



BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

★ Centro Donna, Ospedale Montecchio Maggiore - Montecchio Maggiore, Italy

General Information



New breast cancer cases treated per year **330**

Breast multidisciplinary team members **27**

Radiologists, surgeons, pathologists, medical oncologists, radiotherapists and nurses

Clinical Director: **Graziano Meneghini, MD**

The BREAST UNIT is involved in the diagnosis and treatment of female diseases and in particular the breast cancer. Our diagnostic-therapeutic-rehabilitative approach to breast disease is an interdisciplinary one and is coordinated by a multidisciplinary team made up of a breast surgeon, an oncologist, a radiologist, an anatomy pathology technologist, a radiotherapist, a nuclear medicine doctor, a plastic surgeon, a physiatrist, psychologists, nurses and volunteer associations. The procedures follow the national and international standards and guidelines, and the whole process is regulated by quality controls. Senology Department uses the techniques of oncoplastic surgery to minimize any cosmetic damage from operations such as the quadrantectomy, and offers reconstructive breast interventions after such operations as mastectomies. We also offer a Plastic Surgery Clinic at the Women's Centre, which provides various options for breast reconstruction to operated women. Finally, psychological assistance is available both for patients and their families.

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Available services

- Radiology
- Breast Surgery
- Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery
- Pathology
- Medical Oncology
- Radiotherapy

- Nuclear Medicine
- Rehabilitation
- Genetic Counselling
- Data Management
- Psycho-oncology
- Breast Nurses

- Social Workers
- Nutritional Counselling
- Survivorship Groups
- Sexual Health Counselling
- Supportive and Palliative Care
- Integrative Medicine

Radiology

- Dedicated Radiologists** 3
- Mammograms per year** 10000
- Breast radiographers**
- Screening program**
- Verification for non-palpable breast lesions on specimen**
- Axillary US/US-guided FNAB**
- Clinical Research**

Available imaging equipment

- Mammography
- Ultrasound
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- tomosynthesis

Available work-up imaging equipment

- Computer Tomography
- Ultrasound
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- PET/CT scan

Primary technique for localizing non-palpable lesions

- Hook-wire (or needle localization)
- Charcoal marking/tattooing
- ROLL: radio-guided occult lesion localization

Available breast tissue sampling equipment

- Stereotactic Biopsy (Mammography guided)
 - Core Biopsy (Tru-cut)
 - Vacuum assisted biopsy
- Ultrasound-guided biopsy
 - Fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB, cytology)
 - Core Biopsy
 - Vacuum assisted biopsy
- MRI-guided biopsy
 - Core Biopsy
 - Vacuum assisted biopsy

Breast Surgery

- New operated cases per year (benign and malignant)** 400
- Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 7
- Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 4
- Breast Surgery beds** 14
- Breast Nurse specialists** 10
- Outpatient surgery**
- Intra-operative evaluation of sentinel node**
- Reconstruction performed by Breast Surgeons**
- Clinical Research**

Primary technique for staging the axilla

- Axillary lymph node dissection
- Sentinel lymph node biopsy:
 - Blue dye technique
 - Radio-tracer technique
 - Blue dye + Radio-tracer
- Axillary sampling

Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery

- ✓ **Reconstructive/Plastic surgeons** 2
- ✓ **Immediate Reconstruction available**

Type of breast reconstructive surgery available

- ✓ Remodelling after breast-conserving surgery
- ✓ Reconstruction after mastectomy:
 - ✓ Two-stage reconstruction (tissue expander followed by implant)
 - ✓ One-stage reconstruction
 - ✓ Autogenous tissue flap
 - ✓ Latissimus dorsi flap
 - ✓ Transverse rectus abdominis (TRAM)
 - ✓ Free-flaps (free TRAM, DIEP, SIEA, gluteal, etc.)
- ✓ Surgery on the contralateral breast for symmetry
- ✓ Lipofilling

Pathology

- ✓ **Dedicated Breast Pathologists** 3

Available studies

- ✓ Cytology
- ✓ Haematoxylin & eosin section (H&E)
 - ✓ Surgical specimen
 - ✓ Sentinel node
 - ✓ Core biopsy
- ✓ Frozen section (FS)
 - ✓ Surgical specimen
 - ✓ Sentinel node
- ✓ Immunohistochemistry stain (IHC)
 - ✓ Estrogen receptors
 - ✓ Progesterone receptors
 - ✓ HER-2
 - ✓ Ki-67

Other special studies available

- ✓ Fluorescence in-situ Hybridization for HER-2 gene (FISH)
- ✓ Oncotype Dx (21-gene assay)
- ✓ MammaPrint (70-gene microarray)
- Prediction Analysis of Microarray 50-gene set (PAM 50)

Parameters included in the final pathology report

- ✓ Pathology stage (pT and pN)
- ✓ Tumour size (invasive component in mm)
- ✓ Histologic type
- ✓ Tumor grade
- ✓ ER/PR receptor status
- ✓ HER-2/neu receptor status
- ✓ Peritumoural/Lymphovascular invasion
- ✓ Margin status

Medical Oncology

- ✓ **Dedicated Breast Medical Oncologists** 3
- ✓ **Outpatient systemic therapy**
- ✓ **Clinical Research**

Radiotherapy

Dedicated Radiation Oncologists

Clinical Research

Available techniques after breast-conserving surgery (including experimental)

Whole-Breast RT (WBRT)

Partial breast irradiation (PBI):

External beam PBI

Interstitial brachytherapy

Targeted brachytherapy (MammoSite, SAVI applicator, other devices)

Intra-operative RT (IORT)

Multidisciplinary Meeting (MDM) / Tumour Board (TB)

Regular MDM/TB for case management discussion

Twice a week

Weekly

Every two weeks

Other Schedule

Cases discussed at MDM/TB

Preoperative cases

Postoperative cases

Specialties/services participating in MDM/TB

Radiology

Breast Surgery

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Medical Oncology

Radiotherapy

Genetic Counselling

Breast Nurse Service

Psycho-oncology

Further Services and Facilities

Nuclear Medicine

Lymphoscintigraphy

Bone scan

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

PET/CT scan

Rehabilitation

Prosthesis service

Physiotherapy

Lymph-oedema treatment

Genetic Counselling

Specialist Providing Genetic Counselling/Risk assessment service:

Dedicated Clinical Geneticist

Medical Oncologist

Breast Surgeon

General Surgeon

Gynaecologist

Genetic Testing available

Surveillance program for high-risk women

Data Management

Database used for clinical information

Data manager available

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From airport:

From Venice airport, follow A4 highway in direction Milan (Montecchio Maggiore exit). From Verona airport follow A4 highway direction Venice (Montecchio exit).

By train:

Closest train station available: Vicenza. Then by bus FTV direction Montecchio.

By car:

The centre is located on the A4 highway, close to Verona (30 km) and Vicenza (20 km).

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