

BREAST HEALTH CENTERS



Dear Patient,

Welcome to the Breast Health Center at Kent!

The Breast Health Center at Kent is located at the main hospital in Warwick, RI. It is adjacent to the Emergency Room and Imaging Center. We provide quality breast care in a private, convenient and comfortable location that offers individualized care with a personal touch.

The Breast Health Center at Kent is proud to be a Women & Infant's and Brown University Affiliate, as well as a nationally accredited breast center. But the best health care doesn't come from equipment or buildings; it comes from people. At the Breast Health Center, we combine advanced technology and a full array of treatment options with the most crucial element – specialized expertise and compassion. Every day it is our privilege to evaluate and treat women with the care and dignity they deserve. This is our mission and why we are the best choice for breast health services.

We are staffed by a collaborative team made up of specialty-trained breast health physicians, experienced nurses and patient navigators. We provide a comprehensive approach to evaluate the unique needs of our patients- including onsite imaging, clinical evaluation and treatment.

It is not uncommon for your first visit to be an hour or longer. You may be asked to undergo additional mammograms or ultrasounds before or during your visit in order for us to provide you with the best and most complete assessment possible. Please know we ask you to do this with your best interest in mind. We try our best to minimize additional visits for your convenience, however if you'd prefer to return at another time please let us know.

An important component of our collaboration with Women & Infants is the joint Tumor Board that reviews all new breast cancers and other cases on a select basis. This multicenter and multidisciplinary group of specialists will carefully consider your specific situation, make recommendations for treatment, and ensure the most up to date cancer care. In addition, patients will have access to current clinical trials. These recommendations will be discussed with you and the final decision regarding treatment will always be yours.

In addition to cancer care, we offer genetic counseling and testing, a lymphedema education and prevention program, the HOPE High Risk Program, nutritional evaluation, social services, survivorship services and support groups. Nurse navigators are available to guide you throughout your journey, do not hesitate to contact them! Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have with us.

Please complete the attached packet with a medical questionnaire and additional forms prior to your appointment. Mail it to the Breast Health Center or bring it with you to your appointment. Your time is valuable and this ensures timely appointments and allows our providers to spend more time with you on counseling and questions.

Sincerely,



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