



Optimal Resources for Breast Care (2024 Standards)

NAPBC Standards Changelog

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Standard	Change Date	Change(s)
Chapter 2: Program Scope and Governance		
2.1 Breast Program Leadership Committee	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Breast Program Leadership Committee Template
2.3 Breast Care Team	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance Update: Physicians granted privileges to treat breast patients after January 1, 2024 must be members of the Breast Care Team; <u>list expanded to include plastic surgeons</u> • Compliance Update: Privileged physicians treating breast patients at multiple NAPBC-accredited programs are only required to participate as a member of the BCT at one program • Compliance Update: A letter of attestation confirming BCT membership and participation is required if a physician privileged at multiple programs is only a BCT member at one program • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Breast Care Team Template
2.4 Multidisciplinary Breast Care Conference	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Multidisciplinary Breast Care Conference Template
Chapter 3: Facilities and Equipment Resources		
3.5 Pathology Quality Assurance	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance Update: Proof of compliance with anatomic pathology quality assurance can now be demonstrated with documentation from the New York State and Washington State Departments of Health (New York State and Washington State only)



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Chapter 4: Personnel and Services Resources		
4.1 Physician Credentials	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Physician Certification Credentials Template • Language Update: “Documentation” section now requires CoC compliance documentation, if/when applicable • Language Update: “Measure of Compliance” section now specifically restates the requirement for ongoing education “each calendar year”
4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: Language updated throughout Standard 4.2, clarifying the standard applies only to nurses who are <u>both</u> providing direct breast oncology care <u>and</u> members of the Breast Care Team • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Oncology Nursing Credentials Template • Language Update: “Documentation” section now requires CoC compliance documentation, if/when applicable • Language Update: “Measure of Compliance” section now specifically restates the requirement for ongoing education “each accreditation cycle”
4.3 Physician Assistant Credentials	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Physician Assistant Education Template • Language Update: “Measure of Compliance” section now specifically restates the requirement for ongoing education “each accreditation cycle”
4.4 Genetic Professional Credentials	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: List of qualified genetic professional credentials was reviewed and reformatted; no credentials were added/removed • Language Update: Added clarification, “The continuing education requirements for genetic professionals are discussed in Standard 8.2.”
4.5 Patient Navigator Credentials	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: Updated name for the National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC) Certified Navigator Breast Advocate (CN-BA) program



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Chapter 5: Patient Care- Expectations and Protocols		
5.1 Screening for Breast Cancer	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: Language updated throughout Standard 5.1, clarifying that the individual program has full discretion regarding when patient risk assessment occurs during the programmatic workflow
5.3 Evaluation and Management of Benign Breast Diseases	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: “Rationale” section updated for clarity
5.5 Genetic Evaluation and Management	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifies submission of the required protocol
5.8 Patient Navigation	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: “Measure of Compliance” section updated for consistency and clarity
5.9 Surgical Care	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: Language updated throughout Standard 5.9, clarifying the requirement for <u>preoperative</u> and postoperative functional assessment and appropriate referrals to exercise, physical therapy, and/or lymphedema management
5.9 Surgical Care	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typo: “pain management”
5.10 Reconstructive Surgery	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: Language updated throughout Standard 5.10, clarifying the requirement for <u>preoperative</u> and postoperative functional assessment and appropriate referrals to exercise, physical therapy, and/or lymphedema management
Chapter 7: Quality Improvement		
7.2 Quality Improvement Initiatives	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Quality Improvement Initiative Template
Chapter 8: Education- Professional and Community Outreach		
8.1 Education, Prevention, and Early Detection Programs	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Education, Prevention, and Early Detection Program Template



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8.2 Continuing Education	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Breast Care Team- No changes ○ Genetic Professionals and Counselors- Genetic continuing education credits no longer need to be breast-specific (Genetic Professionals and Counselors only); credits must still focus on cancer genetics and hereditary cancer predisposition syndromes • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Continuing Education Template
Chapter 9: Research		
9.1 Clinical Research Accrual	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Update: “Documentation” section now specifically references the Clinical Research Accrual Template