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## TNBC Foundation Helps Jacobi Medical Center Expand Renowned Patient Navigator Program

*Expert and Individualized Care to Those in Need*

**(Bronx, New York)** – The Breast Health Center at Jacobi Medical Center, part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), has reached several milestones that will improve care for Bronx patients, including the expansion of its renowned patient navigator program.

Additional funding from the Triple Negative Breast Care Foundation has allowed Jacobi to augment its Patient Navigator Program. The Center has received a two-year grant to fund an additional navigator who will be specially trained to assist women suffering from a triple negative diagnosis and the challenges these patients often experience in their treatment options.

Studies show between 15% to 20% of breast cancer patients are diagnosed with Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Because this cancer has no hormone receptors it can lead to difficulty in finding effective options for treatment. Beyond providing needed patient support, navigators undertake extensive community outreach and provide education to build disease awareness along with the services and treatment options that are available.



The Center has tapped Cindy Tavarez (pictured) to fill this role. Cindy's responsibilities will include navigating Triple Negative patients through their treatment regimen and coordinating outreach about this type of cancer to the surrounding community.

Patient Navigators play a crucial role in coordinating care for Jacobi's cancer patients. If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with cancer and is looking for extraordinary care, you can contact the Center and arrange an appointment at (718) 918-4319.

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### **About Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation (TNBCF)**

The Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation was founded in 2006 in honor of Nancy Block-Zenna, a young woman who was diagnosed at age 35 with triple-negative breast cancer and died two and a half years later in 2007. In response to Nancy's diagnosis, her close friends launched TNBCF. The Foundation's mission is to be a credible source for triple negative breast cancer information, a catalyst for science and patient advocacy groups, and a caring community with meaningful services for patients and their families. For more information about TNBCF, visit [www.tnbcfoundation.org](http://www.tnbcfoundation.org).

### **About Jacobi Medical Center**

Jacobi Medical Center is part of HHC's North Bronx Healthcare Network. Jacobi is a 457-bed teaching hospital affiliated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The facility holds numerous center of excellence designations for its renowned trauma center, burn center, regional stroke center, regional perinatal center, breast health center and bariatric surgery service. The facility also has a multi-person hyperbaric unit and a surgical intensive care unit. Jacobi's Ambulatory Care Pavilion is a stunning complement to its recently constructed inpatient facility and allows staff to provide patients with high-quality care in a modern, state-of-the-art environment. For more information visit our website at [nyc.gov/jacobi](http://nyc.gov/jacobi)

### **About HHC**

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) is a \$6.7 billion integrated healthcare delivery system and is the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country. HHC provides a wide range of high quality and affordable healthcare services to 1.4 million New Yorkers every year and more than 475,000 are uninsured. HHC offers medical, mental health and substance abuse services, as well as specialized care for a wide range of health conditions through its numerous Centers of Excellence. Comprehensive, personalized care is available to all New Yorkers at HHC's 11 acute care hospitals, five skilled nursing facilities, six large diagnostic and treatment centers and more than 70 community based clinics. HHC Health and Home Care also provides in-home services for New Yorkers. HHC's own MetroPlus Health Plan is one of the New York area's largest providers of government-sponsored health insurance and is the plan of choice for 445,000 New Yorkers. HHC was the 2008 recipient of the National Quality Forum and The Joint Commission's John M. Eisenberg Award for Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality. Several HHC facilities have been recognized nationally for clinical excellence and commitment to quality achievements. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/hhc](http://www.nyc.gov/hhc) or find us on [facebook.com/nycHHC](https://www.facebook.com/nycHHC) or [twitter.com/HHCnyc](https://twitter.com/HHCnyc).