Inflammatory breast cancer

Inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) is a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer that’s unlike other subtypes. Established in 2006, 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 and advancing our understanding 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

- **60%** 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 appear as a rash or infection
- **Mammography isn’t always accurate** IBC isn’t routinely diagnosed through breast screening, but ultrasounds and MRI mammography can help

### 5 symptoms

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

Our specialized, multidisciplinary team designs personalized treatment plans using cutting-edge translational research and clinical best practices, proven to result in better outcomes historically than others published. Patients meet our entire multidisciplinary team during their first visit and leave with a plan of action.

Research and clinical trials

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.

Watch how MD Anderson treats inflammatory breast cancer (IBC)

Patient referrals

When you refer to MD Anderson, your patients will receive the highest level of care in a safe, compassionate environment.

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

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.