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## **Advances in Breast Cancer Treatment**



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When faced with a breast cancer diagnosis, women want access to the latest advances in treatment to support them in their fight.

The University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center (UHSCC) at Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) brings expert, world-class care to area patients to offer the best chance of beating breast cancer.

"Every woman's breast cancer journey is unique," said Linda Camp, M.D., FACS, Board Certified Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon and Director of SRMC's Breast Cancer Care Program. "When a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, she is cared for by a team of specialists who work together to provide a personalized treatment plan tailored to meet her needs."

Breast cancer patients at the UHSCC at SRMC have access to a full range of innovative treatments, from advanced medical oncology and radiation therapies to the latest surgical techniques.

"Women have many treatment options that are customized to their specific breast cancer diagnosis," Dr. Camp explained. "If surgery is recommended as part of a woman's treatment, there are several different approaches that may be used depending on her special situation, personal goals and preferences."

Dr. Camp provides leadership for SRMC's multidisciplinary breast cancer committee, as well as consultative and surgical services to breast cancer patients at the UHSCC at SRMC. The procedures she performs for women facing breast cancer include:

- **-Breast-conserving surgery** (**lumpectomy**) to remove the cancer and a small area of surrounding healthy tissue, while leaving most of the breast intact.
- **-Mastectomy**, which removes all of the tissue from one or both breasts. Dr. Camp uses advanced techniques to conserve the skin, areola and nipple whenever possible.
- **-Lymph node removal** to help find out if the cancer has spread outside the breast.

- -Surgery to relieve symptoms of advanced cancer.
- -Reconstructive surgery to rebuild the breast's look and shape after the cancer is removed. Breast reconstruction may be an option either during or after breast removal, depending on the patient's situation.

"The idea of living without a breast affects each woman differently, and deciding whether or not to have breast reconstruction surgery is a very personal choice," Dr. Camp added. "Women who have undergone cancer treatment involving a mastectomy may choose to have breast reconstruction surgery as a means to renew their self-confidence."

## **Comprehensive Breast Care at SRMC**

Salem Regional Medical Center's Breast Cancer Care Program ensures those facing breast cancer have local access to comprehensive and seamless care, from state-of-the-art diagnosis to world-class medical and surgical treatment. The program also provides Nurse Navigation services to help guide and support patients through each step of their breast cancer journey.

The UHSCC at SRMC is nationally-accredited by The Commission on Cancer, a quality program of the American College of Surgeons, for demonstrating continued excellence in diagnosing, treating and supporting patients with cancer and their families.

For more information about breast cancer care at SRMC, call 330-332-7155.