Symptoms of Breast Cancer

Symptoms of breast cancer vary greatly. It’s possible to have cancer with no symptoms. It’s also possible that a symptom has another cause and isn’t from cancer. If you do have cancer, early detection is important. See your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- A lump or mass in a breast
- A lump, swelling or thickening in or near a breast or under your arm
- Dimpling or puckering of skin on a breast
- A nipple pulled to one side, pulled inward or inverted
- Red or scaly skin on a breast
- Orange peel texture on breast skin
- Change in breast size or shape
- New asymmetry of the breasts
- Nipple discharge
- Newly visible vein on the breast

Call 225-658-1303 or visit LaneRMC.org to schedule an appointment today.

Hours
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Your team at Lane OBGYN is here to answer any questions you have about your breast health.

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Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women behind skin cancer. Early detection and treatment is key to fighting breast cancer.

You can count on Lane OB/GYN specialists for the medical testing you need to protect your health.

**Mammograms Save Lives**
Get the greatest control over your breast health by scheduling yearly mammograms starting at age 40. Talk to your doctor at Lane OB/GYN to learn if your personal risk for breast cancer means you should start getting tested earlier. The test takes only minutes and could save your life.

Call 225-658-4550 to schedule your mammogram today.

**Guide to Breast Self-Exam**
Put your left hand behind your head. With finger pads of right hand, feel entire left breast and armpit area. Switch arms and repeat exam for right breast.

**Clinical Breast Exam**
A physical examination of your breast by a doctor or advanced practice provider is a clinical breast exam. The American Cancer Society recommends getting a clinical exam from your primary care provider:
- Every one to three years when you’re in your 20s and 30s
- Every year starting at age 40

**Breast Cancer Prevention & Screening**
Starting in your 20s, you should conduct monthly breast self-exams to know how your breasts normally look and feel and so you know how to recognize any changes. Report any changes or breast-related symptoms to your doctor right away.

If you have a monthly period, do your self-exam seven days after your period starts. If you don’t have a monthly period, choose the same day every month for your self-exam.