

Patient Statements

What our participants say about the multidisciplinary breast cancer clinic:

"I feel this program should be strongly recommended for every breast cancer patient."

"This center has been very helpful to us. We were seeking more information and a second opinion, and received even more than we expected."

"Thank you for making this clinic possible."

"The doctors, nurses and WINS volunteers have been so kind and helpful. I feel very lucky to have been a part of it."

"The information and experience here has relieved our stress and answered so many questions. We can't thank you enough."

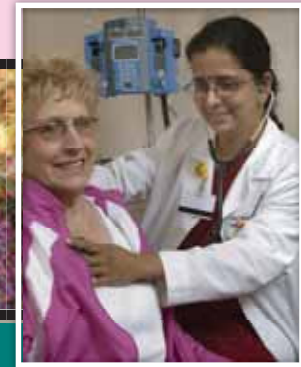
If you have just been diagnosed with breast cancer, feel confused and frightened about treatment options, we are here to help you.

Other Resources at the Center

- Breast self-exam class
- Holmes Multimedia Information Center
- Lebed, Focus on Healing Exercise Class
- Pre-Operative Breast Surgery Classes
- Telephone Support Listing
- WINS Breast Cancer Support Group



SPARROW
Regional Cancer Center



Multidisciplinary
Breast Cancer Clinic
Patient Information

SPARROW
HEALTH SYSTEM

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Welcome to our team

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women, but when it happens, it is an unexpected and often overwhelming event. Cancer is a frightening disease. Lack of information about the diagnosis, treatment options and survival add to the fear.

Breast cancer is very treatable.

Survival rates are higher than ever with many options for treatment available. There are multiple forms of breast cancer, so there is not one kind of treatment for all women.

More choices. A chance to make the right choice for you.

Today, because of research and advances in treatment, women have more choices. When breast cancer is found early women may be able to save their breast. A mastectomy is not always needed. So take time to find out what treatment options are available.

"The Breast Cancer Center gives women and their families a place to learn about breast cancer and treatment options, all in one visit. Receiving information from the multidisciplinary team of breast specialists, can be very reassuring, inspiring trust, confidence and hope."

*UshaSree Chamarthy, MD
Hematologist/Medical Oncologist*

The Sparrow Multidisciplinary Approach

The Breast Cancer Clinic is a place to learn about the disease and about the choices women have for treatment. The clinic offers a multidisciplinary team approach to help women learn about breast cancer and to make informed decisions about what kind of treatment is best for them.

Meet your team:

Nurse Specialist – presents an educational slide program about breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Surgeon – reviews with you the following possible surgical treatment options:

Lumpectomy – removal of the breast lump and possibly lymph nodes under the arm;

Modified Radical Mastectomy – removal of the breast and some lymph nodes;

Breast Reconstruction Options – rebuilding the breast after mastectomy.

Medical Oncologist – reviews with you possible treatment with chemotherapy drugs or hormone therapy.

Radiation Oncologist – discusses radiation treatment and when it is the best choice for you.

WINS Breast Cancer Support Group Volunteer – offers support and answers questions from a more personal point of view.

"We are here for women and their families. We want to help educate so women are comfortable with their decision."

*James G. Herman, MD
Medical Director, Sparrow Regional Cancer Center*

To schedule an appointment, call:

517.364.3958

Physician or self-referral accepted.

For more information, call the breast health specialist 517.364.2689



"The Breast Cancer Center is an invaluable asset to the women of mid-Michigan. My patients have all found the clinic to be extremely helpful."

*Timothy McKenna, DO
Surgeon*

After the team of specialists have met with each patient, they meet with other members of the multidisciplinary team.

During this conference, a radiologist reviews the woman's mammograms and a pathologist reviews the biopsy slides taken of her breast cancer.

Using all the available facts, the team makes a recommendation for treatment. The recommendation is presented to the woman and her family before they leave the center.

When

Thursday mornings from 9 am to 1:15 pm

Where

Sparrow Regional Cancer Center is located at the east end of the main hospital building. To park, enter the Cancer Center upper level parking deck off of Holmes Street.