Invasive (or infiltrating) Ductal Carcinoma

This is the most common type of breast cancer. Invasive (or infiltrating) ductal carcinoma (IDC) starts in a milk duct of the breast, breaks through the wall of the duct, and grows into the fatty tissue of the breast. At this point, it may be able to spread (metastasize) to other parts of the body through the lymphatic system and bloodstream. About 8 of 10 invasive breast cancers are infiltrating ductal carcinomas.¹

Invasive (or infiltrating) Lobular Carcinoma

Invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC) starts in the milk-producing glands (lobules). It can spread (metastasize) to other parts of the body through the lymphatic system and bloodstream. About 1 invasive breast cancer in 10 is an ILC.¹

¹ American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org