



**KAISER PERMANENTE BREAST CARE ACCREDITED  
BY AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS**

Kaiser Permanente's Santa Clara Medical Center has been granted a three-year/full-accreditation designation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons. This accreditation provides further affirmation of Kaiser Permanente's clinical excellence in Northern California and its ongoing commitment to the early diagnosis and speedy comprehensive treatment of breast cancer.

"Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, and the leading cause of death in Hispanic women," said Dr. Minggu Pan, Chief of Oncology at the Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center.

All Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers follow the most up-to-date recommendations for breast care. For this particular survey at Santa Clara, the NAPBC looked at areas of breast center leadership, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement.

Dr. Pan continued: "This is a great honor for our dedicated team. Our Breast Center at the Santa Clara Medical Center encompasses a dedicated, technologically-supported breast care clinic, a multidisciplinary breast cancer tumor board, a dedicated women's imaging center, and a comprehensive cancer care website (<http://kpsantaclaracancercare.org>)."

"A state-of-the-art Cancer Treatment Center is right on campus," said Dr. Anita TC Lee, Radiation Oncology. "This offers seamlessly coordinated care, along with a rigorous cancer survivorship program."

"This is a fantastic breast center," said Dr. James Frank a surgical oncologist and the surveyor for the American College of Surgeons, which accredited Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara's facility.

Invasive breast cancer affects more than 190,000 patients annually in the U.S., and thousands of other women (and men) will need evaluation and treatment options for benign breast disease.

"This is how breast care should be done," said Dr. Maihgan Kavanagh, Director of the KP Santa Clara Breast Center and a surgical oncologist. "Our patients are presented with all their options up front and then are guided through the pathway they need for their individual situation."

At Kaiser Permanente Northern California, comprehensive breast care centers are accredited by several groups: in Richmond, Santa Rosa, and South Sacramento hospitals are accredited by the National Consortium of Breast Centers.

Across Northern California, Kaiser Permanente provides its members a multidisciplinary clinical team for breast care, coordinated to meet patient needs from screening to diagnosis to treatment to follow-up care. Kaiser Permanente also offers state-of-the-art treatments and access to many Clinical Trials that are advancing breast cancer outcomes. Additionally, all Kaiser Permanente clinicians involved in a patient's breast care are linked electronically through our industry-leading electronic medical record system, KPHealthConnect.

Dr. Frank of the American College of Surgeons noted that Kaiser Permanente's region wide and national electronic medical record system aided caregivers in providing excellent and coordinated breast care. KPHealthConnect provides all caregivers with access to all patient medical information and automatic prompts for timely lab tests; Dr. Frank noted that several early-stage cancers were detected when pharmacists at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara ordered mammograms for Kaiser Permanente patients who were filling unrelated prescriptions.