

Fellowship-Trained Breast Cancer Surgeon Opens The Center for Breast Health in Erie

Erie, PA, October 4, 2007: Erie Physicians Network is pleased to announce the arrival of a fellowship-trained breast surgeon to the Erie community and to our network. Danielle Duchini, D.O. will operate her practice out of The Center for Breast Health in Millcreek Township. Dr. Duchini completed a breast surgical oncology fellowship in 2006 through the Washington Cancer Institute of the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. There, she trained in innovative techniques for breast conservation, surgical oncology, and benign breast disease management. Danielle is a native of Erie, PA and completed her residency at UPMC. She attended The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and her family has long-standing roots in the Erie community.

The Center for Breast Health offers an array of services focused on custom breast disease management and treatment including breast surgery and breast imaging. Dr. Duchini is trained in several unique breast surgery techniques such as skin-sparing mastectomy, which allows a woman whose malignancy dictates a mastectomy to still keep the skin of her own breast. She also performs some oncoplastic techniques to ensure the best cosmetic result for her patients. The Center for Breast Health will offer breast ultrasound and office-based breast mapping using the SureTouch system. The SureTouch Visual Mapping System electronically documents the Clinical Breast Exam (CBE). The system can instantly create images of any surface stress patterns of the breast that may indicate abnormality within the breast tissue. The Center for Breast Health is the only location in Western Pennsylvania offering SureTouch Visual Mapping System.

Dr. Duchini and The Center for Breast Health are focused on same-day access for the women of Erie and offer same-day diagnosis, when available. Dr. Duchini works closely with Dr. Carol Lyons at Hamot's Women's Services and other radiologists in the community who provide screening and diagnostic breast services. She also works with plastic and reconstructive surgeons to provide immediate breast reconstruction to patients who choose it. "Any patient we see who is diagnosed with breast cancer is immediately exposed to an expert 'team' that is focused on fighting the disease. We immediately introduce the patient to the other Erie providers who will be involved in their care. We never want a patient to feel alone – with us it is family." said Dr. Duchini.

The Center for Breast Health and its staff offer multi-specialty collaboration on breast cancer and disease case management through coordination with primary care providers, radiologists, surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, researchers and others. The Center will provide in-service informational sessions to all participating providers to support the ease of patient referral into the Center life cycle at any stage of disease or wellness.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at the Center for Breast Health, call (814) 836-8860.