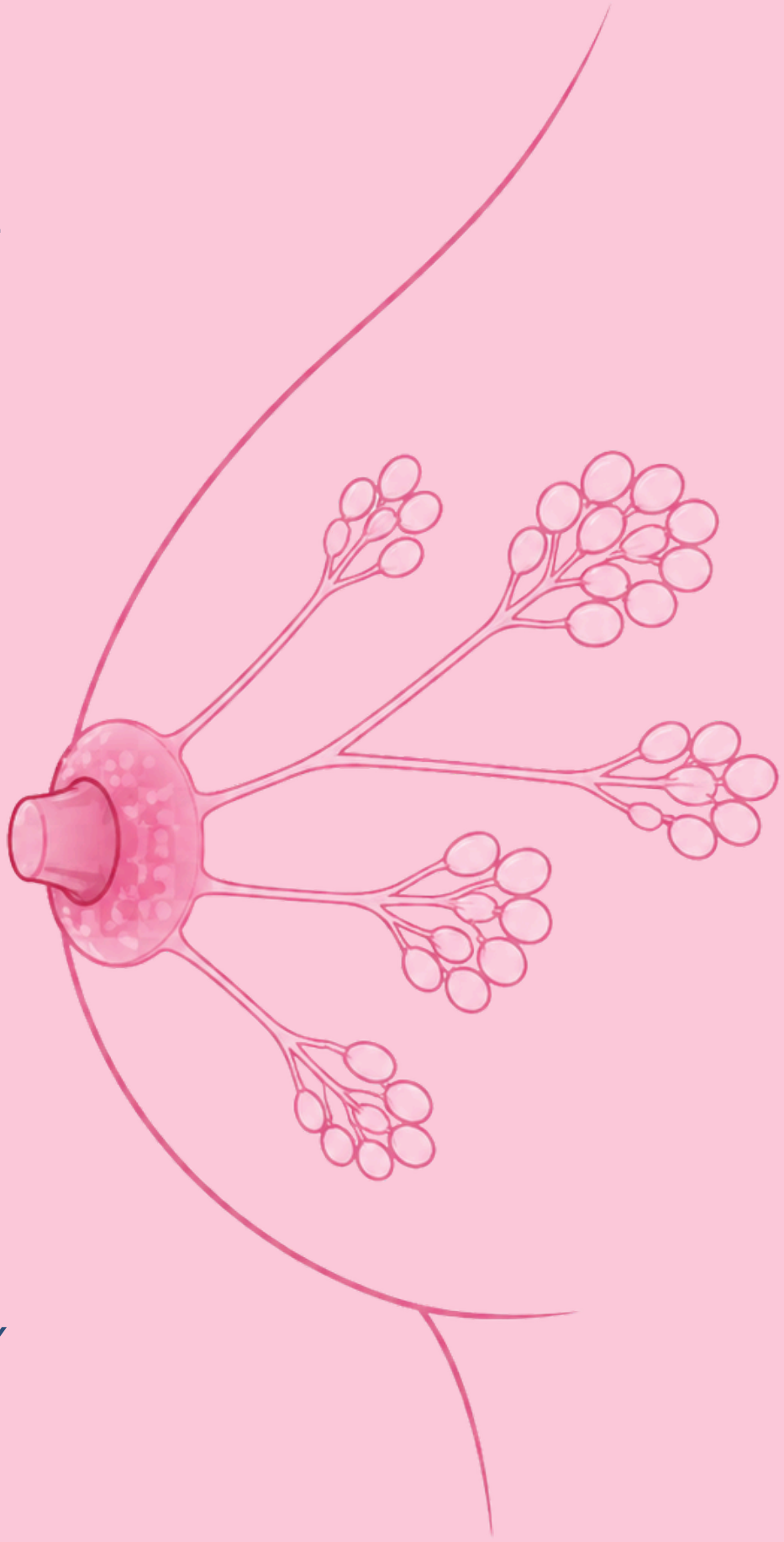
PAGET'S DISEASE OF THE BREAST

WHAT IS IT?

A RARE TYPE OF BREAST CANCER THAT AFFECTS THE SKIN OF THE NIPPLE AND SURROUNDING AREA.



HOW TO SPOT IT:

- RED, FLAKY OR CRUSTY NIPPLE
- ITCHING OR BURNING
- DISCHARGE FROM THE NIPPLE

IS IT TREATABLE?

USUALLY VERY TREATABLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN DIAGNOSED EARLY.

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EVERY BREAST CANCER IS DIFFERENT

TREATMENT DEPENDS ON:



TYPE



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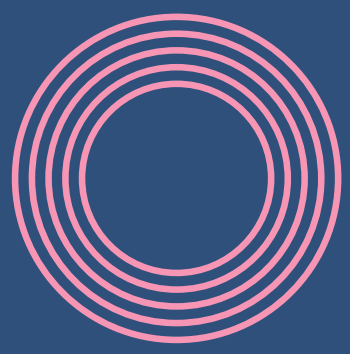

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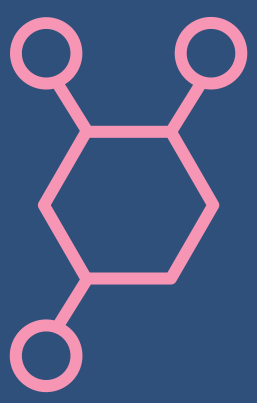

HORMONE RECEPTORS



HER2 STATUS

YOUR CARE TEAM WILL HELP CREATE A PLAN THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

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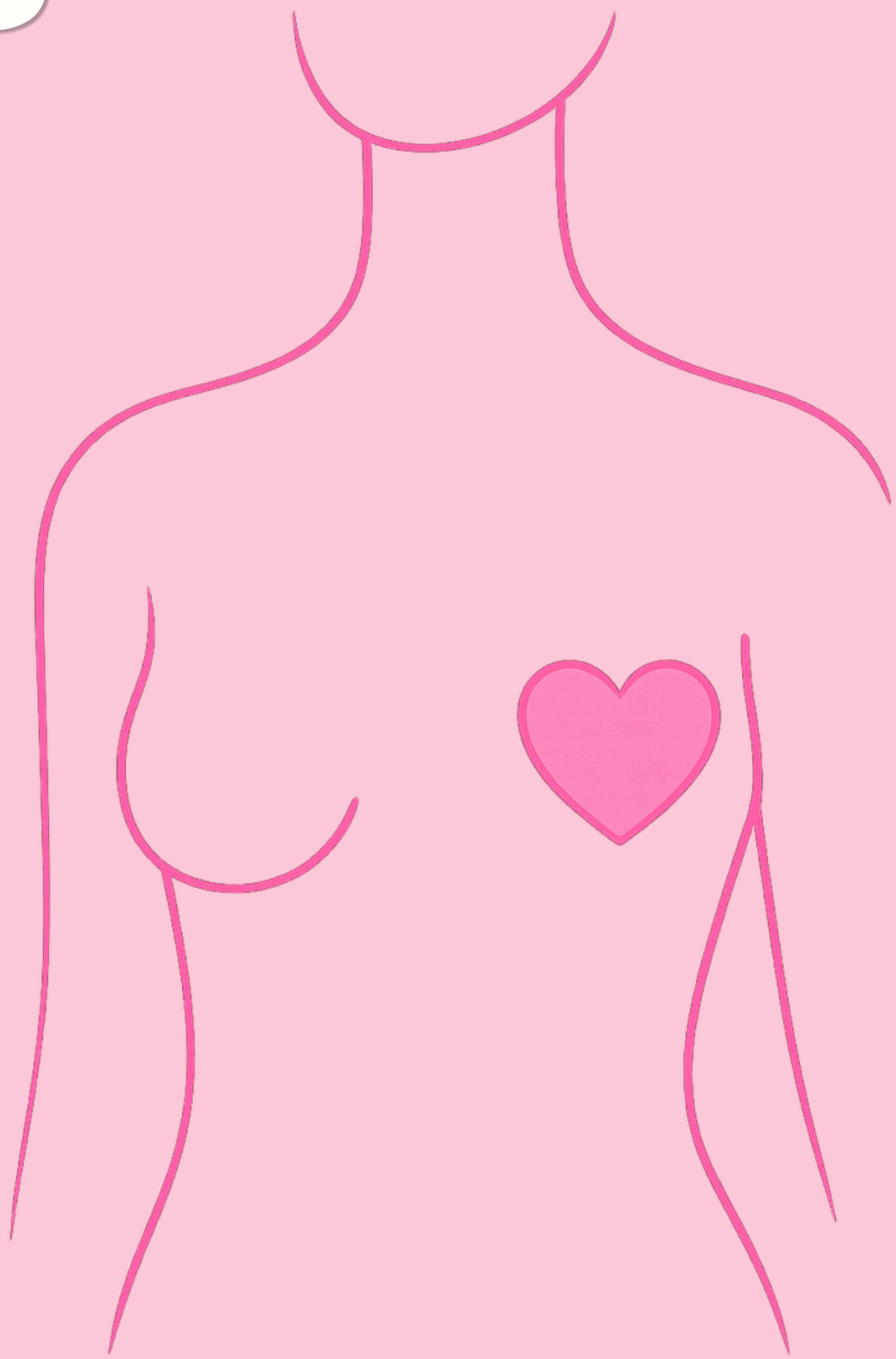
KNOW YOUR BREASTS

THE SOONER BREAST CANCER IS DETECTED, THE MORE TREATMENT OPTIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE.

KNOW YOUR NORMAL.
CHECK REGULARLY.



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