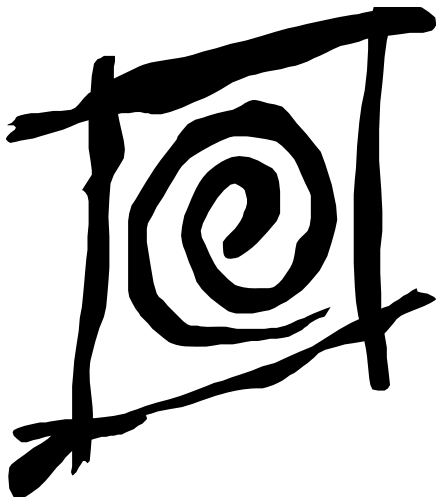


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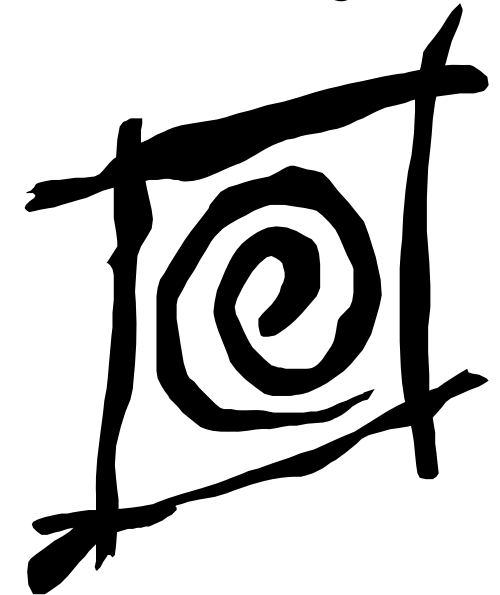
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*How did breast
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Breast cancer often has profound effects on the life of a family. This study investigates how a breast cancer diagnosis affects the daily life of couples. How did breast cancer change your daily life? How did it affect the daily life of your partner? And how are these changes related to how you and your partner deal with the situation?

This study uses a new scientific methodology to assess people's daily lives. Participants in this study are asked to wear a newly developed digital monitoring system (a pocket-sized micro-computer) while going about their daily lives. The device periodically records snippets of ambient sounds from participants' momentary environments. It is programmed to record only for short periods of time so that participants' privacy is always protected.

Your participation can make a significant contribution to our understanding of how breast cancer changes the lives of couples!

If you agree to participate:

- You and your partner will be asked to wear a small digital recording device (the digital monitoring system) over a weekend.
- You and your partner will be asked to complete a series of questionnaires related to how you deal with breast cancer.
- Your total time investment for the study is 4 hours (for 3 study sessions over a period of 12 weeks).
- There are no known risks.
- Your medical care will not be affected.
- There are no direct health benefits to participating. However, you may enjoy knowing that you contribute to a scientific knowledge base that could improve healthcare for breast cancer patients and their families.
- This study may also enable you to learn more about how you and your partner as a couple cope with breast cancer.
- You will have an opportunity to review your recordings and erase any that you don't want to be kept on record.

- All information you share with us will be handled with absolute confidentiality. Your privacy is extremely important to us.
- You will receive financial compensation for your participation.

