

Office Hours

Monday – Friday

9am-5:30 pm

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THINK PINK!!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



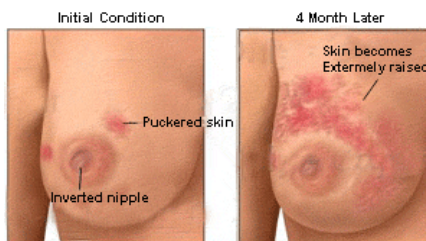
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) has been educating women for over 20 years about early breast cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment. When breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and loss of life can be reduced significantly. With more than 2 million breast cancer survivors in America today, awareness and early detection are saving lives. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer in women, aside from skin cancer. It is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women ages 40-59 and second only to lung cancer as a cause of death among women. It is important for women to be aware and educated about breast cancer risk factors, prevention and early detection.

The “Silent Killer”: How to Detect Inflammatory Breast Cancer

What is IBC?

Inflammatory breast cancer is a rare but very aggressive type of breast cancer of which many people are not aware. It is referred to as the “silent killer” because mammograms and ultrasounds cannot detect it. It is often diagnosed too late, when the cancer has already spread throughout the body.

IBC almost always presents itself without a lump. It usually appears in sheets of cancer, or what is known as cancer nests. The cancer cells block the lymph vessels in the skin of the breast which causes the breast to look swollen and red. This type of cancer accounts for 1 to 5 percent of all breast cancer cases in the United States. IBC usually grows rapidly and often spreads to other parts of the body.



Symptoms

- Could have redness, swelling, and warmth in the breast
- Skin may appear pink, purple or bruised
- Skin may have ridges or appear pitted
- May have heaviness, burning, aching, increase in breast size, tenderness, or nipple that is inverted (facing inward)
- Swollen lymph nodes may be present under the arm, above the collar bone, or in both places

Diagnosis

Diagnosis of IBC is usually based on the results of a clinical examination by a doctor. Biopsies, ultrasounds, and mammograms are used to confirm the diagnosis. It is usually classified as Stage IV breast cancer, which is cancer that has spread to other organs. IBC grows rapidly and the physical appearance of the breast is different from patients with non IBC-breast cancer.

Treatment

If caught early, IBC can be treated. The best way to catch it is to know your breasts and know the symptoms. If you experience any change in your breasts – contact your doctor! Treatment usually consists of chemotherapy, radiation, and hormonal therapy.

Source: National Cancer Institute

WellsBrooke Happenings...

Happy Birthday!



Megan Allen	Elaine Lane
Kimberly Ferguson	Chrystal Mapps
Brittney Funchess	Mary Mazur
Mary Gordon	Cindy Mitchell
Jennifer Holland	Tyrita Newman
Belinda Johnson	Antoine Pierce
Jada Johnson	Ann Stone
Rochelle Johnson	Denise Strom
Tiffany Johnson	Patricia Taylor
Leisa Kabarowski	Navy Verma
Linda Kerste	Kimberly Vincent



Congratulations,
Angela Johnson,
HTA

WellsBrooke is proud to announce Angela Johnson as the October employee of the month. Angela is very reliable and always picks up extra shifts to help out our staffing coordinators. In addition, she will stay over or come in early for her shift, if needed. This month, Angela successfully passed the Bronze level of our Caregiver Training and Certification Program. She has demonstrated time after time that she has the commitment, compassion and the patience it takes to be a caregiver. Angela is very knowledgeable about her profession and strives to learn new things. She always exceeds our expectations and shows a positive attitude at all times. Thank you, Angela, for all of your hard work and dedication. We are proud to have you on our team!



Beware: Flu Season is Back

Flu viruses spread in the form of respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. Frequent hand washing, proper disposal of used tissue, staying home when ill and receiving a flu vaccine will help prevent the spread of this illness.

Symptoms:

Fever
Headache
Fatigue
Dry Cough
Sore Throat
Nasal
Congestion
Muscle Aches
Nausea
Vomiting
Diarrhea

Flu Vaccine is recommended for:

- Children 6 to 23 months
- People of any age with medical conditions
- People who live with or care for persons at high risk
- People over the age of 65

Find a flu vaccine clinic near you at:
www.findaflushot.com



A representative from Tastefully Simple will be holding a taste testing of some of their delicious food and products at the WellsBrooke office on Friday, November 10th from 11am-1pm. All employees are welcome to attend and will receive 10% off on any purchases. For more information, contact the WellsBrooke office.