EMPOWER YOURSELF Whether you're a newly diagnosed patient, survivor, or loved one of someone suffering from advanced breast cancer, 100 Questions & Answers About Advanced and Metastatic Breast Cancer, Second Edition offers essential and practical guidance. Providing both doctor and patient perspectives, this updated and revised edition offers authoritative answers to the most commonly asked questions about advanced and metastatic breast cancer including diagnosis, treatment, post-treatment quality of life, alternative medicine, targeted therapy, and coping strategies. Written by exper Metastatic breast cancer, also known as stage IV, is breast cancer that has spread to another part of the body, such as the liver, brain, bones, or lungs. Learn more about metastatic breast cancer symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment. Being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer can be overwhelming. You may feel angry, scared, stressed, outraged, and depressed. Some people may question the treatments they had or may be mad at their doctors or themselves for not being able to beat the disease. Others may deal with diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer in a matter-of-fact way. There is no right or wrong way to come to terms with the diagnosis. Edition Notes: Companion to: 100 questions & answers about advanced and metastatic breast cancer / by Lillie D. Shockney and Gary R. Shapiro. 2nd ed. c2012. Includes bibliographical references and index. Other Titles: One hundred questions and answers about advanced and metastatic breast cancer. Classifications: Dewey Decimal Class. Metastatic breast cancer occurs when cancer that started in the breast spreads to another part of the body. It's also known as stage 4 breast cancer. There isn't a current cure for metastatic breast cancer, but treatments can relieve symptoms, improve quality of life, and prolong life. The outlook for people with metastatic breast cancer and the length of time between a stage 4 diagnosis and the onset of end-of-life symptoms varies greatly. Treatments for metastatic breast cancer are becoming so advanced that many people can live for a long time after their diagnosis and still maintain a good quality of life. If treatment stops working, your doctor may recommend hospice or palliative care.