



NAPBC Newsletter - April 2010

A News Update from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

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Priority Scheduling offered to CoC Programs for 2011

The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) will work again this year with the Commission on Cancer (CoC) staff to coordinate survey visits for interested centers. Programs due for CoC survey in 2011 will receive notification around July 1, 2010. Programs/centers that anticipate applying for NAPBC accreditation in 2011 and want to discuss "back-to-back" survey scheduling should contact Tenisha Granville before August 1, 2010 at (312)202-5185 or by email at tgranville@facs.org.

Board Approves Changes in NAPBC Standards, Beginning January 1, 2011

The NAPBC Board recently approved several changes proposed by the Standards and Accreditation Committee. Effective January 1, 2011, several standards will be "tightened up" as a result of input from one year of survey experience. Comprehensive changes will be made to Standard 2.16 - *Genetic Evaluation and Management*, and Standard 2.18 - *Reconstructive Surgery*, which will require that 80 percent of appropriate patients are referred for a plastic/reconstructive surgery consultation prior to definitive surgery. Several other standards will be impacted as well, raising the bar for centers that apply for NAPBC accreditation, as well as for quality care offered to patients diagnosed with diseases of the breast.

In addition, the Information Technology and Quality Improvement Committee have identified several quality measures to be incorporate into the NAPBC survey process. Discussions now focus on developing the best tool for collecting this information. These changes *will* impact centers applying for NAPBC accreditation after January 1, 2011, and you will be learning more about them in future newsletters, at workshops, and on our Web site this summer.

Register for NAPBC Spring Workshop on May 21, 2010 in Chicago, IL

In response to extensive interest, the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) will host a workshop in Chicago on May 21, 2010 - "Pursuing Excellence through Accreditation."

This workshop will raise awareness of the value of NAPBC accreditation to your breast center and is designed for individuals

Upcoming NAPBC Exhibits:

National Cancer Registrars' Association Annual Meeting

Palm Springs, California

April 20 - 23, 2010

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American Society of Breast Surgeons Annual Meeting

Las Vegas, Nevada

April 28 - May 2, 2010

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Oncology Nursing Society Annual Meeting

San Diego, California

May 13 - 16, 2010

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Next Generation: Comprehensive Breast Centers of Excellence

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 23 - 25, 2010

involved in the delivery of multidisciplinary breast health care, including physicians, nurses, administrators, cancer registry professionals, and others involved in the day-to-day operations of the breast center.

At the workshop, NAPBC faculty will present the multidisciplinary requirements defined in the Components and Standards, as well as what must be in place in order to receive NAPBC accreditation. NAPBC faculty will also open the electronic NAPBC Pre-application and Survey Application Record (SAR) to view the functionality so that centers applying for NAPBC accreditation will know what to expect.

To register for this one-day NAPBC Workshop, download a program brochure, including a registration form, or register online at:

<http://accreditedbreastcenters.org/workshop/index.html>

SEATING IS LIMITED, and, registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for registering to attend this workshop is May 1, 2010.

If you have questions, call the NAPBC administrative Office at 312-202-5185 or send an email to napbc@facs.org.

"Next Generation: Comprehensive Breast Centers of Excellence" - June 23-25, 2010, Philadelphia, PA

A conference titled, "Next Generation: Comprehensive Breast Centers of Excellence" will be held in Philadelphia, PA, June 23-25, helping organizations build and apply comprehensive breast center programs and services to maximize competitive advantage, meet increasing demand, and optimize patient satisfaction. Participants will hear more about:

- Creating a State-of-the-Art comprehensive breast center to improve patient care, enhance work-flow and efficiency
- Maximize competitive advantage by providing innovative, integrated, high-quality and cost effective care
- Patient advocacy and navigation
- Coping with space constraints in outpatient and inpatient oncology settings
- Measuring the quality of care within the breast center
- Improving patient care through interdisciplinary breast cancer management

Look for the NAPBC in the Exhibit Hall to obtain more information or if you would like to talk with NAPBC leadership about program details.

Register before April 23 and save \$395 on conference fees. To receive your NAPBC member discount, contact Gia Bosch at gbosch@acius.net or call 414-221-1700, ext 130.

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