

Regina M. Hampton, MD, FACS

Dr. Regina Hampton is a highly regarded practitioner in the surgical management of benign and malignant breast disease in women and men of all ages. She is a board certified general surgeon who has focused her practice on breast health. Utilizing minimally invasive biopsy techniques in her practice, Signature Breast Care, she is in the forefront of diagnosis and treatment of breast disease.

A native of Seattle, Washington, Dr. Hampton has been a resident of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area since 1986. She attended Howard University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Radiation Therapy Technology. While working as a staff radiation therapist at Georgetown University Hospital, she worked closely with cancer patients and learned how to interact with them in a caring, compassionate manner. This experience prompted her decision to pursue a career in medicine.

Dr. Hampton attended the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University), in Philadelphia. During medical school, she had interests outside of medicine that contributed to her excellent leadership skills. She served as National President of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), America's largest organization focusing on the successful matriculation of minority medical students and promoting health in the minority community. For this work and other school-based initiatives, she was presented with the distinguished Mary Ellen Hartman award, which is given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities in his or her class.

The D.C. Metro area became home again; where she went on to complete a general surgery residency at Howard University Hospital. Here, she had the opportunity to train under Dr. LaSalle Leffall, internationally known surgical oncologist, and Dr. Debra Ford, past president of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Under these two exemplary surgeons, Dr. Hampton learned how to care for complex surgical patients and received extensive trauma experience at this Level I Trauma Center.

Dr. Hampton completed a two-year research oncology fellowship, researching CEA, a tumor marker in colon cancer, at the Georgetown University Lombardi Cancer Center. This body of work, published in *Oncogene*, established a patented method of detecting CEA blood levels using real-time PCR. As a senior surgical resident, she worked with Dr. Paul Sugarbaker, internationally known surgical oncologist. Her article on the usefulness of CEA and CA 19-9 in diagnosing mucinous appendiceal cancer was published in the *Journal of Surgical Oncology*, in 2004. Dr. Hampton has presented the results of her research before medical assemblies both nationally and internationally.

In 2006, Dr. Hampton opened her solo practice in Greenbelt, MD. Because she was becoming known in the area as the "breast expert", she started Signature Breast Care and closed the general surgery portion of her practice. Because of her dedication to breast care, she co-founded and co-chairs the weekly breast tumor board meeting at Doctors Community Hospital. This meeting brings together key disciplines in breast cancer treatment to develop treatment plans for patients.

Dr. Hampton works very closely with patients and their families to provide information and quality care for breast cancer. She performs minimally invasive core needle breast biopsies, breast conservation surgery, sentinel lymph node biopsies and mastectomies. Her office functions in a "navigator" role by assisting patients with appointments with other oncology specialties and keeping up with follow up imaging.

With this excellent training and research experience, Dr. Regina Hampton has a solid foundation to meet the surgical needs of patients with breast disease. It is her goal to educate patients to take a proactive role in getting evaluated for treatable cancers so that they may become breast cancer survivors.