CHU UCL Namur, site Sainte Elisabeth - Namur, Belgium

General Information

New breast cancer cases treated per year: 273
Breast multidisciplinarity team members: 19
- Radiologists, surgeons, pathologists, medical oncologists, radiotherapists and nurses
Clinical Director: Donatienne Taylor, MD

Our breast clinic has been working for more than 20 years in a multidisciplinary way though it was officially established in 2004. List of clinicians, meeting twice a week:
- 4 breast surgeons (plus colleagues);
- 5 plastic surgeons;
- 6 radiation oncologists breast oriented;
- 6 medical oncologists;
- 4 breast radiologists;
- 3 nuclear medicine physicians;
- 2 pathologist;
- 2 breast nurse;
- 6 psychologist;
- residents in many specialties.

Structural collaborations with collaborative multidisciplinary discussions with the other hospitals of the City:
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Available services

Radiology

- Dedicated Radiologists: 5
- Mammograms per year: 8500
- 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)
- Scinti Mammography

Available work-up imaging equipment
- Computer Tomography
- Ultrasound
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- PET/CT scan
- Echo Guided Nodal Ponction, Echo Second Look Post MRI

Primary technique for localizing non-palpable lesions
- Hook-wire (or needle localization)
- Charcoal marking/tattooing
- ROLL: radio-guided occult lesion localization

Breast Surgery

- New operated cases per year (benign and malignant): 222
- Dedicated Breast Surgeons: 4
- Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year: 2
- Breast Surgery beds: 12
- Breast Nurse specialists: 2
- 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**: 4
- **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)
- Mapquant

### 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
- Tumor Location, Present in OR and at Discussions

## 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)
- Prone Irradiation, Breath Hold

## 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
- Secretary, Data-management

## Further Services and Facilities

### Nuclear Medicine
- Lymphoscintigraphy
- Bone scan
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
- PET/CT scan
- Sentinel Node

### Rehabilitation
- Prosthesis service
- Physiotherapy
- Lymph-oedema treatment
- Aesthetician, Massages

### Genetic Counselling
- Specialist Providing Genetic Counselling/Risk assessment service:
  - Dedicated Clinical Geneticist
  - Medical Oncologist
  - Breast Surgeon
  - General Surgeon
  - Gynaecologist
  - Internal and external genetic counseling

### Data Management
- Database used for clinical information
- Data manager available
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