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Breast Center

The Huntsville Hospital Breast Center, conveniently located on the first floor of the Women's Pavilion, has an all-female staff and is designed for privacy, convenience and comfort. You can rest assured that you are receiving quality care at Huntsville Hospital Breast Center, Alabama's first facility to have earned the "Breast Imaging Center of Excellence" accreditation from the American College of Radiology.

Here to help if you:

Need to schedule your yearly mammogram Discover a breast lump Have an abnormal mammogram or biopsy Are referred for breast MRI Are concerned about your breast cancer risk Want to learn about breast self-examination Need counseling regarding a breast cancer diagnosis

Would like a genetic counseling referral

Would like information about cancer support groups

Are concerned about your bone density

Need education and information about fibrocystic changes, breast pain or other breast health issues

The Breast Center offers all-digital mammography, which has proven to be more accurate than traditional film-based mammography in detecting breast cancer in young women and women with dense breast tissue. Breast MRI is also available for women who meet certain screening and diagnostic criteria.

2D remains the standard of practice for screening and diagnostic mammography. New FDA-approved 3D technology is now available at Huntsville Hospital Breast Center and Madison Hospital Breast Center.

How do I request a 3D mammogram?

Unless you requested a 3D mammogram when you scheduled your appointment, you will receive a 2D mammogram today. If you are interested in requesting a 3D screening mammogram, let the technologist know before your exam starts.

Who can have 3D mammograms?

Studies have shown 3D imaging to be beneficial for both fatty and dense breasts, but it is most beneficial for women with dense breasts. All women who are recommended to receive annual screening mammograms can request a 3D screening mammogram. The full cost of 3D screening mammograms is covered by most insurance plans. You should check with your insurance plan before scheduling a 3D mammogram to understand if you will be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs.

How long does it take and am I exposed to more radiation?

A 3D screening mammogram only takes a few seconds longer than a traditional 2D mammogram. The total radiation dose from a 3D mammogram is comparable to a 2D mammogram. We recommend patients discuss their options for mammogram screenings with their physician.

Our staff

The Breast Center takes great pride in providing the highest quality care for our patients with the latest equipment and highly-skilled technologists, nurses and physicians. A dedicated team of radiologists has undergone extensive training in breast imaging (Mammography, Ultrasound and MRI) and/or image-guided breast intervention. They perform interpretations of breast images on more than 30,000 patients each year.

Every mammography technologist has obtained additional training to become a Registered Mammographer. All of our Diagnostic Medical Sonographers have received advanced training and certification in the breast specialty and are among an elite group of sonographers in Alabama to have earned this distinction.

Education services

Knowledge about breast health is the first and best defense in the battle against breast cancer. Our Breast Health Specialists have more than 60 years of nursing experience combined and are specially trained to provide you with empowering information on every topic from fibrocystic changes to types of cancer to reconstruction options.

Resources available to you

Breast health literature Same-day biopsies Advice about reliable websites for self-guided research Individual consultation for breast self-examination (by appointment only) Individual consultation for breast cancer disease Dense breast screening

If you are a member of a group and would like to schedule a presentation on breast health, please call Huntsville Hospital Public Relations at (256) 265-8317.

How you can help other women

The Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund at Huntsville Hospital Foundation has raised millions since 1999 to provide high-tech diagnostic equipment for the Huntsville and Madison Hospital Breast Centers that otherwise wouldn't be possible. The fund impacts countless lives by ensuring women have access to the latest technology, increasing their chances for early detection and survival. It also provides assistance and support to breast cancer patients and survivors from across North Alabama.

A donation of any amount can make a difference. 100% of your gift will benefit the Breast Center, and may be made in honor of, or in memory of, a breast cancer patient. Please visit *huntsvillehospitalfoundation.org* to make a donation or to learn more.

Huntsville Hospital Breast Center

Women's Pavilion 910 Adams Street, Suite 110 Huntsville, AL 35801

A satellite location for screening mammography is located on the Madison Hospital campus at:

Madison Hospital Breast Center

Progress Bank building 8337 Hwy. 72 W., Suite 202 Madison, AL 35758

To support this program - please contact us!

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Every gift makes a difference! Your tax deductible donation to the Foundation will help provide lifesaving equipment, as well as health and hope to our patients.



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