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**BREAST AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

Many general surgeons perform breast surgery, but our surgical oncologists can provide patients with the optimal care plan, ideally suited to them. Decisions are based on the individual patient’s needs. At Smilow, we offer breast surgery exclusively, and are committed to tailoring treatment to you. At different points in time, you may need different discipline, Yale offers the perfect blend of art and science to help you through your journey. We have dedicated oncology nurses and radiation oncologists who are committed to tailoring treatment to you. At different points in time, you may need different disciplines, Yale offers the perfect blend of art and science to help you through your journey.

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Radiation therapy is an effective and integral part of treatment for many breast cancer patients today. Smilow Radiation Oncology has the most advanced technology in the region, conveniently located at our Connecticut sites—New Haven, Bridgeport, Danbury, Greenwich, and New London. This equipment at each Yale radiation therapy site is state-of-the-art, and our team of medical physicists and radiation oncology therapists provide state-of-the-art care across all of our Yale facilities. Our Yale physicians practice academic-based medicine and collaborate with other Yale specialists to ensure optimal, patient-centered care.

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Many patients with breast cancer also need medical therapy, such as chemotherapy and/or endocrine therapy. Our team of nationally renowned experts in breast medical oncology utilizes both standard and cutting-edge new 'biological' or 'targeted' therapies to attack the cancer specifically, while minimizing the need for repeat mammograms. In addition, we offer ultrasound and 3-Tesla breast MRI. The Breast Imaging Center performs over 50,000 breast examinations each year. These consist of screening and diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, digital tomosynthesis, and MRI. A mammogram is a test that uses a special X-ray machine to take pictures of the breast. Our imaging services enable early detection of breast cancer.

PATHOLOGY

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Breast and reconstructive surgery

Recent advances have made it possible to offer breast reconstruction to most women following mastectomy. Women at our breast center have individualized options for breast reconstruction. In addition to traditional implants, we offer a variety of reconstruction techniques, including autologous (the patient’s own tissue) options, such as DIEP flap reconstruction. Careful attention is given to achieving the best possible cosmetic result and quality of life, without compromising the chance of cure.

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Our medical oncologists are nationally recognized for their contributions to breast cancer research. For example, investigations of Yale helped to establish the biology of a receptor molecule called HER2. As a result, our medical oncologists have been particularly successful in developing treatment strategies for HER2-positive breast cancer and have extended this expertise to provide effective therapies for triple-negative breast and hormone receptor–positive breast cancer. This continues to encourage innovation in treatment, and patients at Yale-Smilow have the opportunity to have one of the finest pathology departments in the country, complete with a high-level tumor profiling service. And, because it operates “behind the scenes,” patients are frequently not aware of the importance of this service. Today, we offer the most advanced techniques and technologies used in breast cancer care. Chronic pain management can be effective for many breast cancer patients. In addition, our nurses are very kind, always thinking about their patients.

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In addition, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, psychologists, and other health professionals are key members of the team, providing the necessary supportive care throughout the breast cancer journey. Our goal is to ensure the highest standard of patient- and family-centered care across all of our Yale facilities. Our Yale physicians practice academic-based medicine and collaborate with other Yale specialists to ensure optimal, patient-centered care.

RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Radiation oncology is an effective and integral part of treatment for many breast cancer patients today. Smilow Radiation Oncology has the most advanced technology in the region. In our cancer centers in New Haven, Hamden, Guilford, Waterford, Trumbull, Greenwich, and Stamford, we have the most advanced linear accelerators and the most state-of-the-art technology available. For more information, please call our patient care line or visit our website.

BREAST IMAGING

Screening mammography is an essential component of early breast cancer detection. Breast imaging is one of the most powerful tools available to detect breast cancer early in its asymptomatic stage. Advanced diagnostic and screening mammography, breast ultrasounds, digital mammography, and MRI are just some of the imaging options available at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Our team of national experts in breast imaging are recognized as leaders in their field and are involved in research to improve breast cancer imaging technologies.

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From the tranquility of the building and the range of services offered by integrative medicine and alternative therapies, to the expertise of our medical providers and the environment designed to accommodate your personal values and schedule, our goal is to provide patients with the optimal care plan, ideally suited to them. Decisions are based on the latest research and the specific needs of each patient. Our surgical oncologists, breast medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, and plastic surgeons have the experience and knowledge to handle difficult or unusual cases and are generally more likely to understand the complexities of breast diagnosis and treatment. The surgeons at the Breast Center specialize in breast cancer and reconstruction surgery, and they are renowned for their expertise in breast reconstructive surgery. In each case, the approach is customized to best fit each patient’s lifestyle and goals. The nurses, besides being very professional, are so kind, I can’t say enough about the care I received at Smilow. Our medical oncologists, Yale breast medical oncologists, and radiation oncologists are nationally recognized for their contributions to breast cancer research. For examples of investigations at Yale to help advance the biology of a popular receptor called HER2. As a result, our medical oncologists have been particularly successful in developing treatment strategies for HER2-positive breast cancer and have extended this expertise to other receptor-positive breast cancers. This continues to drive innovative new treatments, and patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital have the opportunity to receive such novel therapies through exciting clinical trials, many of which are not available elsewhere in Connecticut. The nurses, besides being very professional, are so kind, I can’t say enough about the care I received at Smilow. Our medical oncologists, Yale breast medical oncologists, and radiation oncologists have the experience and knowledge to handle difficult or unusual cases and are generally more likely to understand the complexities of breast diagnosis and treatment. The surgeons at the Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital provide coordinated, state-of-the-art care from diagnosis through treatment and follow-up care.

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Even so, women are not always aware of its importance. Today, breast cancer is divided into an increasingly complex number of categories based on a whole host of sophisticated molecular markers that were not identified a few years ago. Pathologists, therefore, play a crucial role in our Tumor Board conferences. They carefully review the characteristics of each patient’s tumor, and help the clinical team to define strategies for HER2-positive breast cancer and have extended this expertise to other receptor-positive breast cancers. This continues to drive innovative new treatments, and patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital have the opportunity to receive such novel therapies through exciting clinical trials, many of which are not available elsewhere in Connecticut.

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CLINICAL TRIALS

We are committed to not only providing you with the very best care today, but offer participation in clinical studies that may lead to the better care of tomorrow. Our doctors and nurses work hand-in-hand with Yale Cancer Center scientists to find the answers to cancer — cracking genomic codes that will lead to new, targeted, and less toxic therapies. You can be a part of this revolution. Patients who participate in clinical trials have access to the newest therapies, and by participating in research, you can help us move the field forward for others. Ask your doctor about what clinical trials may be right for you, and how you can participate.

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