



# The Cleveland Clinic women's health center

*at the Flo and Stanley Gault Women's Health and Breast Pavilion*

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## EXPANDING SPECIALIZED CARE FOR WOMEN

Construction of the new Cleveland Clinic Women's Health Center is under way. Located on the main floor of the Crile Building, the Women's Health Center represents an expansion of the Clinic's Breast Center and new, specialized women's health programs.

The Breast Center will continue to provide innovative care under the leadership of Joseph P. Crowe Jr., M.D., Breast Center director, and Alice Rim, M.D., section head of Breast Imaging. Holly L. Thacker, M.D., will direct women's health programs.

"We're expanding the current space by about 40 percent," says Dr. Thacker. "We're integrating both gynecology and internal medicine in order to meet the specialized health care needs of women."

Additional exam rooms are being added, as well as a procedure room and office space for staff, fellows and nurses. In addition, the center will be able to accommodate women who request female providers.

A future goal for the new Women's Health Center is a community-based program to make health care screenings accessible to women in the Greater Cleveland area.

Completion of Phase 1 of the construction is expected in April. Stay tuned for further construction updates and grand opening plans!

### Women's Health Center Statistics

- 13,225 square feet
- 20 clinical exam rooms
- state-of-the-art breast imaging facility
- bone density screening
- women's health education programs
- patient appointment line **216/444-4HER**

## WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE: AN EVOLUTION

In 1994, the Cleveland Clinic's approach to women's health care blossomed with the opening of the Breast Center, a program designed to offer superior care in a warm, supportive environment.

Initially, the challenge was to bring together specialists in diagnostic breast radiology and general surgery to manage breast diseases in one location. The Breast Center exceeded its challenge and expanded in 1998. The ability to integrate the screening and diagnostic imaging of breast diseases with direct access and management by clinical breast specialists has greatly enhanced overall patient care and satisfaction.

In 1997, women's health care evolved into an official section, led by Dr. Thacker, within the departments of Internal Medicine and OB/GYN.

Today, with the support of a generous grant from the Avon Foundation and in collaboration with the Breast Center and the OB/GYN and Internal Medicine departments, the Cleveland Clinic Women's Health Center has been formed.

## AVON GRANT TURNS VISION INTO REALITY

Thanks to a \$2 million gift from the Avon Foundation, The Cleveland Clinic will open its new Women's Health Center this year.

The new center has been named the Flo and Stanley Gault Women's Health and Breast Pavilion. Natives of Wooster, Ohio, the Gaults are friends of The Cleveland Clinic, and Mr. Gault is a longstanding member of the Avon Products, Inc., board of directors.

In 2001, the Avon Foundation pledged approximately \$83 million in gifts to programs in the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Research and Care Network, including a gift in support of a partnership with the National Cancer Institute.

## MENU OF CLINICAL PROGRAMS

In addition to offering wellness exams, Women's Health Center professionals provide evaluation and/or treatment of a number of medical problems/concerns, such as:

- Breast cancer and breast concerns
- Menstrual problems, PMS and PMDD
- Depression
- Peri- and post-menopausal issues
- Hormonal concerns and HRT management
- Cardiovascular disease prevention
- Osteoporosis prevention and treatment
- Chronic pelvic pain
- Urinary incontinence/urine leakage
- Urinary tract infections/bladder symptoms
- Sexually transmitted disease and vaginitis
- Cancer screenings

In addition, we plan to offer counseling with respect to:

- Contraception
- Preconception/pre-pregnancy concerns
- Breastfeeding for women with medical concerns

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the new Women's Health Center, call 216/444-4HER.

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