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BREAST CANCER CARE AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET

GATTUSO RAPID DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

The Gattuso Rapid Diagnostic Centre (GRDC) provides comprehensive personalized breast cancer care by screening and diagnosing cancer rapidly and precisely, enabling targeted treatments specific for each patient.

The GRDC ensures that every patient receives exceptional care with minimal waiting by closely monitoring benchmarks, including time from referral to first contact, time of contact to appointment, and consultation to diagnosis. Today, the GRDC has reduced breast cancer diagnostic waiting times from an average of 37 days to 24 hours.

The highly integrated and multidisciplinary team – comprised of radiologists, pathologists, surgeons, general practitioner oncologists, and two dedicated nurse practitioners – continues to maximize expediency, promote collaboration, and develop new models of care. This lean process ensures that patients are triaged and treated optimally.



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HOW TO REFER PATIENTS

Click here for the [Gattuso Rapid Diagnostic Centre referral form](#).

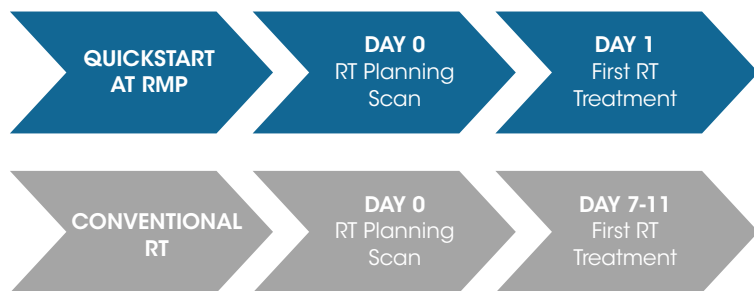
For more information, visit the [GRDC website](#).

QUICKSTART PROGRAM: ONE-DAY RADIOTHERAPY FOR EARLY-STAGE BREAST CANCER

Whole breast radiation therapy (RT) is the standard treatment option for women with breast cancer following breast-conserving surgery (also called lumpectomy). At the Princess Margaret, this treatment accounts for more than 60% of all breast cancer patients treated with high-precision intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT).

Patients with early-stage breast cancer may often experience some form of delay in their treatment prior to radiation therapy, which may impact their treatment experience and outcome. The award-winning [QuickStart Program](#) streamlines the breast RT process, providing a more effective model of care to treat early-stage breast cancer patients following breast-conserving surgery and prevent delays in RT.

The program utilizes an automated IMRT treatment planning software to decrease the time required to build treatment plans (from hours to minutes). Together, with the clinical expertise of a multidisciplinary radiation team, patients typically receive their first radiation treatment fraction within 24 hours of their initial CT scan, reducing the treatment waiting time by approximately 11 days compared to the conventional process.



QuickStart offers patients with breast cancer high quality & effective radiation treatment without the unnecessary wait-time

HOW TO REFER PATIENTS

There are many easy ways to have your breast cancer patients seen:

1. Submit a [referral form](#) to our new patient office (click [here](#) for additional information)
2. Directly contact one of our radiation oncologists (listed on the right)
3. Contact our QuickStart Program Coordinator at: brestreferrals@rmp.uhn.ca or 416-946-4501 ext. 3639

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LUNG CANCER CARE

AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET

LUNG CANCER RAPID ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (LUNGRAMP)

The Lung Cancer Rapid Assessment and Management Program (LungRAMP) enables patients who are suspected of having lung cancer to obtain consultation and state-of-the-art diagnostic investigations through a streamlined process focused on patient-centred care. Specialist consultations, tests, and often, a biopsy are typically required to establish a diagnosis. The program aims to reduce wait times for appointments and diagnostic testing and decrease the number of clinic visits, shortening the time to diagnosis.

Patients are cared for by a world-class multidisciplinary team with access to a Patient Nurse Navigator, who functions as an important bridge between the medical team and patient, and is dedicated to creating an integrated, efficient, and supportive diagnostic journey for each patient. Almost all patients are contacted within 24 hours after the referral is received and the Patient Nurse Navigator then reaches out within 48 hours.

LUNG STEREOTACTIC BODY RADIOTHERAPY (SBRT) PROGRAM

The Princess Margaret offers an innovative treatment called stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) to treat early-stage lung cancers when surgery is not desired, or not an option for patients with poor lung function or serious co-morbidities.

SBRT uses state-of-the-art imaging to delineate the lung tumour and a combination of computerized four-dimensional treatment planning and precise treatment setup to target a moving tumour, while minimizing radiation dose to the surrounding normal tissues. This results in a highly focused radiation treatment. SBRT delivers the same total dose in days instead of the weeks required with traditional radiotherapy and affords high rates of local control (85 – 90%). Lung SBRT is very well tolerated by patients with varying degrees of cardiopulmonary function.

Lung SBRT may also be an option for patients with a limited number of lung metastases and with primary disease that is controlled. In these patients, the control of lung metastases may provide prolonged disease-free survival and overall survival. Potential candidates for SBRT can be discussed with any of the Lung group radiation oncologists.

HOW TO REFER PATIENTS

There are many easy ways to have your lung cancer patients seen:

1. Submit a [referral form](#) to our new patient office (click [here](#) for additional information)
2. Directly contact one of our radiation oncologists (listed on the right)

HOW TO REFER PATIENTS

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For more information, visit the [program website](#).

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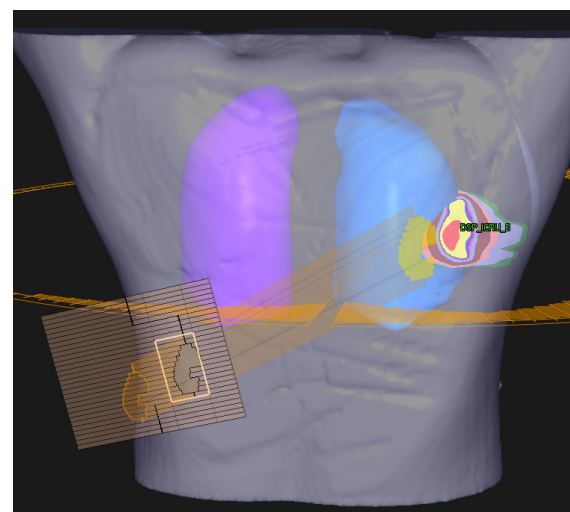
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FOR YOUR REFERRALS

We offer three ways to facilitate your requests for consultation:

1. Site Group Coordinators

Site group coordinators serve as a liaison for referring physicians, radiation oncologists and the Princess Margaret Patient Referral Centre.

2. Princess Margaret New Patient Referral Centre

Tel: 416.946.4575
Fax: 416.946.2900

3. Direct to Specific Radiation Oncologists

Referrals to specific radiation oncologists should be directed to site group coordinators.

Palliative Radiation Oncology Program (PROP)

Direct palliative radiation referral patients to our PROP coordinator. Within 24 hours, she will contact you with an appointment. Patients will be seen within a few days. PROPreferrals@rmp.uhn.ca

Emergencies For patients requiring same day consultations (e.g. spinal cord compression), please contact our Palliative Radiation Oncology referral coordinator (416.946.2901) who will identify the radiation oncologist that is best able to respond to your requests.

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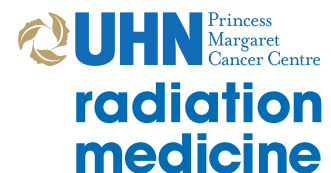
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