American Cancer Society
VA has entered an agreement with the American Cancer Society. VA patients now have access to the American Cancer Society National Cancer Information Center at 1-800-227-2345. Through the Information Center patients can learn about transportation and lodging options as well as clinical research trials and patient support programs. For additional information refer to the WHS SharePoint site.

ACS Guidelines for Breast Cancer Screening:
- Women with an average risk of breast cancer should undergo regular screening mammography starting at age 45 (strong recommendation*)
- Women who are 45 to 54 years should be screened annually (qualified recommendation**)
- Women who are 55 and older should transition to biennial screening or have the opportunity to continue screening annually (qualified recommendation)
- Women should have the opportunity to begin annual screening between the ages of 40 and 44 (qualified recommendation)
- Women should continue screening if their overall health is good and they have a life expectancy of 10 years or more (qualified recommendation)
- The ACS does not recommend clinical breast examination for breast cancer screening among average-risk women at any age (qualified recommendation)

[*A strong recommendation conveys the consensus that the benefits of adherence to that intervention outweigh the undesirable effects that may result from screening.

**Qualified recommendations indicate there is clear evidence of benefit of screening but less certainty about the balance of benefits and harms, or about patients' values and preferences, which could lead to different decisions about screening.]