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Accreditation by NAPBC is administered by the American College of Surgeons. A breast center that achieves NAPBC accreditation has demonstrated expertise and a firm commitment to offer its patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease. It is given only to those centers that have voluntarily committed to provide the highest level of quality breast care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. During the survey process, the center must demonstrate compliance with standards established by the NAPBC for treat women who are diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease. The standards include proficiency in the areas of center leaderships, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement.

The Ashikari Breast Center provides its patients with access to the latest and most advanced medical technology in a warm and compassionate environment. The Center is headed by renowned surgical oncologist Roy Ashikari, M.D., FACS, the former Chief of Breast Service at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, along with his son Andrew Ashikari, M.D., FACS, and Pond Kelemen, M.D., FACS.

"We are deeply honored and pleased to have earned this important national designation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. Achieving this goal is the result of many years of hard work by our dedicated staff," said Roy H. Ashikari, M.D., FACS, founder of the Ashikari Breast Center. "We thank the Hospital and its staff for its encouragement and support and look forward to continuing our life-saving work."

The Ashikari Breast Center also offers patients access to a highly qualified group of physicians including surgical oncologists, anesthesiologists, diagnostic radiologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, plastic surgeons, radiation oncologists, physician assistants and patient navigators. The medical team at the Ashikari Breast Center pioneered the one-stage prophylactic subcutaneous mastectomy with immediate reconstruction, which has resulted in excellent outcomes with high-risk patients.

In addition to its high resolution ultrasound and digital mammography, the Ashikari Breast Center recently acquired a new state-of-the-art MRI with a dedicated breast coil that provides enhanced imaging for its patients. The new stereotactic breast table uses mammography to guide a surgeon to an abnormal growth, as opposed to locating the lesion by hand.
The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to the improvement of the quality of care and monitoring of outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast. This mission is pursued through standard-setting, scientific validation, and patient and professional education. Its board membership includes professionals from 15 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of breast care.

The Dobbs Ferry Pavilion of St. John's Riverside Hospital has been providing quality health care for the communities of Westchester since 1893. The Hospital's staff of highly skilled physicians represents almost every medical and surgical specialty, and utilizes state-of-the-art medical technology. The Dobbs Ferry Pavilion is accredited by the New York State Health Department and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The Dobbs Ferry Pavilion, which is committed to the highest standards of health care, is a member of the Riverside Healthcare System.

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