



Banner Good Samaritan
Medical Center

Laura Dreier Breast Center

Laura Dreier knew breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy and drug therapy following her breast cancer diagnosis in 1993. When she recovered, she was determined to help other women faced with the frightening diagnosis of breast cancer.

In 1999, Mrs. Dreier made a pledge through the Jonathan Dreier Foundation to the Banner Good Samaritan Breast Center. In recognition of this significant gift, the Breast Center was renamed in her honor and became the Laura Dreier Breast Center at Banner Good Samaritan. Additionally, Banner Good Samaritan's breast health community outreach program was renamed "Reaching Out: Laura Dreier Breast Health Program."

The Laura Dreier Breast Center

Each year, thousands of women rely on the Laura Dreier Breast Center for their annual screening mammograms and bone density studies. The Laura Dreier Breast Center can also provide additional diagnostic breast exams, if the service is needed.

Women can receive a diagnosis in a matter of days because our breast care specialists and an array of the latest technologies are together in a single location. That's important because when a breast diagnostic exam is performed, you and your personal physician want to know the results quickly. What makes this good news even better is the fact that most areas in the breast that are originally identified as being "suspicious" are found to be non-cancerous.

The Laura Dreier Breast Center is designed to meet your needs with:

- Staff who are sensitive to your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs
- Separate entrance and reserved, convenient parking next to the main lobby of Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center



Laura Dreier Breast Center benefactors Jill Alanko and her mother, the late Laura Dreier (seated).

- Experienced, ACR certified physicians, mammography technologists and other specialized support staff
- The most up-to-date technology
- Unique and healing physical environment
- The additional resources of the Valley's Most Preferred Medical Center

Technology and Procedures

The Laura Dreier Breast Center balances the latest

diagnostic technology for breast and bone health with the careful attention for a patient's needs and comfort. Procedures provided at the Laura Dreier Breast Center include:

- Diagnostic Mammograms
- Screening Mammograms
- Bone Densitometry
- Breast MRI
- Breast Ultrasound
- Biopsy (Ultrasound guided, Stereotactic guided, MRI Guided)
- Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Procedure
- Needle Localization
- Cyst Aspiration
- Ductogram

Should you require surgery or other treatments, the comprehensive resources and highly qualified specialists at Banner Good Samaritan are available.

Education and Outreach

Reaching Out: Laura Dreier Breast Health Program
Dedicated to meeting the breast health needs of underserved women in Phoenix, the Laura Dreier Breast Center established the Reaching Out Program. Our clinical nurse breast specialist and outreach specialist educate women about the latest information on prevention, early detection and treatment of breast disease.

Our Center also promotes good breast care by teaching self-exam techniques and reinforcing the importance of annual screening mammograms for women age 40 and above. Patients in need of financial assistance are encouraged to contact the Laura Dreier Breast Center to discuss eligibility for free breast health services.

Cancer Screening and Prevention Program
Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center is also home to the City of Hope at Banner Good Samaritan Cancer



The Laura Dreier Breast Center's staff can ease a patient's anxiety during the exam process.



Through the 2009 Candlelight Capers Ball, to be held Saturday, Dec. 12, we hope to secure funds that will further enhance and improve the early detection, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Screening and Prevention Program. Through a comprehensive consultation, cancer risk for you and your family can be assessed and a plan to prevent or detect cancer developed. Genetic tests are also available for hereditary forms of breast, ovarian, and other known cancer syndromes. If genetic testing is desired, our staff will help guide you through the process.

For more information about the services offered at the Laura Dreier Breast Center and to schedule a screening mammogram, bone densitometry study or a diagnostic breast procedure, please call the Breast Center directly at (602) 839-6300.

Research

Banner Good Samaritan is Arizona's leading provider of hospital services and home to the Cancer Research Program at Banner Good Samaritan, part of Banner Research Administration which administers National Cancer Institute-sponsored cancer prevention and treatment research studies within Banner Health facilities.

Bone Densitometry Provides New Tool for Women's Health

Osteoporosis is a silent, progressive disease characterized by decreased bone density and increased bone fragility, with a consequent susceptibility to fracture. In the United States, more than 28 million people are at high risk of developing osteoporosis. Up to 1.5 million fractures a year are attributable to osteoporosis.

The Laura Dreier Breast Center offers bone densitometry testing, another tool for helping women to monitor their health. The bone densitometer measures your bone mineral density (BMD) and compares your measurements to a reference population based on your age, weight, sex and ethnic background. This information will be used by your physician in making a diagnosis about your bone status and fracture risk.