



# BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

## ★ University-Hospital Polyclinic - Modena, Italy

### General Information



**New breast cancer cases treated per year** **540**

**Breast multidisciplinary team members** **20**

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

**Clinical Director:** **Giovanni Tazzioli, PhD**

The Breast Unit, located inside the Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Policlinico di Modena, is a referral center for diagnosis and treatment of breast disease accredited by the National Health Services. Its activities are developed at the 'PUNTO AMICO', a multidisciplinary team of experts taking women along their diagnostic-therapeutical pathway. The unit is a referral center for breast heredo-familial cancer.

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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** 6
- ✓ **Mammograms per year** 35000
- ✓ **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)** 660
- ✓ **Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 5
- ✓ **Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 5
- ✓ **Breast Surgery beds** 6
- ✓ **Breast Nurse specialists** 2
- ✓ **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

**Medical Oncology**

- Dedicated Breast Medical Oncologists** 4
- 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

Rehabilitation

## 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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Bus 7.

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A1 highway, exit Modena Sud.

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