Breast Oncology

MD Anderson Cancer Center sees approximately 40,000 breast cancer patients a year, making us one of the largest breast oncology centers in the United States. Our subspecialized experts carefully examine each breast cancer type and use clinical tools, such as gene-expression profiles, to offer the most effective treatment developed specifically for an individual.

Where you send your patient first matters.

Breast cancer care begins with an accurate pathologic diagnosis and staging based on tumor grade, estrogen- and progesterone-receptor status, HER2 status and oncotypen DX score. When you refer to MD Anderson, patients receive the highest level of subspecialized care based on their individual cancer type.

Cancer and benign conditions we treat

- Breast cancer during pregnancy
- Breast cancer caused by BRCA, PALB2 and other genetic mutations
- Biologic subtypes, including hormone receptor positive, HER2-positive and triple-negative breast cancers
- Inflammatory breast cancer
- Male breast cancer
- Metaplastic breast cancer
- Metastatic breast cancer
- Oncofertility
- Paget’s disease

Advanced treatment options for patients

- Surgery, including skin- and nipple-sparing mastectomy, minimally invasive surgery, sentinel lymph node surgery, lymphatic reconstruction, tissue-sparing breast surgery, and oncoplastic surgery
- Targeted therapy
- Radiation therapy, including 3D conformal, IMRT, VMAT, accelerated partial breast irradiation, SBRT and stereotactic radiosurgery
- Immunotherapy
- Clinical trials

Watch how MD Anderson is changing breast cancer diagnosis and treatment

Up to 14% of patients will see a change in their initial diagnosis when they come to MD Anderson.
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Why MD Anderson

Cancer cannot wait.
At MD Anderson, we understand that early detection of breast cancer leads to better treatment results. Schedule your patient for a mammogram with our diagnostic imaging order form at one of our four imaging clinics.

Real-time results are made available to patients at the time of their appointment for all breast screening and diagnostic examinations.

Annual breast screening mammograms are recommended at age 40. To learn more about higher-risk screening guidelines, visit our Clinical Practice Algorithms page.

When physicians partner, patient-centered care expands.
If your patient has an increased risk of breast cancer due to family history or a breast cancer symptom, we have multiple clinics available. These clinics provide high-touch nurse navigators to guide patients through personalized treatment options, so they have a clear understanding of next steps.

High Risk Breast Screening and Genetics Clinic
- Breast cancer screening, chemoprevention and genetic risk evaluation
- Indicated for individuals with an increased risk of breast cancer due to family history, a genetic mutation, atypical ductal hyperplasia, atypical lobular hyperplasia, ductal carcinoma in situ or lobular carcinoma in situ

Undiagnosed Breast Clinic
- Consultation or second opinion of abnormal breast imaging, breast cancer symptoms and breast biopsy
- Patients receive same day results after a clinical evaluation with one of our providers

Inflammatory Breast Cancer Clinic
- A highly specialized team of radiation, surgical and medical oncologists with vast experience of IBC staging, diagnosis and treatment
- Patients schedule one appointment at one place to meet with an entire team and leave with a plan of action

Advanced Breast Cancer Clinic
- Metastatic (stage IV) breast cancer
- Clinical trial options for advanced breast cancer
A safer environment
Keeping our patients and workforce safe has always been our top priority. To learn more about our response to COVID-19, visit our Coronavirus Precautions page.

Oncology care team
For information about our breast oncology faculty and staff, visit our directory.

Cancer center locations
When you refer to MD Anderson, your patients will receive the highest level of care in a safe, compassionate environment. We provide breast cancer services at multiple locations across Houston, making it easy and convenient for your patients, including:

- Nellie B. Connally Breast Center (Texas Medical Center)
- MD Anderson League City
- MD Anderson in Sugar Land
- MD Anderson The Woodlands
- MD Anderson West Houston

Patient referrals
Contact our Referring Provider Team for assistance with the following:

- Referrals to any MD Anderson center or location
- Continuous follow-up on the status of referrals
- Answers to questions about patient access procedures
- Support with our online EpicCare Link

EpicCare Link
Create a secure, HIPAA-compliant account at myMDAnderson to:

- Submit patient referrals or second opinion pathology requests
- Receive notifications on patient referral status and scheduled appointments
- Access patient medical record information; transcribed reports and diagnostic results
- Add staff members to your account, update practice information and follow-up preferences

Refer a patient

Referring Provider Team
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Phone: 877-632-6789
713-563-2449
physicianreferrals@mdanderson.org
Physician Referral Form
Mylink.mdanderson.org

15+ breast radiation oncologists
20+ breast medical oncologists
20+ breast surgical oncologists
20+ plastic surgeons
40+ breast imaging specialists

40,000+ patients treated annually
6 locations throughout the Greater Houston area

* Data based on patient visits in fiscal year 2019