



# *Bellingham Regional Breast Center*

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To our patients,

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Cary Kaufman and I am a breast surgical oncologist. Over 25 years ago my wife and I moved to Bellingham and opened the Bellingham Breast Center across the street from the hospital. Prior to that I had practiced general and vascular surgery in Long Beach, California. Although I had an active practice, we both had prior experience in the northwest and we wanted to find a place to live just like this. I had surgical training at the University of Washington and my wife had graduate training at the University of Oregon.

My areas of interest in surgery have narrowed over the years. Although I was trained and practiced a full spectrum of general and vascular surgical procedures, I've had specialized training in breast cancer care and now specialize in breast disorders. I am a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology, the American Society of Breast Surgeons, the National Consortium of Breast Centers and a founding member of the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

My practice focuses on individualized patient care, breast cancer research and physician education. I hope to provide comprehensive, competent and compassionate care for those with a breast concern. I welcome you to this office and hope to answer any question that might arise,

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Patient,

Welcome to this office. The following is a brief overview of some of our accomplishments over the last 30 years,

- Academic Status: Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Washington
- Past Chairman and Founding-Member of the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (2010-2014), the main organization in the US that accredits breast centers ([www.napbc-breast.org](http://www.napbc-breast.org)).
- Past President of the National Consortium of Breast Centers ([www.breastcare.org](http://www.breastcare.org)) an organization with over 800 breast center members across the country.
- Past Board Member and Committee Chair of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, frequent lecturer at their meetings.
- Member of the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), the prestige society of cancer surgeons (one of only 17 surgeons who specialize in breast cancer in Washington State)
- Certified by the American Society of Breast Surgeons for Breast Ultrasound and Ultrasound Guided Biopsies (One of only three surgeons certified in Washington State, and the only Washington SSO surgeon certified)
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, lecturer for the Cancer Programs of that national organization.
- Medical Director of the first accredited breast center in the State of Washington.
- Provided educational lectures in 14 countries in Europe, South American and Asia as well as in 23 States in the US.
- The sole American member of the European Committee's Initiative for Breast Cancer Quality Assurance, a 3 year project to develop quality protocols for breast cancer treatment in the European Union (see: <https://ecibc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/qa-team> ).
- Have published over 30 peer-reviewed articles on breast cancer treatment, research and diagnosis as well as quality breast care. In PubMed search for "Kaufman CS and breast".
- Current Chair Emeritus of the quality program for breast centers, called the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers program ([www.NQMBC.org](http://www.NQMBC.org) ).