Have you ever wondered why we study breast cancer in laboratory mice?

In “Of Mice and Women,” Dr. Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff, PhD, head of the Department of Cancer Biology and a senior scientist in the Life Sciences Division at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory describes why and how different types of mouse models are used to study various aspects of breast cancer biology.

The limitations, advantages and significant improvements in the technology of modeling human breast cancer in mice are reviewed in the video. The scientific terminology is further defined in the glossary.

As co-investigator of the Bay Area Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Center biology study, Dr. Barcellos-Hoff’s focus is on defining the critical biological steps in breast mammary gland development and identifying what molecular events are responsible for breast tumor formation. Dr. Barcellos-Hoff’s passion and interest in how normal breast development is regulated and how environmental exposure to low does radiation affect the mammary gland at different stages [pre-puberty, puberty, pregnancy, and aging] of development is evident throughout the video.

The “Of Mice and Women” education kit is an innovative tool for breast cancer advocates and community members to facilitate a greater understanding as to why mice models are used in breast cancer research. The kit includes a 35 minute DVD and a glossary of scientific terminology related to breast cancer.

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