

Health Notes

Health, Wellness and Prevention Information

Mercy Clinic Four Rivers offers local care for breast cancer patients

Breast cancer patients receive coordinated and complete care with services offered at Mercy Clinic Four Rivers in Washington. That care often starts with our board-certified surgeons who are experienced in the treatment of breast cancer and benign breast disease. James Cassat, MD, Anthony Gildehaus, MD, James Jansen, MD, Lisa Martin Hawver, MD and Thomas Riechers, MD, Mercy Clinic Surgical Specialists, work closely with other Mercy Clinic Four Rivers specialists in helping patients and families through diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.

The overall focus is to bring the latest technology to patients and provide a community of support in a comfortable, healing environment. That focus often starts with proper diagnosis via state-of-the-art mammography, MRI or percutaneous biopsies, all offered at facilities in Washington. If surgery is required, the surgical specialists can provide open biopsy, lumpectomy, lymph node sampling or mastectomy for patients.

Follow-up adjuvant care, including radiation, chemotherapy, and hormone therapy (as well as genetic testing when indicated), are offered through services at Mercy Cancer and Infusion Centers in Washington. Christopher Hueser, DO, and Muhammad Mirza, MD, hematologists and oncologists, work with Robert Frazier, MD, and other radiation oncologists, to offer the latest advancements in cancer treatment. Patients have access to the most current drugs and therapies, clinical trials of experimental pharmaceuticals and cutting-edge diagnostic technologies. The center also offers a breast navigator to help coordinate care, answer questions and provide support.

If a patient decides to have reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy, Benjamin Verdine, MD, Mercy Clinic Four Rivers Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, offers several options. With a focus on reshaping the breast, Dr. Verdine will meet with the patient to determine the best course of action. He collaborates his care with the primary care physician and other providers associated with the treatment of that patient.

The entire group of specialists with Mercy Clinic Four Rivers works as a team to provide individualized, expedited care for breast cancer patients. Members will keep PCPs and the patient informed throughout the care process. Let us assist your breast cancer patients stay local and stay strong throughout their cancer journey, as we have the expertise, care and technology to help.

For more information on starting a breast surgery referral, contact either office directly at:

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