

News Release

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Norma Pfriem Breast Center reaccredited

FAIRFIELD, CT (November 9, 2020) – Norma Pfriem Breast Center (NPBC) has been reaccredited by the prestigious National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) for meeting high standards in patient care quality, patient and staff education and other important areas. The accreditation covers the Breast Center’s locations in Bridgeport, Fairfield and Trumbull.

The surveyor was impressed with the center’s staff, including its navigators, healthcare providers, and bilingual staff who can communicate directly with non-English speaking patients. He also cited the center’s “robust” support, rehabilitation and outreach programs, all of which are offered free, thanks to the center’s private fundraising. “The Norma Pfriem Breast Center is dedicated to providing comprehensive and coordinated breast care to the community,” says Dr. Mehra Golshan, MD MBA FACS, medical director, Norma Pfriem Breast Center, Smilow Cancer Hospital. “Only the top tier of breast centers are recognized by the National Accreditation Program of Breast Centers.”

“The breadth of our support programs is unique in our region,” says Donna Twist, PhD, executive director. “We are grateful to our donors for making our programs available to all patients, regardless of their financial situation and insurance status.”

The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) is a consortium of national, professional organizations dedicated to the improvement of the quality of care and the monitoring of outcomes for patients with diseases of the breast. The NAPBC is administered by the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer.

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Norma Pfriem Breast Center provides nearly 1,500 uninsured and underinsured women with financial assistance for patient care annually. One of only 500 sites accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), the Center provides a wide range of diagnostic care and treatment at its Bridgeport Hospital, Fairfield and Trumbull locations, including medical oncology, surgical and chemotherapy services, plastic surgery, mammography and radiation therapy, genetic risk assessment, clinical trial participation as well as wellness services like yoga, nutrition counseling and massage.

Bridgeport Hospital, part of Yale New Haven Health, is a non-profit 501-bed acute care hospital with two campuses (plus 42 beds licensed to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital). Both Bridgeport Hospital and the Milford Campus of Bridgeport Hospital serve patients throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties. The hospital admits more than 23,000 patients and provides nearly 350,000 outpatient treatments annually. The Connecticut Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital is the only burn center in the state and one of only 64 verified burn centers in the United States. Bridgeport Hospital is committed to providing safe, compassionate and cost efficient care to its patients and the community. www.bridgeporthospital.org