

FACT SHEET

BREAST CARE PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The Breast Care Program at Northside Hospital continues to be the largest single hospital program in Georgia with approximately 900 patients diagnosed and treated each year.

Northside offers a high quality, comprehensive breast care program, encompassing education and prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, support and rehabilitation.

Northside Hospital continually strives to be one of the top community hospital breast care programs in the country.

EDUCATION & PREVENTION SERVICES

Breast Health Classes

- Scheduled classes are offered to teach women the components of good breast health, risk factors and breast self-exam technique.

Hadassah™/Check It Out™

- Northside Hospital partners with the greater Atlanta Hadassah to educate high school juniors and seniors about breast cancer and early detection.

Speakers' Bureau

- Breast health workshops are provided on request to businesses and organizations.

Hereditary Cancer Program

- This program helps people assess, understand and reduce their risk of developing genetically influenced cancers, including breast, ovarian and colon cancer.

SCREENING & DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Northside Hospital offers breast imaging services at our three main campuses as well as at our six outpatient facilities throughout Metro Atlanta.

Services include:

- Screening Mammography
- Diagnostic Mammograms
- Breast Ultrasound
- Cyst Aspiration
- Ultrasound Core Needle Biopsy
- Stereotactic Biopsy
- Needle Localization
- Breast MRI
- Computer Aided Detection for Mammograms

TREATMENT PROCEDURES

- Lumpectomy
- Axillary Dissection and Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy
- Mastectomy
- Breast Reconstruction
- Chemotherapy Infusion and Radiation Oncology Services
- Lymphedema Management Program
- State-of-the-art Clinical Research Trials

SUPPORT SERVICES

Dedicated Breast Health Navigators

- Specially trained registered nurses offer information and one-on-one emotional support to patients diagnosed with breast cancer.

Support Groups

- The Wellness Community-Atlanta offers free psychological and educational support for cancer patients and families.

A Woman's Place (Atlanta)

- This specialty boutique, staffed by breast cancer survivors, offers custom-fit breast forms, mastectomy bras, wigs, lymphedema products and a variety of other items.

Network of Hope (Atlanta)

- Cancer survivors volunteer their time to offer support to patients recently diagnosed with cancer.