



BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

★ Medical University Vienna - Breast Health Center - Surgery - Vienna, Austria

General Information



New breast cancer cases treated per year 336

Breast multidisciplinary team members 15

Radiologists, surgeons, pathologists, medical oncologists, radiotherapists and nurses

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The Surgical Breast Unit of Vienna Medical University is an interdisciplinary unit including Medical Oncology, Surgery, Radiotherapy, Pathology, Plastic Surgery and Nuclear Medicine.

Patients are referred to the Surgical Outpatient Ward and further treatment options are discussed within the Tumor Board. All standard treatment options for breast cancer patients are available including modern surgical techniques such as oncoplastic surgery performed either as lumpectomy and reduction mammoplasty or as two-team approach with subcutaneous mastectomy and immediate reconstruction.

The unit participates in several national and international prospective trials with a close cooperation with the Austrian Breast and Colorectal Study Group (ABC SG) which has already randomized more than 20,000 patients within more than 100 centers in Austria. To date we have trials for neoadjuvant and adjuvant as well as palliative settings.

After surgery, patients are again discussed within a tumor board. All those who wish to have follow up visits are encouraged to do so. Our follow up program includes bi-annual CT scans of the thorax and the abdomen as well as tumor marker CEA and CA 15-3.

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CERTIFICATION(S) ACCREDITATION(S)

DocCert

Expiration date: 30 November 2020

DOcCert



This Centre has notified to be certified and, as such, been requested to upload the certification document for further information. When the certification document/s is/are provided, it is/they are made available hereafter.

Available services

- ✓ Radiology
- ✓ Breast Surgery
- ✓ Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery
- ✓ Pathology
- ✓ Medical Oncology
- ✓ Radiotherapy

- ✓ Nuclear Medicine
- ✓ Rehabilitation
- ✓ Genetic Counselling
- ✓ Data Management
- ✓ Psycho-oncology
- ✓ Breast Nurses

- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ Nutritional Counselling
- ✓ Survivorship Groups
- ✓ Sexual Health Counselling
- ✓ Supportive and Palliative Care
- ✓ Integrative Medicine

Radiology

- ✓ **Dedicated Radiologists** 3
- ✓ **Mammograms per year** 10000
- ✓ **Breast radiographers**
- ✓ **Screening program**
- ✓ **Verification for non-palpable breast lesions on specimen**
- ✓ **Axillary US/US-guided FNAB**
- ✓ **Clinical Research**

Available imaging equipment

- ✓ Mammography
- ✓ Ultrasound
- ✓ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Available work-up imaging equipment

- ✓ Computer Tomography
- ✓ Ultrasound
- ✓ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- ✓ PET/CT scan

Primary technique for localizing non-palpable lesions

- ✓ Hook-wire (or needle localization)
- ☐ Charcoal marking/tattooing
- ☐ ROLL: radio-guided occult lesion localization

Available breast tissue sampling equipment

- ✓ Stereotactic Biopsy (Mammography guided)
 - ✓ Core Biopsy (Tru-cut)
 - ✓ Vacuum assisted biopsy
- ✓ Ultrasound-guided biopsy
 - ✓ Fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB, cytology)
 - ✓ Core Biopsy
 - ✓ Vacuum assisted biopsy
- ✓ MRI-guided biopsy
 - ✓ Core Biopsy
 - ✓ Vacuum assisted biopsy

Breast Surgery

- ✓ **New operated cases per year (benign and malignant)** 380
- ✓ **Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 5
- ✓ **Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 3
- ✓ **Breast Surgery beds** 15
- ✓ **Breast Nurse specialists** 1
- ✓ **Outpatient surgery**
- ✓ **Intra-operative evaluation of sentinel node**
- ✓ **Reconstruction performed by Breast Surgeons**
- ✓ **Clinical Research**

Primary technique for staging the axilla

- ☐ Axillary lymph node dissection
- ✓ Sentinel lymph node biopsy:
 - ✓ Blue dye technique
 - ☐ Radio-tracer technique
 - ☐ Blue dye + Radio-tracer
- ☐ Axillary sampling

Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery

- ✓ **Reconstructive/Plastic surgeons** 3
- ✓ **Immediate Reconstruction available**

Type of breast reconstructive surgery available

- ✓ Remodelling after breast-conserving surgery
- ✓ Reconstruction after mastectomy:
 - ✓ Two-stage reconstruction (tissue expander followed by implant)
 - ✓ One-stage reconstruction
 - ✓ Autogenous tissue flap
 - ✓ Latissimus dorsi flap
 - ✓ Transverse rectus abdominis (TRAM)
 - ✓ Free-flaps (free TRAM, DIEP, SIEA, gluteal, etc.)
- ✓ Surgery on the contralateral breast for symmetry

Pathology

- ✓ **Dedicated Breast Pathologists** 3

Available studies

- ✓ Cytology
- ✓ Haematoxylin & eosin section (H&E)
 - ✓ Surgical specimen
 - ✓ Sentinel node
 - ✓ Core biopsy
- ✓ Frozen section (FS)
 - ✓ Surgical specimen
 - ✓ Sentinel node
- ✓ Immunohistochemistry stain (IHC)
 - ✓ Estrogen receptors
 - ✓ Progesterone receptors
 - ✓ HER-2
 - ✓ Ki-67

Other special studies available

- ✓ Fluorescence in-situ Hybridization for HER-2 gene (FISH)
- ☐ Oncotype Dx (21-gene assay)
- ☐ MammaPrint (70-gene microarray)
- ✓ Prediction Analysis of Microarray 50-gene set (PAM 50)

Parameters included in the final pathology report

- ✓ Pathology stage (pT and pN)
- ✓ Tumour size (invasive component in mm)
- ✓ Histologic type
- ✓ Tumor grade
- ✓ ER/PR receptor status
- ✓ HER-2/neu receptor status
- ✓ Peritumoural/Lymphovascular invasion
- ✓ Margin status

Medical Oncology

- ✓ **Dedicated Breast Medical Oncologists** 2
- ✓ **Outpatient systemic therapy**
- ✓ **Clinical Research**

Radiotherapy

☒ **Dedicated Radiation Oncologists**

☒ **Clinical Research**

Available techniques after breast-conserving surgery (including experimental)

☒ Whole-Breast RT (WBRT)

☒ Partial breast irradiation (PBI):

☐ External beam PBI

☒ Interstitial brachytherapy

☐ Targeted brachytherapy (MammoSite, SAVI applicator, other devices)

☐ Intra-operative RT (IORT)

Multidisciplinary Meeting (MDM) / Tumour Board (TB)

Regular MDM/TB for case management discussion

☐ Twice a week

☒ Weekly

☐ Every two weeks

☐ Other Schedule

Cases discussed at MDM/TB

☒ Preoperative cases

☒ Postoperative cases

Specialties/services participating in MDM/TB

☒ Radiology

☒ Breast Surgery

☒ Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery

☒ Pathology

☒ Medical Oncology

☒ Radiotherapy

☐ Genetic Counselling

☒ Breast Nurse Service

☐ Psycho-oncology

Further Services and Facilities

Nuclear Medicine

☐ Lymphoscintigraphy

☒ Bone scan

☒ Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

☒ PET/CT scan

Rehabilitation

☒ Prosthesis service

☒ Physiotherapy

☒ Lymph-oedema treatment

Genetic Counselling

☒ Specialist Providing Genetic Counselling/Risk assessment service:

☐ Dedicated Clinical Geneticist

☐ Medical Oncologist

☒ Breast Surgeon

☐ General Surgeon

☐ Gynaecologist

☒ Genetic Testing available

☒ Surveillance program for high-risk women

Data Management

☒ Database used for clinical information

☒ Data manager available

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Take A4 direction to Vienna. In Vienna Turn LEFT onto ROSSAUER. ROSSAUER BRÜCKE becomes TÜRKENSTRASSE. TÜRKENSTRASSE becomes HÖRLGASSE. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto ROOSEVELTPLATZ. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto UNIVERSITÄTSSTRASSE. UNIVERSITÄTSSTRASSE becomes FRANKHPLATZ. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto ALSER STRASSE. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto KINDERSPITALGASSE. Turn RIGHT onto HERALSER GÜRTEL/B221/INNERER GÜRTEL/WIENER GÜRTEL BUNDESSTRASSE. Continue to follow B221/INNERER GÜRTEL/WIENER GÜRTEL BUNDESSTRASSE. WÄHRINGER GÜRTEL [18-20].

By train:

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