A survey of 200 healthcare professionals (HCPs), 102 employers and 1,002 women with breast cancer* who have worked or looked for work since diagnosis revealed:

77% of working women with breast cancer feel that working aids in their recovery

92% of HCPs and 90% of employers agree**

HCP and employer support is key to helping women with breast cancer thrive in the workplace, but more needs to be done.

Healthcare Professionals

- 95% of oncologists surveyed agreed that it is important to treat a woman with breast cancer as a whole person, with a family, social and work life as well as a disease.
- 100% of other HCPs surveyed agreed.

However

- 87% of oncologists report that they need more resources to help women with breast cancer navigate their work environment.
- 92% of other HCPs report that they need more resources to help women with breast cancer navigate their work environment.

Employers

- 91% of employers report their organization is supportive of employees who have serious health conditions such as breast cancer.

But, there is a contrast between what support employers report they provide for all employees and what women with breast cancer report is available.

- Specific resources, advice or education for working during or after treatment: 66%
- Availability of a support group in the workplace: 50%
- Specific job modifications (such as additional break times or temporary work accommodations): 73%

*The survey was commissioned by Pfizer and Cancer and Careers, and conducted online by Harris Poll from June 9 - 23, 2014. Study sample: 1,002 female breast cancer patients and survivors 18+ who have worked or looked for work since diagnosis (189 of these were metastatic breast cancer patients); separately, 102 employers (Human Resources or Employee Benefits managers, or executives with those responsibilities) in companies with 5+ employees in the US; 100 oncologists; 100 oncology nurses/NPs; nurse navigators; and medical social workers who see breast cancer patients.

** The HCPs and HR managers surveyed were not directly related to the patient respondents. The samples of patients, oncologists, and HR managers are weighted to help ensure that they are representative of their respective populations.