



# BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

## ★ San Giovanni Addolorata Hospital - Rome, Italy

### General Information



**New breast cancer cases treated per year** **572**

**Breast multidisciplinary team members** **24**

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

**Clinical Director:** **Lucio Fortunato, MD**

At San Giovanni-Addolorata Hospital, we offer a dedicated, comprehensive facility, with specialized personnel devoted to managing breast cancer patients. The Breast Center is accredited at a Regional level, and received the European Certification ItalCert in May 2017, with full renewal in 2020. We aim to provide an up-to-date multidisciplinary service, with constant attention to human touch. Our patients are accompanied through all steps of breast cancer management, including diagnosis, surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, rehabilitation, psycho-oncology and genetic counselling. Through non-profit organizations, we promote breast cancer patients' meetings, including non-conventional topics as diet, acupuncture, homoeopathy, and a laboratory of makeup for those patients undergoing chemotherapy. Every patient is encouraged to participate in a 'Pre-Abilitation' program, a pre-operative course where all the treatment steps are discussed and detailed (this is temporarily closed according to Covid-19 restrictions). Clinical research is available, and the Unit has organized several scientific meetings in the last few years.

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CERTIFICATION(S) ACCREDITATION(S)

**BCCERT - Breast Centres Certification**

Expiration date: 31 January 2022



[Certification document \(original lang.\)](#)

[Certification document \(eng lang.\)](#)

**Regione Lazio - Accreditamento Regionale**

Expiration date: 01 November 2022

Regione Lazio

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** 4
- Mammograms per year** 4500
- 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)** 702
- Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 5
- Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 5
- Breast Surgery beds** 5
- Breast Nurse specialists** 7
- 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** 5
- 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** 2

**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
- cold ischemia time; average Ki67 value in our unit

**Medical Oncology**

- Dedicated Breast Medical Oncologists** 5
- 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)

Tomotherapy

## 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

Dietitian; gynecologist; Datamanager; Case Manager, Nuclear medicine for metastatic cases

## 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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**By car:**

From EUR take Via Cristoforo Colombo.

From Termini Station take Via Merulana.

Otherwise Tangenziale EST to Piazza San Giovanni.

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