

Pune's 1st Center of Excellence for Breast Care at Orchids Breast Health

- **Technologies for the Center of Excellence provided by Siemens Healthcare.**

In a significant boost to provide quality healthcare, Orchids Breast Health, Pune has enhanced its center to provide state-of-the-art breast care solutions to present itself as the Center of Excellence in Breast Care. It will be one of the very few centres in India to provide combination of Automated Breast Volume Scanner (ABVS) & Breast elastography using Ultrasound system along with digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis for early diagnosis of breast cancer.

Both these technologies have been provided by Siemens Healthcare.

This multi-dimensional assessment of breast ensures complete confidence in detecting very tiny cancers at early stages and in the dense breast of the young women and premenopausal women. In India the peak incidence of breast cancer is amongst these younger women between 40 and 45 years of age.

Orchids is the first center in Pune to have a vacuum assisted biopsy system that is used to diagnose extremely tiny tumors less than a few millimeters in the breast.

Orchids Breast Health and Prashanti Cancer care Mission have pioneered oncoplastic surgery in India, the breakthrough in breast cancer surgery which combines the techniques of cancer surgery and plastic surgery, with the aim of preserving the aesthetics of breast, as well as obtaining an optimal disease control.

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Immediate breast reconstruction is encouraged at this Center, by either using safe breast silicone prosthesis, or using borrowed muscle and skin flaps. This way a woman can feel complete and confident immediately after surgery, where the operated breast mimics a natural breast accurately.

Orchids Breast Health and Prashanti Cancer Care Mission have established a School of Oncoplastic Surgery; which holds training programs for breast cancer, general and plastic surgeons along with surgeons from the east Anglia university and the Association of Breast Surgeons, United Kingdom. We have held several masterclasses in Pune and in more than 10 cities in India.

This center of excellence also provides Day Care facility for Chemotherapy, Rehabilitation and Counseling to women during the complete phase of treatment, Genetic Counseling services for high risk women and awareness campaign for breast cancer education.

Dr. C B Koppiker elaborates, "Orchid's breast clinic provides integrated services to women of all age groups and breast conditions. Equipped with the world's most advanced technologies, Orchid's has a dedicated team of experts in breast oncoplastic surgery, breast radiology, breast pathology, dietetics, clinical psychology & genetic counseling, offering the highest standards in diagnosis and treatment."

Kailash Yagnik, Head - Clinical Products, Siemens Healthcare, India, said, "Nearly half of women worldwide have heterogeneously or extremely radiographically dense breast tissue. In India, awareness about breast cancer is steadily growing and many women are making efforts to undergo breast screening either to rule out lesions if any or for early detection of cancer. We are happy to be associated with Orchids in accomplishing their mission of providing comprehensive breast care solutions."

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Prashanti Cancer Care Mission is a Charitable Trust based in Pune, India. Established in 1996, it is registered under Bombay charitable Trust Act. It is an NGO with a vision dedicated to fighting and dealing with trauma of cancer in the community. They are an inspired team of doctors, health professionals and volunteers supported by patients and caregivers, philanthropists and all those touched by cancer.