



IMPROVING PERFORMANCE AT THE NEXUS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL SECTORS

ABSTRACT

GLOBAL BENCHMARKS FOR LATE STAGE BREAST CANCER TREATMENT (OCTOBER 2012)

Stage IV breast cancer, also known as end stage breast cancer, is the most advanced stage of the disease. Treatments like surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy or a combination of these can reduce tumors, improve symptoms and help patients live longer; however, they are not able to cure the disease. The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts and St. George Hospital in southern Germany offer superior late stage breast cancer treatment and therapies. The employment of top physicians and professors, the application of various customized, alternative and innovative methods to treating breast cancer, and the existence and achievements of specialized, in-house programs/centers that provide excellence in patient care and in laboratory, as well as behavioral and clinical research are among the best actionable best practices of these global benchmarks.

