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## **Good Samaritan Medical Center Granted Accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers**

**West Palm Beach, FL-(September 2011)** Good Samaritan Medical Center's Comprehensive Breast 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. Accreditation by the NAPBC is only given to those centers that have voluntarily committed to provide the highest level of quality breast care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. During the survey process, the center must demonstrate compliance with standards established by the NAPBC for treating women who are diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease. The standards include proficiency in the areas of: center leadership, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement. A breast center that achieves NAPBC accreditation has demonstrated a firm commitment to offer its patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease.

The NAPBC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to the improvement of the quality of care and monitoring of outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast. This mission is pursued through standard-setting, scientific validation, and patient and professional education. Its board membership includes professionals from 15 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of breast care.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimated that there would be 192,370 patients diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the United States in 2009<sup>1</sup>. In addition, hundreds of thousands of women who will deal with benign breast disease this year will require medical evaluation for treatment options.

Receiving care at a NAPBC-accredited center ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a full range of state-of-the-art services
  - A multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
  - Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- And, most importantly,
- Quality breast care close to home.

For more information about the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, visit their Web site at [www.accreditedbreastcenters.org](http://www.accreditedbreastcenters.org).  
About Good Samaritan Medical Center

## **ABOUT GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER**

Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital, which has been providing sophisticated, personalized medical care to the populations of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 90 years.

As one of the area's leading cancer centers, the hospital's Cancer Institute provides comprehensive cancer services, including a Comprehensive Breast Center, Gamma Knife Radiosurgery and a Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant Unit. The Surgical Institute offers patients sophisticated technology, including advanced surgical robotics, which promote minimally-invasive surgeries. The hospital also cares for patients with known or suspected cardio diseases through its Cardiac and Vascular Institute. Certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission, Good Samaritan delivers timely, advanced protocols proven to save the lives and health of stroke patients. Good Samaritan is proud to feature Special Deliveries, its maternity services department, a Sleep Disorders Center and a wide range of outpatient services available on the Good Samaritan Medical Center campus, including diagnostics and outpatient surgery. There's also a full-service, 24-hour Emergency Department.

Good Samaritan houses The Newbern Suites, private recovery suites that offer an atmosphere of quiet relaxation and wonderful amenities. The hospital also includes The Palms Medical Detoxification, one of a select few hospital-based medically supervised alcohol and drug detoxification centers.

To learn more about Good Samaritan Medical Center, or to find a doctor, visit [www.goodsamaritanmc.com](http://www.goodsamaritanmc.com) or call 561-655-5511.

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1. American Cancer Society *Cancer Facts & Figures 2009*. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; 2009.