Breast Oncology

MD Anderson sees approximately 40,000 breast cancer patients a year, making us one of the largest centers in the United States. We have the expertise to examine each breast cancer type and the ability to use gene-expression profiles and other tools, which then guide us toward the most effective treatment targeted specifically for each patient.

Our breast oncology care is focused on developing new treatments and therapies to improve survival rates and decrease side effects while maximizing quality of life for breast cancer patients.

Where you send your patient first matters.

When you refer to MD Anderson, you can have confidence that your patients will receive the highest level of subspecialized care. From accurate diagnosis to correct staging of their disease, your patients will have a team of experts that will provide a comprehensive approach to breast cancer care.

Cancers we treat

- Breast cancer during pregnancy
- Breast cancer caused by BRCA 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
- 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
- Proton therapy
- Targeted therapy
- Radiation therapy, including 3D conformal, IMRT, VMAT, accelerated partial breast irradiation, SBRT and stereotactic radiosurgery
- Immunotherapy
- Clinical trials for breast cancer

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

MD Anderson’s Breast Cancer Moon Shot® Program
MD Anderson’s Breast Cancer Moon Shot initiative is focused on newly diagnosed triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) and partners with local oncologists to provide optimal, individualized patient care. Patients with early-stage TNBC now have targeted therapy options based on the histologic and genomic profile of their individual tumor.

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.

When physicians partner, patient’s choice expands.
If your patient has an increased risk of breast cancer due to family history or discovers 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.

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High Risk Breast Screening and Genetics Clinic
Breast cancer screening, chemoprevention and genetic risk evaluation for patients with atypical ductal hyperplasia, atypical lobular hyperplasia, ductal carcinoma in situ, lobular carcinoma in situ, a family history or a genetic mutation.

Undiagnosed Breast Clinic
• Consultation or second opinion on 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

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.
A safer environment
Keeping our patients and workforce safe has always been our top priority. We continue to proactively implement measures to ensure the safety of patients on all our campuses. 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 Memorial City
- MD Anderson in Sugar Land
- MD Anderson The Woodlands
- MD Anderson West Houston

Learn more about each of our locations and their offerings to find the most convenient one for your patient.

Patient referrals
Our Referring Provider Team is dedicated to assisting health care providers 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 physician portal

Physician portal
Our secure, HIPAA-compliant portal is available for health care providers to take an active role in managing patient care at MD Anderson. After creating a myMDAnderson for Physicians account, you can:

- Access patient appointment schedules
- Access transcribed patient reports and results
- Receive notifications regarding referral status and results
- Easily update your profile and contact information

Referring Provider Team
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Learn more about how to refer a patient.