



## **Michigan Breast Oncology Quality Initiative (MiBOQI) – Bibliography**

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### **Groundbreaking initiative seeks new answers in breast cancer care.**

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For the past few years, researchers at several of the nation's large academic cancer centers have been tracking the care of breast cancer patients to monitor whether care is in accordance with standardized guidelines, and to continually assess what quality indicators are most critical to improved outcomes. It's important work, but largely left out of the equation are community centers where roughly 85% of cancer is being treated in this country. However, a groundbreaking initiative under way in Michigan is attempting to get around this problem by doing the same type of data collection and tracking at select community centers.

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### **National quality validation programs for breast centers.**

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With the emphasis on quality of care spurred by the Institute of Medicine, two breast care quality programs have been developed. The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers is composed of 13 national organizations interested in setting structural standards for breast care. Accreditation occurs during an on-site survey review of the three types of breast centers every 3 years. A second program uses a web-based set of questions called the National Quality Measurements for Breast Centers established by the National Consortium of Breast Centers. Yearly confidential submission of data allows the centers to compare themselves with like-centers across the country using a real-time results program. These two programs herald a new phase of quality monitoring based on comparisons with other providers of breast care. In this new paradigm, simply being licensed to provide care will not be satisfactory proof of quality of care.

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