



NAPBC Newsletter - December 2009

A News Update from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

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The response to the NAPBC from the practicing community has been nothing less than spectacular. Over eleven hundred breast centers, ranging from large academic medical centers to small, interdisciplinary practices, have expressed interest in NAPBC accreditation. To date, the NAPBC has officially accredited 105 breast centers representing 30 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and has an additional 150 breast centers in the process of applying for NAPBC accreditation.

Read the November 25, 2009 Press Release announcing the accreditation of our first 100 breast centers in the United States:

<http://www.accreditedbreastcenters.org/news/pressrelease1109.html>

If your center is interested in beginning the process of applying for NAPBC accreditation, visit:

<http://accreditedbreastcenters.org/accreditation/accreditation.html>

For a complete listing of NAPBC accredited breast centers, visit:

<http://accreditedbreastcenters.org/resources/find.html>

Congratulations to all NAPBC accredited centers for your commitment to providing quality breast care to patients with diseases of the breast.

NAPBC Standard Edits

Based on information reported during survey process, the NAPBC board

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE NAPBC



Visit the NAPBC at the following National meetings:

San Antonio Breast Cancer Conference

December 9 - 12, 2009

San Antonio, Texas

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Multidisciplinary Symposium on Breast Disease

Amelia Island, Florida

February 11 - 14, 2010

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27th Annual Miami Breast Cancer Conference

Miami, Florida

March 3 - 6, 2010

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has recognized that clarifications are needed for some of the standards. You will be notified as clarifications and/or revisions are made to the NAPBC standards.

The NAPBC Board recently met and approved the following changes to the NAPBC Standards:

- **Standard 1.2 - Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Conference** - Centers with less than 100 analytic cases per year, 75% of the breast cancer cases can be presented at a general cancer conference annually.
- **Standard 2.2 - Patient Navigation** - The definition will be clarified so as not to restrict the navigator to an RN, and several links will be added to various organizations that have training programs specific to patient navigation.
- **Standard 2.16 - Genetic Evaluation and Management** - The definition will be clarified to include physicians and advanced practice oncology nurses as genetic counselors, and links will be added to organizations that train advance practice nurses in genetic evaluation and management.

These changes will take effect on January 1, 2010, and will be reflected in the revised NAPBC Standards Manual and on the Web site.

Survey Fee on the Rise in 2010

The NAPBC survey fee will be increased from \$3,500 to \$4,000 for applications received after January 1, 2010. For centers that have affiliated "satellite" centers included on their application, an additional \$2,000 fee for each satellite will apply. Each additional site will be surveyed at the same time as the main center.

Welcome New NAPBC Surveyors

With the increasing number of breast centers applying for NAPBC accreditation, the NAPBC Survey Team is being expanded to include 15 new surveyors who are being added to the Survey Team. After attending the NAPBC Surveyor Training session, scheduled on December 3-4, 2009, these new recruits will be available for assignments. Please join us in welcoming our new surveyors:

Richard Bleicher, MD, FACS - Philadelphia, PA

Blake Cady, MD, FACS - Brookline, MA

Charles M. Elboim, MD, FACS - Santa Rosa, CA

James L. Frank, MD - Longmeadow, MA

Irene Gage, MD - Chevy Chase, MD

Roberta Gartside, MD, FACS - Reston, VA

Arnold H. Herman, MD, FACS - Providence, RI

Cary Kaufman, MD, FACS - Bellingham, WA

William H. Meyerson, MD, FACS - Boca Raton, FL

Claro L. Pio Roda, MD, FACS - Lutherville, MD

National Comprehensive Cancer Network

15th Annual Conference

Hollywood, Florida

March 10 - 14, 2010

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Association of Community Cancer Centers Annual Meeting

March 17 - 20, 2010

Baltimore, MD

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National Consortium of Breast Centers Annual Meeting

March 20 - 24, 2010

Las Vegas, Nevada

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American Society of Breast Disease

April 16 - 17, 2010

New York City, New York

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36th Annual National Cancer Registrars' Association

Palm Spring, California

April 20 - 23, 2010

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American Society of Breast Surgeons Annual Meeting

April 28, 2010 - May 2, 2010

William P. Reed, MD, FACS - Mineola, NY

Terry Sarantou, MD, FACS - Charlotte, NC

John W. Shook, MD, FACS - Omaha, NE

Randy E. Stevens, MD - White Plains, NY

Lori L. Wilson, MD, FACS - Farmington, CT

Las Vegas, Nevada

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Changes Noted in AJCC 7th Edition Breast Cancer Staging

The breast chapter in the AJCC 7th Edition *Cancer Staging Manual* has undergone major revisions. The Summary of Changes is a full two pages in length. Changes have been made in each of the T, N, and M categories, which resulted in changes to the Anatomic Stage/Prognostic Groups. There are also clear instructions on assigning the yc or yp classifications following neoadjuvant therapy in the Summary of Changes, along with the Rules for Classification regarding clinical and pathologic staging within the chapter itself. There is a thorough discussion in the chapter on determining tumor size, especially within the context of a tumor removed in pieces, or multiple tumors. While histologic evidence supports the diagnosis of inflammatory carcinoma, it is not required. The isolated tumor cells classification for nodes has become more stringent, adding a cell count component. There are also restrictions on identifying nodes as sentinel if six or more are removed. The big change for distant metastasis is the newly created cM0 (i+) to indicate the presence of disseminated or circulating tumor cells. There are a number of new prognostic factors that are clinically significant, and should be documented. They will also be recorded in the cancer registry database. The chapter ends with a Q&A and discussion of new considerations between the 6th and 7th Editions.

To order the new 7th Edition *Cancer Staging Manual*, contact:

www.cancerstaging.net

NAPBC Offers National Workshops in 2010

The NAPBC will offer two comprehensive workshops for centers interested in applying for NAPBC accreditation. These workshops will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the NAPBC components and standards, and what to expect during the on-site survey. **SEATING IS LIMITED.** More detailed information will soon be available on the Web site.

<http://www.accreditedbreastcenters.org/>

The dates and locations of the workshops are:

April 16, 2010

New York City, NY

(in conjunction with the American Society of Breast Disease Annual Conference)

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May 21, 2010

Chicago, IL

If you are interested in attending one of these workshops and would like to receive special emails related to workshop registration and priority seating, please send an email to napbc@facs.org.

Helpful Hint for a Successful Survey

Standard 1.2 - Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Conference - The interdisciplinary breast cancer conference is focused on treatment planning for newly diagnosed and recurrent breast cancer patients, and includes discussion of tumor stage and relevant, nationally accepted breast cancer patient care guidelines.

Many successful accredited centers document stage and nationally accepted guidelines in their breast cancer conference meeting minutes, which may take the form of a deidentified case presentation grid that also includes treatment planning. When you are asked to attach the breast cancer conference schedule/calendar from the last complete year to your survey application record, the surveyor will see evidence of your compliance with staging and discussions related to nationally recognized patient care guidelines.

The NAPBC Board and staff extend their very best wishes to you for a happy and healthy New Year!

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