

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR BREAST CENTERS

The Breast Cancer Center Holyoke Medical Center

The Breast Cancer Center at Holyoke Medical Center is the only center accredited by the NAPBC in Western Massachusetts and one of four such centers in the state. We have a state-of-the-art facility with board-certified physicians and oncologists. We offer high resolution digital mammography, MRI guided biopsies, stereotactic core needle biopsies, surgery, individualized treatment planning and extensive follow up by medical and radiation oncology. The nursing staff responsible for the care of the breast cancer patients treat them like part of their own family. There is a nurse navigator who helps patients navigate what can be a complicated system of doctors, treatments, schedules, side effects and family concerns. We work well with all the different providers and have the necessary support to help breast cancer patients from the time they are diagnosed through survivorship. Breast cancer is the most common cancer seen at Holyoke Medical Center. There is also a close relationship with the American Cancer Society which has many programs that benefit cancer patients. Cancer services are centralized at Holyoke Medical Center enhancing convenience and accessibility for patients who can usually schedule appointments within a week. There is also a breast cancer support group with extensive community outreach to include the culturally-sensitive Hispanic population. The support group is involved in educational activities that include yoga, massage and psychotherapy. Since we are a smaller hospital, we can offer programs that may be missed by the bigger hospitals.



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AVAILABLE SERVICES: (X indicates available services)

Diagnosis

- Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)
- Stereotactic Core Needle Biopsy
- Ultrasound-Guided Needle Biopsy
- MRI-Guided Needle Biopsy

Interdisciplinary Breast Team

- Multidisciplinary Breast Conference

Treatment

- Surgery
- Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy (SNB)
- Reconstructive Surgery
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation Therapy

Pathology

- Radiology/Pathology Correlation
- Gene Studies (ER/PR, Her2)
- Tissue Banking

Education, Support, and Rehabilitation

- Patient Education
- Physician Education
- Psychosocial Support
- Physical /Occupational Therapy
- Nutritional Counseling
- Survivorship Program
- Other: _____

Data Management

- Data Collection Mechanism

Imaging

- Screening Mammography
- Diagnostic Mammography
- Breast Ultrasound
- Breast MRI
- Other: _____

Patient Support

- Patient Navigator
- Specialized Nursing

Genetic Evaluation

- Genetic Risk Assessment
- Genetic Counseling
- Genetic Testing

Rehabilitation

- Lymphedema Prevention & Treatment

Research

- Cooperative Group Trials
- Institutional Original Research
- Industrial Sponsored Trials
- Other: _____

Community Outreach

- Community Education/Screening

Quality Improvement

- Center Specific Quality Improvement Studies
- National Quality Improvement Studies