

## Stage 2 Breast Cancer

The cancer has not spread to *distant* sites (e.g., bones, organs, etc.) and would be in one of two stages, as follows:

### Stage 2A:

- No tumour is found in the breast but it is in 1 to 3 axillary (armpit) lymph nodes
- the tumour is less than 2 cm and has spread to 1 to 3 axillary (armpit) lymph nodes,
- cancer is found by sentinel node biopsy as microscopic disease in internal mammary nodes, but not on imaging studies or by clinical exam, or
- the tumour is larger than 2 cm in diameter and less than 5 cm, and hasn't spread to axillary nodes.

### Stage 2B:

- The tumour is larger than 2 cm in diameter and less than 5 cm and has spread to 1 to 3 axillary (armpit) lymph nodes, or
- cancer is found by sentinel node biopsy as microscopic disease in internal mammary nodes, or the tumour is larger than 5 cm and does not grow into the chest wall and has not spread to lymph nodes.