**Epidemiologists' Forum Presents:**
***What do we know about breast cancer risk factors?***

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**When:** Thursday, January 16, 2014
3:00 - 5:00 pm (Presentation 3:30-4:30pm; Networking 3:00-3:30 & 4:30-5:00pm)

**Where:** Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Room 1D
MAX: NE 7th Avenue Station; Parking is available near PSOB

Over the last half century, risk factor epidemiology research has identified a number of risk factors for breast cancer that we now rely on for lifestyle guidance and recommendations for public health policy. Yet some of the risk factors have led to research designs or to public policy decisions that were in error. How do we interpret epidemiologic findings about risk factors and how do we know when apparent findings are misleading?

Dr. Austin will present information about the development of breast tissue over a lifetime, and different susceptibilities to endogenous and exogenous factors.

* Is smoking a serious risk factor for breast cancer?
* What about fresh grapefruit?
* Is hormone replacement therapy a minor risk?
* What about ionizing radiation?
* What about obesity?
* Is there evidence that some risks can be prevented?

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