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**The Breast** Care Center of Birmingham specialists provide comprehensive clinical and support services, from screening and diagnosis to treatment and counseling.

They offer care for breast problemsincluding pain, infection, and dischargehigh-risk counseling, wound care management, genetic testing, breast conserving surgery, brachytherapy radiation, and nipple- and skin-sparing mastectomy for treating breast diseases.

multidisciplinary treatment can be stunned by the number of decisions to be made. "Treatment often entails several specialists and quite a few types of treatments, which can be overwhelming for anyone, let alone someone who's just been diagnosed with cancer," says April Maddux, MD, board-certified general surgeon and fellowship-trained breast oncologist at the Breast Care Center of Birmingham.

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and confuse. Women who need

Most surgeons simply operate and send the patient off to find the rest of her way through treatment. But not Dr. Maddux: "I act as my patient's team leader, staying with her from the first review of the mammogram, through biopsy and confirmation of diagnosis, to surgery. I help coordinate with the medical oncologist, the radiation oncologist, and sometimes, the plastic surgeon."

Dr. Maddux is plugged in to everything that's happening with the breast because that's what she chose to do: "I'm not a

general surgeon who operates and sends you on. I'm a fellowshiptrained breast surgeon who did extra training to take care of breast cancer patients, and, during my fellowship, I was involved in every aspect of breast care." This wide-ranging view gives Dr. Maddux the ability to guide her patients through every step of the process.

Everyone and everything at the Breast Care Center of Birmingham focuses on peace of mind as a woman makes the journey through breast cancer. Dr. Maddux creates a home base for each breast cancer patient and continues to see her for up to five years after treatment is completed: "I want my patients to have a place they can count on through every step."

To schedule an appointment call 205-877-2987 or visit on the web at breastcarecenterofbirmingham.com. The Breast Care Center of Birmingham is located at Professional Building, Suite 305, 2018 Brookwood Medical Center Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.