

Do You Know
About...

Breast Cancer in Cleveland County

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer begins when cells in the breast begin to grow out of control and form a mass called a tumor. The tumor may be seen on X-ray or felt as a lump on the body. The tumor is considered cancerous (malignant) if it can grow into nearby tissues or spread (metastasize) to other parts of the body (Levine Cancer Institute).

Did You Know:

- 1 out of 8 women in the United States will get breast cancer in their lifetime.
- This year more than 268,000 cases of breast cancer will be found in the United States.
- There are more than 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Cleveland County 2019 Community Health Assessment: Cleveland County Breast Cancer # of Deaths 2014-2018:

Women: 77

North Carolina's Breast Cancer # of Deaths 2014-2018:

Women: 6,880

Signs & Symptoms:

- A new lump or mass on the breast or breast area.
- Swelling on all or part of the breast.
- Redness, peeling, or dimpling of the skin over the breast.
- Breast or nipple pain.

Screening:

The LCI breast section endorses the NCCN guidelines which recommend annual mammogram for women 40 and over.

"Because We Care" Fund:

A local fund that provides assistance to local cancer patients during treatment and it is managed through the Healthcare Foundation of Cleveland County.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program

BCCCP is a screening program for breast and cervical cancer for uninsured women. The program is free to women who meet the eligibility requirements. Eligibility is based on income and if the women are not able to receive the service in Family Planning. The patient is seen in the BCCCP clinic for a clinical breast exam and/or Papsmear. The patient is referred for a mammogram as needed at no cost to the patient. If the patient needs a biopsy BCCCP covers a portion of that cost and normally the provider doesn't charge the patient for the balance. If the patient has cancer they apply for BCCCP Medicaid with our BCCCP nurse and it covers the cost of cancer treatment.



Resources

Levine Cancer Institute- Cleveland

- Email Address: LCIOutreach@atriumhealth.org
- Address: 201 E. Grover St Shelby, NC 28150
- Phone: 980-442-3075
- Website: <https://www.atriumhealth.org>

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Online Resources

- **American Cancer Society:** <https://www.cancer.org/>
- **National Cancer Institute:** <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/understanding/what-is-cancer>

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- Phone: (980) 484-5337

Susan G. Komen (Charlotte)

"Susan G. Komen Charlotte is the local source for funding breast cancer detection, support and educational awareness in the Charlotte region. We fund non-duplicative, community-based breast health education and breast cancer screening, diagnostic, transportation, navigation and treatment support projects for the medically under-served population in Charlotte and surrounding areas."

- Email Address: info@komencharlotte.org
- Address: 2316 Randolph Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207
- Phone: (704) 347-8181
- Website: <https://komencharlotte.org/>

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