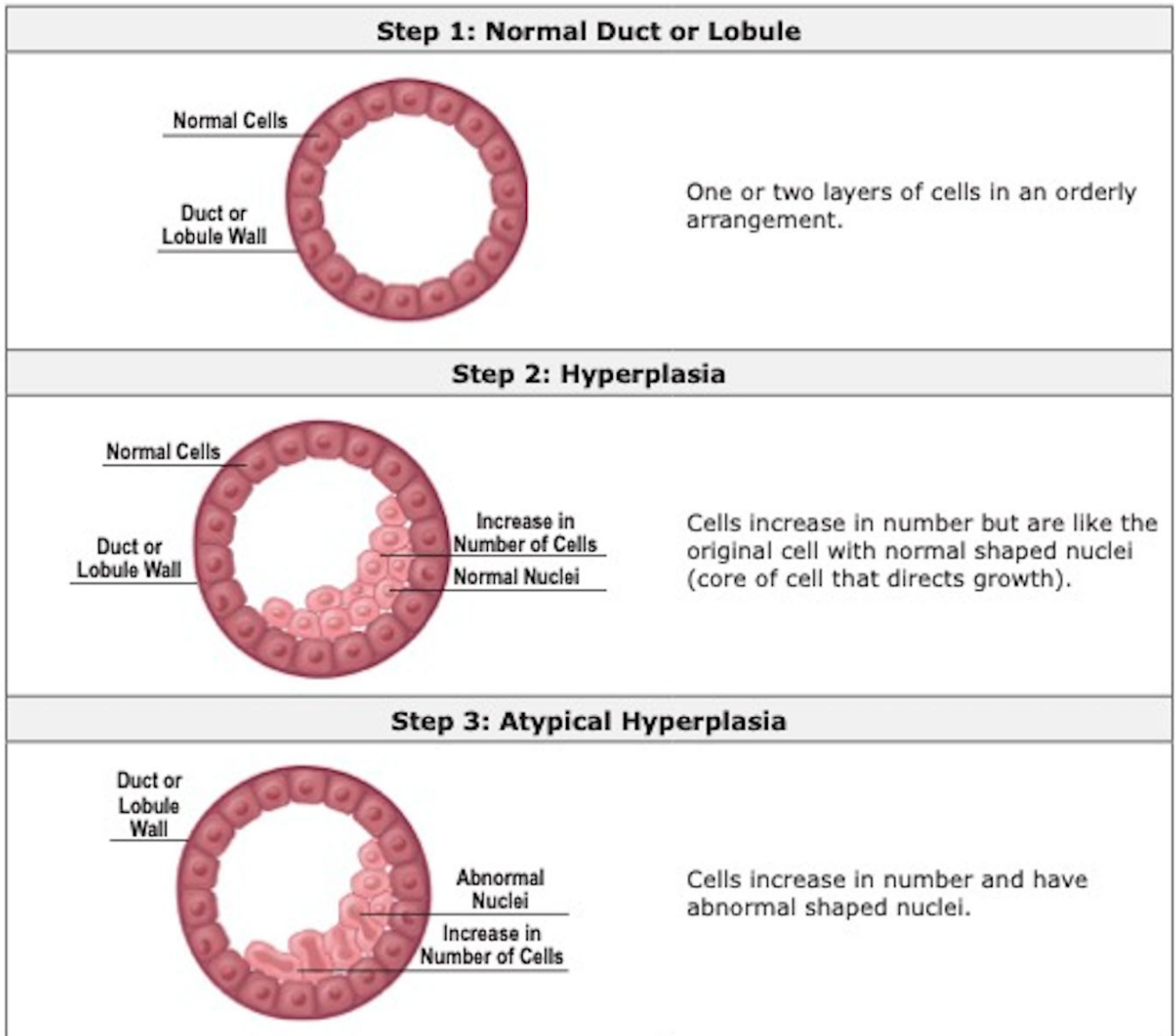
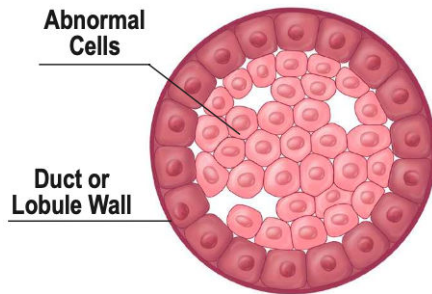


Cancer Progression Process

Cancer is a gradual progression of normal cells evolving into cancer cells. This cellular change process in breast cancer occurs over a period of years. The following cross section illustrations show the multi-step progression of cellular changes occurring in the ducts or lobules of the breast into cancer. Some aggressive cancers may skip Step 2.

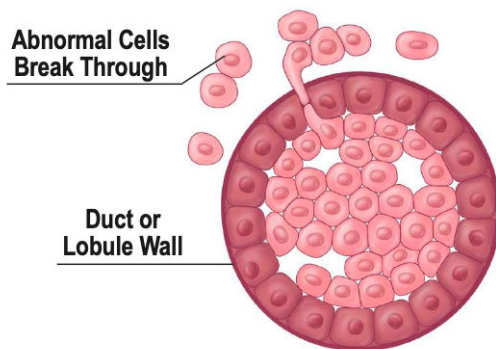


Step 4: Carcinoma In Situ



Abnormal cells fill the inside of duct or lobular wall but have not broken through wall.

Step 5: Invasive Carcinoma



Abnormal cells break through wall of duct or lobule and invade surrounding tissues.