



The Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Program was recently granted a full accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC). This program is administered by the American College of Surgeons and the accreditation is for three years.

Accreditation was granted to Banner MD Anderson's Comprehensive Breast Program for its commitment to providing the highest level of quality for breast care. The program underwent a rigorous evaluation process and review of its performance, demonstrating compliance with all of the standards established by the NAPBC for treating women diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease. These standards included:

- Center leadership
- Clinical management
- Research
- Community outreach
- Professional education
- Quality improvement

"One of our major goals is to find new approaches and provide the best treatment options for our patients so they can win the fight against this disease," said Dr. Mary Cianfrocca, director of breast medical oncology and the medical director of the clinical cancer genetics program at Banner MD Anderson. "This designation means that we're committed to patient education, advocacy and awareness of advanced breast cancer treatments."

The Banner MD Anderson Comprehensive Breast Program offers a multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer treatment which means patients will find their breast health care needs in one location. Banner MD Anderson has highly skilled physicians, nurses and staff who are available to provide education and support to meet a woman's needs when faced with a breast cancer diagnosis.

The NAPBC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to the improvement of the quality of care and monitoring of outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast. Receiving care at an NAPBC-accredited center like the Banner MD Anderson Comprehensive Breast Program ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a full range of state-of-the-art services
- A multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- Quality breast care close to home

"Hundreds of thousands of women in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer this year," Dr. Cianfrocca said. "Our mission is to make sure our patients are treated according to the highest standards and also given the educational tools they need to make informed decisions about their health."

[Banner MD Anderson](#) on the Banner Gateway Campus delivers cancer care to patients in Arizona through the collaboration of Banner Health and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Banner MD Anderson offers focused disease-specific expertise in the medical, radiation and surgical management of the cancer patient; an evidence-based, multidisciplinary approach to patient care; access to clinical trials and new investigative therapies; state-of-the-art technology for the diagnosis, staging and treatment of all types of cancer; oncology expertise in supportive care services.