



BREAST CENTRES NETWORK

Synergy among Breast Units

★ Instituto Alexander Fleming - Buenos Aires, Argentina

General Information



New breast cancer cases treated per year 400

Breast multidisciplinary team members 23

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

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Instituto Alexander Fleming (IAF) is the first private institution in Latin America devoted to preventing, diagnosing, and treating cancer patients. Since its opening in 1994, it has been dedicated to the comprehensive treatment of cancer in all its forms of presentation. Our Institution is characterized by medical excellence deployed in an optimal frame with high technology in the service of our patients and society as a whole, based on sound work in research and teaching. We have a Medical Residency scheme and a Breast Surgery Fellowship program. For all the above mentioned and the growing number of cases that come to our Institute (30% of them are Breast Cancer consultations), we decided to create the 'Centro Mamario Alexander Fleming' ('Breast Center Alexander Fleming'). The aim of the Center is the diagnosis, treatment and multidisciplinary approach to breast disease. Given the features that support us, we can offer solutions to solve our patients' problems in a short time and all in the same place.

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Unidad de Mastología

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Sociedad Argentina de
Mastología

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** 5
- Mammograms per year** 4000
- 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)
- MRI Outside

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)** 350
- Dedicated Breast Surgeons** 5
- Surgeons with more than 50 surgeries per year** 3
- Breast Surgery beds** 5
- 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** 4
- ✓ **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** 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)
- ✓ Fish and Oncotype outside

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** 8
- ✓ **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

Cardiology, Fertility

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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