

Breast Cancer Care: A Team Approach

At Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, the breast care team of Drs. Barry Rosen, Gia Compagnoni, and Stephen Madry are dedicated to providing comprehensive, collaborative, and compassionate care to our breast cancer patients. It is our highest priority to return people to the lives they had before the trauma of a cancer diagnosis.

The cornerstone of our practice philosophy is ONCOPLASTIC SURGERY: the application of plastic surgical principles to cancer surgery to provide the best aesthetic outcome without compromising on cancer care. This may be as simple as hiding a scar in a natural skin crease; combining a lumpectomy with a breast reduction to achieve a better margin around the tumor while reshaping the breast to avoid deformities common with traditional lumpectomy; or, when a mastectomy is necessary, performing nipple-sparing mastectomies preserving the breast envelope to re-create normal anatomy and allow a much more natural looking reconstruction.

As an outgrowth of this philosophy, we partner with our radiation oncologists, Drs. James Ruffer and Catherine Park, to offer INTRAOPERATIVE RADIATION THERAPY (IORT) as a less invasive alternative to traditional breast radiation therapy. Current standard therapy requires 3–6 weeks of radiation therapy after a lumpectomy provided ‘from the outside-in’; IORT replaces this with 30 minutes of treatment at the time of the lumpectomy ‘from the inside-out’, avoiding radiation exposure to

nearby organs and the skin. We have treated over 250 women since 2012 and currently offer this to more patients than any hospital in Illinois.

Breast cancer treatment has evolved over the past decade to provide many more innovations than existed in the past. Many cancer survivors live with their physical scars unaware of what can be done to mitigate this constant reminder of past treatment. Dr. Madry specializes in returning people to their pre-treatment state and encourages those who are dissatisfied with their outcome to seek out revision.

While a new cancer diagnosis can be a confusing and scary time, our team approach and focus on individualized treatment enables our patients to truly be a part of the decision-making process and gain control over the cancer experience. In partnership with a state-of-the-art facility at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, we are able to provide world-class care close to home.

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Dr. Barry Rosen serves as the medical director of the Breast Center at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, where he has been in practice for over 25 years. He currently serves on the faculty of the School of Oncoplastic Surgery and teaches other surgeons oncoplastic surgery for the American Society of Breast Surgeons and the National Consortium of Breast Centers. He is a recognized leader in Intraoperative Radiation Therapy and travels nationally to train other surgeons on this technique. His practice is currently limited to breast cancer surgery.



Dr. Gia Compagnoni is a Board Certified General Surgeon who dedicates a large portion of her practice to the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer and other breast health issues. Communication with patients and the collaborative team is the basis of her philosophy of care. She is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School where she went on to complete a General Surgery Residency. Dr. Compagnoni lives in Barrington with her husband and two sons. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, skiing and is an avid fan of her sons in all their sports endeavors.