



NAPBC Newsletter - May 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) is working with the Commission on Cancer (CoC) staff to coordinate survey visits for centers interested in pursuing NAPBC accreditation. 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 scheduling "back-to-back" surveys should contact Tenisha Granville before August 1, 2010 at 312-202-5185 or by e-mail at tgranville@facs.org.

NAPBC Workshops Prove Helpful to Centers Seeking Accreditation

Preliminary reviews from the NAPBC workshop held in conjunction with the American Society of Breast Disease annual meeting in New York City on April 16, 2010 and the workshop held in Chicago on May 21, 2010 were very positive. Both workshops were sold out, and registration was closed early. Participants walked away with a better understanding of what is required for NAPBC accreditation, including details about the required components and standards, the Survey Application Record (SAR), the survey visit, and the accreditation awards.



The NAPBC is in the process of identifying a fall workshop date to be announced in the near future. Workshop details will be posted on the NAPBC website - <http://www.accreditedbreastcenters.org> - along with a link for registration. If you are interested in being added to the NAPBC Workshop waiting list, send an e-mail to napbc@facs.org or call the NAPBC administrative office at 312-202-5185.

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 and ultimately improving the quality of care provided to patients.

In addition, the Information Technology and Quality Improvement Committee has identified several quality measures to be incorporated 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. You will learn more about these standard changes in future newsletters, at workshops, and on our website.

From Birds Eye to Bedside: Getting Research Results to Surgeons Faster

The Commission on Cancer is partnering with researchers from the University of Michigan (UM) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to more quickly bring research results to surgeons who treat patients with breast cancer. The Commission is working with UM's Cancer Surveillance and Outcomes Research Team (CanSORT) and the Ann Arbor VA Center for Clinical Management Research to disseminate their population-based research findings directly to surgeons. CanSORT performs NCI-funded research in collaboration with two NCI Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results registries to study the quality of surgical treatment for breast cancer in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles and Detroit. For more information on CanSORT, go to <http://www.cansort.org>.

Visit the NAPBC Exhibit at the following upcoming meetings:

Next Generation: Comprehensive Breast Centers of Excellence

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 23 - 25, 2010

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2010 Breast Cancer Symposium

Washington, DC

September 24 - 26, 2010

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San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium

San Antonio, Texas

December 8 - 12, 2010

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The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer is sponsoring a CME-accredited interactive website with results tailored for surgeons who participate in these studies. CanSORT has received feedback about the website on ways to improve dissemination of research results directly to surgeons. Thirty-five percent of the surgeon sample have logged into the website and participated in the survey.

The interactive website is now available online to support the broader community of surgeons interested and involved in breast cancer care. You can preview the website at <http://www.cansortsurgeons.org>.

For more information about this initiative, which was presented at the Third Annual NIH Dissemination and Implementation in Health meeting in Bethesda, Maryland on March 15-16, 2010, contact Sarah T. Hawley, PhD, MPH, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, at sarahawl@umich.edu.

Attend "Next Generation: Comprehensive Breast Centers of Excellence" in Philadelphia

A conference titled, "Next Generation: Comprehensive Breast Centers of Excellence" will be held in Philadelphia, PA, June 23-25, 2010. The purpose of the conference is to help organizations build and apply comprehensive breast center programs and services to maximize competitive advantage, meet increasing demands, and optimize patient satisfaction. Participants will hear more about:

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

Look for the NAPBC in the Exhibit Hall to obtain more information or to talk with an NAPBC representative about the program.

Register before May 30, 2010 and save \$295 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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