

Group seeing more younger women with breast cancer

FOR more than 13 years, the Breast Cancer Foundation has been raising awareness and advocating regular breast screening for early detection.

The Ministry of Health's move to allow Medisave use for cancer screening is a pleasant surprise and a breakthrough ("Medisave can be used

for cancer checks"; last Saturday).

We are pleased that Health Minister Khaw Boon Wan recognises the urgency, and supports efforts to promote early detection of breast cancer among women aged 50 and above.

The Academy of Medicine Singa-

pore should also be applauded for making this recommendation to the ministry.

The release of the use of Medisave to encourage more women to go for mammogram screening will bolster our efforts.

Of late, we have observed that the

profile of women afflicted by breast cancer appears to be getting younger.

Our statistics have shown that we are counselling more women with breast cancer aged between 40 and 50, and one in five who attends our support group meetings is in her 30s.

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