

Trinity offers latest technology, support for breast cancer patients

At the Trinity Breast Health Center, receiving a cancer diagnosis leads to far more than just medical treatment.

The hospital offers the latest technology to treat the disease, like TrueBeam which delivers radiation treatment with pinpoint accuracy in just minutes. But at the Trinity Breast Health Center, patients also receive counseling from a team of professionals to ensure the whole patient is treated, not just the cancer.

Each patient is assigned an oncology nurse navigator, a registered nurse who provides individualized assistance to the patient and their family. Patients also meet with a registered dietician, cancer exercise specialist, oncology social worker and oncology breast care coordinator to ensure the patient has a support network to keep them as healthy as possible from the diagnosis through survivorship.

“Our program is designed by women, for women,” said Dr. Melinda Hass, General Surgeon and Medical Director of the Trinity Breast Health Center. “A breast cancer diagnosis is one of the most frightening moments in a women’s life and our holistic approach treats the mind as well as the body to achieve the best outcome for each patient.”

Barbara Stone from Lyndon, Ill., was referred to the Trinity Breast Health Center when her third mammogram in a year-and-a-half failed to show the tumor she could feel growing larger and larger in her breast. When she consulted a Trinity surgeon, the decision was made to remove the tumor using a local anesthetic and send it for testing.



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“It has been a real breeze. I haven’t had any side effects besides darkening of the skin,” said Stone whose radiation treatments only takes three minutes. “It takes longer to get undressed and dressed than it does to do the treatment.”

TrueBeam delivers treatment to an incredibly precise location by managing patient motion. The result is faster, more accurate tumor targeting in challenging cancers, like breast cancer.

“They’re an awesome facility and I have been really well taken care of by all the radiation techs and nurses,” Stone said. “I would definitely recommend Trinity. It is a great team.”

Stone’s hunch about her breast health was correct; the tumor was cancerous. She was one of the first breast cancer patients to be treated using the new, state-of-the-art TrueBeam radiation therapy to treat the area surrounding the tumor. Trinity is the only cancer provider within a 90-mile radius of the Quad-Cities to acquire the technology.

Technology helps prevent breast reconstruction complications

After a woman wins her fight with breast cancer, her journey is not yet complete. Losing even a part of her breast means the battle with her self-image has only just begun. Fortunately the Trinity Breast Health Center is leading the way in restoring a woman’s confidence with a piece of technology designed to help surgeons achieve the most successful breast reconstruction possible.



Dr. Stephen Bayne

The SPY Elite System from LifeCell is used in breast reconstructions to help prevent complications caused by perfusion, or inadequate blood supply to the reconstructive tissue, one of the most common problems during the surgery.

The SPY Elite System works like a second set of eyes, allowing surgeons to know if the tissue flaps they are going to sew back together have an adequate blood supply.

Without it, there is a greater risk of using tissue that does not have an adequate blood supply to the skin. If that happens, then the tissue won’t survive and can cause an infection, which leads to more pain, greater health risks, more surgery and a longer healing process.

“Even with excellent surgical techniques, complications can occur during breast reconstruction surgeries,” said Dr. Stephen Bayne, plastic surgeon. “With the SPY Elite System, Trinity’s Breast Health Center is able to use advanced technology to make sure patients experience excellent results and help take away their worries about complications.”

Ask your doctor if the SPY Elite System is appropriate for your breast reconstruction surgery or call Trinity Breast Health Center at (309) 779-5186.

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