



NCBC President

Dear Colleagues,

Once again, I am incredibly honored and delighted to welcome you to Las Vegas, and our 20th Interdisciplinary Conference. The evolution of breast care continues at a rapid pace and with so many advances in so many fields, our conference continues to provide a much-needed service for breast care providers. Whether it be in medical oncology and the evolving role of genomic fingerprinting and use of targeted treatments, surgical oncology and the use of non-invasive techniques, radiology and the use of newer imaging modalities, or pathology with a continued push for uniformity, breast care has never been so complicated and yet, so rewarding, not only for ourselves, but for those we aim to help: our patients. This year we have revised the program to allow for maximum exposure to controversial topics of interest to our center-specific audience. From controversies in medical therapy of locally advanced breast cancer to the role of plastic surgery, we aim to address these topics head-on, in order to work towards a consensus.



Once more, I am especially thankful to the Program Committee for putting together this year's conference, and the leadership of Dr. Jennifer Gass and Lillie Shockney who have served as co-chairwomen of this year's conference. In addition, and thanks to the extraordinary interest in survivorship, Dr. Barbara Rabinowitz and Dr. Michael Krychman have once again designed a survivorship symposium of contemporary issues that we all need to be aware of and confront head on in order to preserve the quality of life of our patients.

As never before, the NCBC stands as a testament to collaboration, cooperation, and camaraderie and we continue to welcome all who share in our mission and our commitment to quality. I welcome you to the 2010 meeting, and to the NCBC. For those not yet members, I also extend an invitation to join our organization and make a difference. As before, for those returning, welcome back and I do hope that we have made you proud with the breadth and scope of this, our 20th Anniversary Conference!

Don Dizon, MD, FACP

President

National Consortium of Breast Centers

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Dear Colleagues,

As we planned the content of the conference this year, we felt it very important to focus on the multidisciplinary care that is provided to patients across the continuum. Beginning with screening and going through survivorship and/or end of life care. The conference is intended to promote communication among the various disciplines involved in the management of breast care and breast cancer patients, as well as create a platform for improving care by working together as a team, on behalf of our patients. We hope you join us for a conference filled with useful information, tools, and techniques to make the care you currently deliver to your patients even better.



Lillie Shockney, RN, BS, MAS, CBPN-C

Conference Co-Chair

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Dear Colleagues,

As conference attendees return home to integrate the interdisciplinary breast cancer care model at their own institutions, they can be met with challenge and confrontation that stall successful progress. This year we have chosen to address how to face these challenges in a variety of institutional settings, as well as provide a broad forum on areas of controversy and new advances in therapy and technique. Furthermore, we have come to understand that many attendees fulfill more than one role at their institution and therefore we have provided greater facility in attending parallel sessions. It is again a great honor to welcome you once more to Las Vegas, and our 2010 Interdisciplinary Conference. If this is your first meeting or if you are returning but haven't joined, consider signing on with the NCBC this year. The NCBC provides a valuable metric for the quality of a Breast Center that can help overcome institutional hurdles. Lastly be sure to take advantage of networking with your co-attendees from across the country and the world in this city of world renown.



Jennifer Gass, MD, FACS

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