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## Centre for Breast Screening and Surgery A division of Susan Lim Surgery

### Pink T-Shirt Day Message from Susan Lim Surgery

In most of the United States, October means crisp fall days, apple festivals and Halloween preparations. But since 1985, October also signifies National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Each October we renew our commitment to making progress in the fight to prevent, detect, treat and cure this deadly disease.

More than 211,240 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year. Breast Cancer is the second most common kind of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States. This disease is devastating to women, but also affects a small percentage of men. Unfortunately, many of us have been touched in some way by this disease.

Breast imaging (mammography and ultrasound) is a woman's best chance of detecting breast cancer early. And fortunately, significant progress in imaging technology is helping doctors diagnose the disease earlier. As a result, breast cancer survivors make up the largest group of cancer survivors. We now know that early detection saves lives.

At Centre for Breast Screening and Surgery, a division of Susan Lim Surgery, the focus is on prevention, accessibility to early detection and research of this devastating disease. The key is to ensure that all women have access to quality breast imaging for the detection of breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages.

We must be diligent in making sure that all women understand the importance of and have access to early detection through annual breast screening. We are very touched that the SAS teachers of the Middle and High Schools, have enthusiastically embraced the campaign on breast screening by wearing the pink T-shirts on Oct. 26.

We've made a lot of progress in the fight against breast cancer. And we are learning more about this disease every day. Use this October as an opportunity to encourage your loved ones to take the appropriate steps now toward the prevention of this disease. By working together, we can raise awareness and help people live longer and healthier lives. For more information, please email us at [enquiries@susanlimsurgery.com](mailto:enquiries@susanlimsurgery.com) or visit our website at [www.susanlimsurgery.com](http://www.susanlimsurgery.com).

Have a great year!  
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