Inflammatory breast cancer

The **MD Anderson Morgan Welch Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program and Clinic** is the world's first and largest clinic devoted to treating women with inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) and advancing the clinical understanding, diagnosis and treatment of this aggressive disease.

### Rare and aggressive

- **5,000** diagnosed annually in the U.S.
- **30%** of early IBC patients will have metastatic disease at diagnosis
- **Days to weeks** the time during which IBC can advance and spread to other organs
- **62%** of patients are age 45 or younger

### Low survival rates

- **40%** 5-year survival rate
- **10%** of breast cancers deaths in the U.S.

### Unusual symptoms and misdiagnosis

- **9 out of 10** patients are inaccurately diagnosed
- **There isn’t always a lump**
  IBC can sometimes – though not always – appear as a rash or infection
- **Mammography isn’t always accurate**
  IBC isn’t routinely diagnosed through breast screening. Skin thickening may be observed on a symptomatic mammogram and should be followed with an ultrasound and MRI.

### 5 symptoms to know

- Redness or discoloration
- Swelling
- Lump in armpit
- Orange-peel texture
- Nipple pulling in
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Treatment and outcomes

Our specialized, multidisciplinary team designs personalized treatment plans for each patient. We use the most innovative translational research and clinical best practices that historically have proven to result in positive outcomes. Patients meet our entire multidisciplinary team during their first visit and leave with a plan of action.

Research and clinical trials

At MD Anderson, we offer the world’s largest number of clinical trials specifically for metastatic and non-metastatic IBC patients. We conduct basic, translational, preclinical and clinical research trials with targeted therapies and immunotherapy options, many of which are only available at MD Anderson.

Patient referrals

At MD Anderson, our expert speciality physician team co-manages over 100 patients annually. Typically, IBC patients have high risk of local and distant recurrence and lymphedema. Our team has been able to achieve <5% local failure rates. To maximize outcomes for patients, we also offer preventative lymphedema surgery and systemic therapies and trials.

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

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