



## NAPBC Newsletter - December 2008

A News Update from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

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### Seasons Greetings from the NAPBC!

#### NAPBC Year in Review

The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) has had a very productive and successful year. After nearly three years of development, and a thorough pilot program, the NAPBC announced its official launch on September 2, 2008. To date, the NAPBC has been contacted by more than 800 breast centers in the United States that wish to learn more about the required components, NAPBC Standards, and the application process. These centers include large, academically based breast centers that provide all services in one geographic area as well as the solo practitioner who meets all of the NAPBC criteria and provides excellent care through a network of referrals.



#### NAPBC Web Site Development

The NAPBC Web site is a work in progress. A copy of the NAPBC Standards Manual, which includes a comprehensive list of the NAPBC Components and Standards, as well as a detailed summary of the application process, is available in a PDF format and may be downloaded free of charge. You will also note that the web site has an NAPBC Accredited Centers locator function on its homepage where NAPBC Accredited Centers will soon be recognized by state. Visit the NAPBC Web site today at [www.accreditedbreastcenters.org](http://www.accreditedbreastcenters.org).

#### NAPBC Information Technology and Outcomes Committee

The members of the NAPBC Information Technology and Outcomes Committee continue their efforts to define a simple data collection tool. For NAPBC Centers affiliated with a Commission on Cancer-approved cancer program, this tool will extract data from the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) and allow submission of additional data points with minimal effort. For the 15-20 percent of centers applying for NAPBC Accreditation that are not affiliated with a Commission on Cancer Approved program, this data base will be useful in

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tracking outcomes and measuring improvement. Currently, the NAPBC Survey Application Record (SAR) has the capacity to extract and record data necessary for NAPBC Accreditation.

## NAPBC Program Edits

The NAPBC Board met in October and the following programmatic changes made:

- The one-year requirement for having program components in place was rescinded. However, all components must be in place at the time of the scheduled survey.
- **Standard 1.2** - Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Conference - requires the Breast Program Leadership (BPL) to **establish**, monitor, and evaluate the interdisciplinary breast cancer conference frequency, multidisciplinary attendance, prospective case presentations, and total case presentations annually, including American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging and discussion of nationally accepted guidelines. CME credit is recommended.
- **Standard 2.6** - AJCC Staging changed to **Breast Cancer Staging** - and the Standard now reads - **The Breast Program Leadership (BPL) develops a process to monitor physician use of the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging in treatment planning for breast cancer patients. The process and results of such monitoring are discussed among the BPL and breast cancer staff, and the findings are documented, annually.**

This standard was completely revised and is comparable to changes made to the Commission on Cancer staging standard.

- **Standard 5.1** - Breast Center Staff Education - now reads - Professionally certified/credentialed members of the breast center participate in local (in addition to breast cancer conference attendance), state, regional, or national breast-specific educational programs annually.

For additional information, please refer to the NAPBC Standards Manual, which can be found on the NAPBC Web site at [www.accreditedbreastcenters.org](http://www.accreditedbreastcenters.org).

## NAPBC Information Kit

Request an Information Kit and learn more about the NAPBC today -

[https://web2.facs.org/timssnet464/acspub/frontpage.cfm?product\\_class=cancer](https://web2.facs.org/timssnet464/acspub/frontpage.cfm?product_class=cancer) or contact the NAPBC Administrative

office by email at [napbc@facs.org](mailto:napbc@facs.org).

## **26th Annual Miami Breast Cancer Conference**

The NAPBC invites you to join us in Miami Beach for the **26th Annual *Miami Breast Cancer Conference*, March 4-7, 2009**. This conference will feature leading educators from around the world who will present, discuss, and actively engage attendees with comprehensive updates on new data and recent advances in surgery and other diagnostic and therapeutic approaches critical to the optimal management of patients with breast cancer.

The 2009 ***Miami Breast Cancer Conference*** (MBCC) will provide you, as a practicing surgical or medical oncologist, with a multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer management, and incorporate molecular biologic translation from the laboratory to the clinic. The primary purpose of this conference is, "What can you learn that you can use Monday morning, and what can you look forward to on Friday?" MBCC reports and comments on pioneering advances in surgical treatment, radiation therapy, medical oncology, imaging, and pathology, providing you with information on a multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer management, as well as the incorporation of molecular and biologic translational studies from the laboratory into clinical practice.

To learn more about this conference, visit [www.cancerconf.com](http://www.cancerconf.com).

## **NAPBC Exhibit Schedule**

You may also obtain additional information by visiting the NAPBC Exhibit at the following meetings:

### **Multidisciplinary Symposium on Breast Disease**

February 12-15, 2009

Amelia Island, FL

### **26th Annual Miami Breast Cancer Conference**

March 4-7, 2009

Miami Beach, FL

### **American Society of Breast Disease Annual Meeting**

April 2-4, 2009

Chicago, IL

**American Society of Breast Surgery Annual Meeting**

April 22-26, 2009

San Diego, CA

**CURE**

**Day of Caring Breast Cancer Forum**

May 2-3, 2009

Denver, CO

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