

OKLAHOMA BREAST CENTER



Norman Regional Rebrands Breast Cancer Care Center

Norman Regional's HealthPlex campus is now home to the newly rebranded Oklahoma Breast Center. Surgical oncologist Dr. Denise Rable is the director of breast services at the center that will have clinics in Norman and Oklahoma City.

"The Oklahoma Breast Center is a comprehensive breast program that will serve patients throughout the state with two accessible locations in central Oklahoma," Rable said.

Rable, an Oklahoma native, grew up in Tulsa and graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. She then completed her general surgery residency and fellowship in breast surgical oncology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

"I have quite a bit of history in Norman since I went to OU and spent the first 10 years of my career working in Norman," Rable shared. "My husband and I, we are big fans of OU."

Rable said Norman Regional Health System's "willingness to support a comprehensive breast care program" drew her to Norman and this new partnership.

"Norman Regional already has a beautiful facility on the HeathPlex campus and there is more construction underway which will include state-of-the-art operating rooms that will elevate our breast care program and improve efficiencies," she said.

Rable pointed to the added support from the Norman Regional Health Foundation as another reason.

"Through the foundation's Equipped for Tomorrow campaign, we will have a Clarix imaging system, which is a very important piece of technology," Rable explained.

The imaging system gives surgeons a real-time, 3D look at surgical margins which are vital to decrease re-excision and recurrence rates.

"With the current facilities and the additions coming soon, we are going to be able to treat patients in Oklahoma with state-of-the-art procedures in a centralized location increasing accessibility to high-quality care," Rable said.

With emphasis on incorporating the most-update treatment options, including breast reconstruction, Rable and her experienced team are "advocates who guide patients through the whole process."

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"Getting a cancer diagnosis and waiting for information can be very stressful," Rable acknowledged. "Patients today are well educated about treatment options, having done a lot of research. We take into account patient goals and help them find a path that is appropriate for them."

The center also offers virtual consultations, cancer genetics counseling for high-risk patients and breast reconstruction. Nurse practitioner Jeneice Miller has extensive training in genetic testing and helps patients through that process. She also assists with follow-up care and the survivorship process.

To learn more about the Oklahoma Breast Center, visit oklahomabreastcenter.com or call 405-307-2623.—BSM



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