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### About the American Society of Breast Disease (ASBD)

The American Society of Breast Disease is the leading professional medical society in the United States to bring together physicians and allied professionals committed to and advocating an interdisciplinary team approach to breast disease and cancer management, prevention, early detection, treatment, and research. The Society educates decision makers in patient care to influence practice and advocates for improvements in breast healthcare. For information about the ASBD, visit the Society at [www.asbd.org](http://www.asbd.org).

### About The American Society of Breast Surgeons

The American Society of Breast Surgeons, the primary leadership organization for general surgeons who treat patients with breast disease, is committed to continually improving the practice of breast surgery by serving as an advocate for surgeons who seek excellence in the care of breast patients. This mission is accomplished by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and by promoting education, research, and the development of advanced surgical techniques.

Founded in 1995, the Society has grown to more than 3000 members in the United States and 35 countries throughout the world. Active membership is open to surgeons with a special interest in breast disease. Non-general surgeons or non-surgeon physicians with a demonstrated interest in breast surgery may join as associate members; allied healthcare professionals, researchers and scientists who are engaged in the care of breast surgery patients as affiliate members; and general surgery residents and surgical oncology and breast fellows currently enrolled in a residency/fellowship program as candidate members. For more information, please visit The American Society of Breast Surgeons' website at [www.breastsurgeons.org](http://www.breastsurgeons.org).

### About the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is the world's leading professional organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With more than 30,000 members, ASCO is committed to improving cancer care through scientific meetings, educational programs and peer-reviewed journals. For ASCO information and resources, visit [www.asco.org/presscenter](http://www.asco.org/presscenter). Patient-oriented cancer information is available at [www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net).

### About the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy. Information on ASTRO can be found online at [www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org). For more information on radiation therapy, visit our patient website at [www.rtanswers.org](http://www.rtanswers.org).

### About the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO)

The SSO is an international medical specialty association of more than 2,600 cancer surgeons who have training and experience in the multidisciplinary approach to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of cancer patients. Its purpose is to ensure that all cancer patients receive the highest quality, most comprehensive, multimodal care available by encouraging research and disseminating knowledge that will advance the science and practice of surgical oncology. More information on the SSO can be found at [www.surgonc.org](http://www.surgonc.org).

### About the National Consortium of Breast Centers, Inc. (NCBC)

What started as a small group of professionals from a variety of related disciplines, all involved in breast health care, has grown into an ever-increasing group of professionals who get together to exchange information, network and learn from each other. The National Consortium of Breast Centers, Inc. (NCBC), began in 1985. The focus is on the development, implementation and expansion of breast center programs to allow professionals to be informed of the most up-to-date breast care techniques and options available to their patients. With the addition of private sector businesses and corporations as part of the membership, breast health professionals are also kept informed about advances in equipment, technology, drugs and services available to them to improve patient care. Through monthly newsletters, an annual conference and networking throughout the year, NCBC members are kept apprised of the continually changing breast health care environment.

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