

## RECOGNIZED FOR QUALITY CARE

McLaren's firm commitment to offer patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease is demonstrated through seeking out and achieving current national benchmarks for exceptional care.



McLaren Imaging Center is a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence certified through the American College of Radiology.



American College of Radiology Radiation Oncology Practice



The Medical Oncology office is a certified Quality Oncology Practice through the American Society of Clinical Oncology



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Michigan Radiation Oncology Quality Consortium



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## COMPREHENSIVE BREAST PROGRAM

From diagnosis to cure, our team of specialists are on hand to deliver exceptional clinical care and support you through your journey with breast cancer.

Our Comprehensive Breast Program is a coordinated system of care through the McLaren Imaging Center, the Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint, and helpful support services offered through McLaren. The Comprehensive Breast Program brings together all medical specialties and support services to care for the clinical, physical, emotional, and financial needs of individuals with breast disease.

In fall of 2018 McLaren Flint elevated its commitment to breast cancer patients, and the quality of care they receive, with the addition of a Breast Oncology Surgery Fellowship. Research shows having this highly trained, specialized physician in place improves patient outcomes. McLaren Flint has the only cancer program in the region with this fellowship specialty.

Whether it is a women's first stop for consultation following a diagnosis or a second opinion, a team of physician specialists will collectively evaluate each case and recommend a best course of treatment. This evaluation is provided free of charge and without obligation.



## COMPLEMENTARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

A special support team is available to help patients feel better with concerns outside of their treatment. Dealing with cancer can be a long process that can impact many other aspects of life. Patients are encouraged to call (810) 342-3800 to find out how to take advantage of the following resources available:

- Oncology nurse navigator
- Medical social worker
- Nutritional counseling by a registered dietitian
- Art therapy and counseling
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation services
- Complementary wellness classes

## THOSE AT HIGH-RISK FOR BREAST CANCER

Most experts agree that genetic testing of individuals who do not have cancer should be performed only when the person's individual or family history suggests the possible presence of a harmful mutation. Our oncology specialists can help determine the risk for mutation in different genes including BRCA1, BRCA2, PALPB2, PTEN, etc., and refer patients for genetic counseling as needed.

## IMAGING AND DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Mammography is often the first detector of early stage breast cancer. McLaren Imaging Center uses digital mammography to produce high resolution images including the Genius™ 3D Mammogram. With this technology, physicians have greater diagnostic accuracy, reducing the likelihood of false positive results while increasing the ability to detect at an earlier, more treatable stage. The Genius 3D exam is the mammogram FDA approved as superior for women with dense breasts.

If further testing is requested, the McLaren Imaging Center staff will help coordinate any additional diagnostic tests, which may include a breast MRI, an ultrasound, or an MRI-guided breast biopsy.

## CANCER CARE

Breast surgeon Ashley Richardson, DO, leads a weekly multidisciplinary clinic. Physician specialists representing all modes of treatment meet in person to discuss new breast cancer cases and the best course of clinical care based on each patient's individual situation. The surgeon then meets with the patient to discuss the team's recommendation.

Physician specialties include:

- Surgical oncologists
- Radiation oncologists
- Medical oncologists
- General surgeons
- Plastic surgeons
- Pathologists
- Radiologists
- Primary care physicians



## TREATMENT OPTIONS

Clinical treatment for breast cancer may consist of surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, endocrine therapy or a combination of these options.

Our patients have convenient access to advanced therapies through our skilled surgeons, precise radiation technology, modern medicines, and Phase II and Phase III clinical trials. Qualifying candidates also have the ability to be referred to participate in Phase I clinical trials through the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

## SPECIALIZED TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE:

### IMAGING



Linda Lawrence, MD, a board certified radiologist, is fellowship trained in women's imaging and medical director of McLaren Imaging Center. She personally reviews the

majority of mammography images and conducts breast biopsies. Dr. Lawrence attends breast conferences to discuss diagnostic findings and participate in discussion to determine the recommended best course of treatment.

### SURGERY

Our experienced surgical specialists assist patients by developing and implementing an individual treatment plan tailored specifically to their condition. Members of the surgical team can treat breast cancer, benign diseases of the breast and perform reconstructive surgery.



Ashley Richardson, DO, breast surgeon, fellowship trained in breast surgical oncology at McLaren Flint.



Tolutope Oyasiji, MD, MRCSI, board certified surgical oncologist



Smit Singla, MD, MRCS (Edinburg), MSc, board certified surgical oncologist

## NAVIGATING YOUR CARE



Hannah Ardelean, RN and certified oncology nurse, is the dedicated Breast Program Coordinator for patients and physicians participating in the program. The coordinator is a source of information and support, setting up conference times, answering questions, educating patients, and helping navigate through the health care system.

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