

## Physician Agreement for Participation in the Breast Center

### PART I: General Agreement

**Rationale:** The overall goal of the Breast Center is to be a national center for breast care, education and research. To that goal, the Center will move to distinguishing the care that is given compared to other centers. It will demand the highest standard of care from all participating physicians by having them demonstrate exceptional expertise, as well as dedicate significant time and interest in the field of breast care. All patients with breast disease will have the opportunity to receive all or part of their treatment at the Breast Center.

#### Goals of the Breast Center and Its Participants are to:

1. *Provide state-of-the-art and comprehensive care with the best available supportive and educational material for patients*
2. *Have available well-educated and credentialed staff for patient management*
3. *Deliver professional, compassionate and individualized care*
4. *Communicate malignant pathological diagnosis as quickly as possible.*
5. *Detect breast cancers at the earliest possible stage, using state-of-the-art care and equipment*
6. *Investigate new methods of detection and treatment in a timely and efficient manner, and implement them once they are proven effective.*
7. *Investigate areas of research that hold potential for providing new detection, prevention and treatment methods that do not endanger our patients, upon mutual agreement and within the bounds of reasonable cost and time considerations*
8. *Educate other physicians on the appropriate management of breast patients, as well as provide timely updates of new developments in breast cancer management*
9. *Collect, maintain and provide outcome data to participating physicians, referring physicians and patients, to allow improvements where needed on a timely basis*
10. *Provide the least invasive care with the greatest benefit for long-term survival*
11. *Play a role promoting a similar standard of care regionally and nationally*

**All Physicians Participating in the Breast Center are Required to:**

- 1. Give all newly diagnosed breast patients, in conjunction with their referring physicians, the opportunity to be seen at the Breast Center with the dedicated Breast Center nurse coordinators using the navigator processes and supplemental supportive material provided by the Breast Center***
- 2. Participate in patient satisfaction evaluations***
- 3. Participate in the Breast Center Fellowship***
- 4. Participate in educational seminars for the public and referring physicians***
- 5. Participate in the development of data forms for Breast Center Outcomes information system***
- 6. Obtain NIH investigator training certification***
- 7. Have, at a minimum, one representative from each specialty attend the Breast Center's Journal Club meetings***
- 8. Participate in the Survivors Offering Support (SOS) program, as needed, for education of its patient mentors***
- 9. Have, at a minimum, one representative from each specialty attend the Breast Tumor Board weekly (at least 90% annually for all specialties, with the exception of Plastic Surgery which will be at least 75% annually).***
- 10. Participate in Breast Center staff evaluation processes***
- 11. Discuss with newly diagnosed patients the opportunity to participate in clinical trials, within the realm of the participant's field of expertise***
- 12. Promptly evaluate and treat newly diagnosed patients.***

**It is understood, subspecialty department requirements will be in compliance with, and according to, that department or discipline's individual program.**

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