



BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

★ The Netherlands Cancer Institute - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital - Amsterdam, Netherlands

General Information



New breast cancer cases treated per year **550**

Breast multidisciplinary team members **28**

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

Clinical Director: **Hester Oldenburg, MD, PhD**

The Netherlands Cancer Institute / Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital (NKI/AVL) is a Comprehensive Cancer Centre, combining hospital and research laboratories under one roof, in a single independent organization. The hospital offers 180 beds, a large radiotherapy department and outpatient clinics. Facilities for patient research include a large patient database, clinical data management and active research groups in epidemiology and psychosocial oncology.

The breast unit is part of the surgical department at the cancer institute.

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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** 8
- Mammograms per year** 8000
- 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)
- tomosyntheses

Available work-up imaging equipment

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

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)** 750
- Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 5
- Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 5
- Breast Surgery beds** 20
- Breast Nurse specialists** 5
- 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
- Sentinel node biopsy in primary surgery for cN0 and MARI procedure for cN1

Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery

Reconstructive/Plastic surgeons 6

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 4

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
- Ki-67, P-53, Androgen receptor

Medical Oncology

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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)

breath hold incl. locoregional breath hold, IMRT, VMAT

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

research physicians, research nurses

Further Services and Facilities

Nuclear Medicine

Lymphoscintigraphy

Bone scan

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

PET/CT scan

dedicated -mammai- PET, Spect CT scanning, Sentinella probes

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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From airport:

From Schiphol airport: take the train in direction Amsterdam Central Station, get off at Amsterdam Lelylaan station (10 minutes).

By bus or sub-way/underground:

From Amsterdam Lelylaan station:

- 5-minute bus ride (64), stopping outside the NKI/AVL (get off at Johan Huizingalaan);
- Metro to Heemstedestraat (1 stop), 10-minute walk from there.

From Amsterdam Central Station:

- tram 2 (get off at Johan Huizingalaan) (45 minutes);
- bus 18 (get off at Johan Huizingalaan) (35 minutes).

By car:

From Den Haag/Schiphol direction Amsterdam (A4):

Exit Sloten/Schinkel/x 107 (second exit after Schiphol tunnel);

at end of the exit road, turn right and follow the road with a bend to the left, passing Mercure Hotel, into the

Johan Huizingalaan;

at the second traffic lights, turn left into the Plesmanlaan. Entrance to NKI/AvL is immediately on the left.

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