

About the Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center

Since 1976, the Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center at Dallas has provided personalized and comprehensive care for patients with cancer. Priorities for the Baylor Sammons Cancer Center remain to find cures for the many known cancer diseases, to develop better treatment options and to discover better prevention and early detection tools. Research on all fronts is underway.

Staff of Baylor Sammons Cancer Center takes a comprehensive approach to treatment, including patient education, psychosocial support, and services to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families.

Ongoing Site-Tumor Conferences regularly bring together specialists from multiple disciplines to discuss patient care, research and education opportunities. New diagnostic and treatment techniques continue to improve the staff's ability to detect and cure cancer in many patients.

About the W.H. and Peggy Smith Baylor Sammons Breast Center

The W.H. & Peggy Smith Baylor Sammons Breast Center is the hub for breast care services at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas. The staff can help you access a wide range of experienced specialists to get the care you need. A clinical coordinator is available to help you access services, answer your questions and schedule appointments.

From prevention and detection, to treatment and recovery, Baylor Sammons Breast Center offers a complete circle of care.

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Oncology Services

**W.H. and Peggy Smith
Baylor Sammons Breast Center**
(214) 820-9600 – Breast health care services

**Baylor University Medical Center
Darlene G. Cass Imaging Center**
(214) 820-2430

Screening and Diagnostic Services

Community Services
(214) 820-9600

Breast Care for a Lifetime[®] is a community service project of Baylor-Sammons Cancer Center. The program teaches good breast care, cancer prevention and early detection techniques.

Ernie's Appearance Center
(214) 820-8282

Ernie's is a unique service offering specialized products for cancer survivors. The boutique also carries vascular fashion hosiery and garments for persons with lymphedema.

Lymphedema Services
(214) 820-8165

Lymphedema services are available to breast cancer survivors and provides information on prevention and treatment options.

**Virginia R. Cvetko Patient Education
and Conference Center**
(214) 820-2608

The Cvetko Center staff includes a nurse educator, social worker, chaplains and volunteers, offering a variety of services from patient and family support groups, to an extensive oncology resource library.



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Hereditary Cancer Risk Program



A program that helps you take steps to reduce the likelihood of developing cancer.



W.H and Peggy Smith Baylor Sammons Breast Center at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas

Many individuals are concerned about their personal risk of developing breast cancer or ovarian cancer. Factors such as family history, personal history, age and reproductive history tell part of the story. Laboratory analysis of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes that contribute to breast and other types of cancer add to the resources used by professionals to develop risk assessments for individuals. A personal risk assessment includes a plan for prevention to help each person take steps to reduce the likelihood of developing cancer.

W.H. & Peggy Smith Baylor Sammons Breast Center at Baylor University Medical Center offers comprehensive oncology services to the people of North Texas. The Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center continually improves cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment through excellence in patient care, education and research. The Hereditary Cancer Risk Program adds a new dimension to breast care services.

Those who may benefit from genetic testing are:

- Women 50 years old or younger who are diagnosed with breast cancer, or a family history of breast cancer before age 50
- Personal or family history of ovarian cancer (at any age)
- Personal or family history of male breast cancer
- Personal or family history of bilateral breast cancer
- Ashkenazi Jewish background with personal or family history of breast or ovarian cancer.

Hereditary Cancer Risk Program

The Hereditary Cancer Risk Program provides Information about an individual's risk for breast cancer, and other cancers.

The program includes the following:

- Education about risk factors for cancer and genetic mutations
- Genetic counseling
- Family tree construction and analysis
- Review of family history and personal history
- Calculation of breast cancer risk
- Genetic testing, if appropriate
- A written summary of cancer risk and interpretation of genetic testing results with options for cancer risk management
- Guidelines for continued monitoring
- Education about research trials

Joanne L. Blum, M.D., Ph.D. leads the team of the Hereditary Cancer Risk Program. Dr. Blum is board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology and hematology and is a member of Texas Oncology, P.A. She earned her Ph.D. degree in cellular and molecular biology from the University of Michigan giving her an understanding of the molecular mechanisms in cancer development, in addition to her medical knowledge of the disease process. Dr. Blum is actively involved in cancer research. She is invited to speak at seminars across the United States on genetic screening for breast cancer and the multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

What to Expect

Prior to the first appointment, each participant will receive a questionnaire to complete and return.

The first appointment is with the genetics nurse who will review the personal and family history and discuss significant risk factors.

Participants will learn about genes, inheritance, genetic testing and monitoring options. The genetics nurse will review the participant's risk to develop breast or ovarian cancer. If the participant chooses to have genetic testing, blood is collected and shipped to an outside laboratory. The participant will then be contacted to discuss genetic testing results and the implications for health care options. The significance of the test results for other family members is also explained.

Each participant receives a summary of risk and a plan of careful monitoring tailored to the individual's level of risk as well as a color three-generation family tree.

Prevention and Detection Trials

Clinical trials enable physicians to evaluate promising new methods of prevention, detection and treatment. Participants at high risk for developing cancer receive information about prevention and detection trials underway at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas for which they may be eligible.

Fees

If genetic testing is done, it will be billed separately by a genetic testing laboratory. All fees are usually covered by medical insurance.

Additional Information

For additional information, call (214) 820-9600 or 1-800-4BAYLOR (1-800-422-9567).