

## ACUPUNCTURE AND BREAST CANCER CARE

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Breast cancer care has advanced tremendously through modern Western medicine, offering lifesaving options such as surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and targeted therapies. Yet, these treatments—while powerful—often bring side effects that can challenge a patient's overall well-being. Here is where the wisdom of Eastern medicine, particularly Acupuncture, plays a meaningful and complementary role.

Acupuncture, a cornerstone of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), focuses on restoring balance in the body's vital energy, or Qi. Modern research has increasingly validated its therapeutic benefits in oncology care. Clinical studies demonstrate that acupuncture can help reduce chemotherapyinduced nausea, hot flashes from hormonal therapy, fatigue, neuropathy, anxiety, and even improve sleep quality. Importantly, acupuncture does not interfere with the effectiveness of medical treatments; rather, it supports the patient holistically—body, mind, and spirit.

The integration of Eastern and Western medicine represents a more complete approach to healing. Western medicine targets the disease directly, while acupuncture enhances resilience, reduces side effects, and improves quality of life throughout treatment and recovery. When both systems of knowledge work hand in hand, patients receive not only cutting-edge medical care but also compassionate support for the challenges of healing.

Ultimately, breast cancer care is not only about fighting disease—it is about caring for the whole person. Acupuncture, alongside conventional therapies, empowers patients to feel stronger, more balanced, and supported through their journey. This integrative model is the future of medicine: combining science and tradition to foster true healing.

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