



BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

Hospital São Lucas PUCRS - Porto Alegre, Brazil

General Information



New breast cancer cases treated per year 180

Breast multidisciplinary team members 13

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

Clinical Director: Gustavo Werutsky, MD

The Breast Cancer Center at Hospital São Lucas PUCRS in Porto Alegre, Brazil, provides state-of-the-art care for breast cancer patients. Hospital São Lucas, which is part of PUCRS University, is a tertiary Hospital, certified by ONA and Qmentum, with more than 600 beds serving the public and private health system with expert physicians across multi-specialty areas and all the facilities using cutting edge technology. We organize weekly breast cancer MDT meetings where all new cases are discussed and treatment is planned with the best and most personalized options available, including the latest surgical options, breast reconstruction, radiation therapy and systemic treatments. Our clinical research center is one of the biggest in Brazil providing the opportunity for patients to enter in ongoing national and international breast cancer clinical trials with novel therapies. At Breast Cancer Center HSL PUCRS we are proud of ourselves for being up to date with all the advancements in breast cancer to ensure that all patients have access to the latest and most effective treatments.

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IQC Health Services Accreditation

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** 2
- Mammograms per year** 5400
- 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)

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)** 320
- Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 5
- Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 2
- Breast Surgery beds** 2
- Breast Nurse specialists** 1
- 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

Pathology

- Dedicated Breast Pathologists** _____ 1

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

Reconstructive/Plastic Surgery

Pathology

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:

You need to take a bus or a taxi, the Breast Unit is 7 km away from the airport.

By train:

We don't have trains in our city.

By bus or sub-way/underground:

By bus: Take the bus T11 until Ipiranga street and then take another bus until the entrance of the University (PUCRS). Cross the street and enter the hospital (HSL). The breast unit is on the 2nd floor.

By car:

Leave the airport and proceed to Porto Alegre entrance. Drive: Perimetral street - Ipiranga street - cross to the other site - enter the hospital (HSL) - Parking is available - Enter the hospital and go to the 2nd floor.

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