

ARIA HEALTH MEDICAL STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Jennifer Chalfin Simmons, MD
Breast Surgeon
Director, Breast Health Program

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Board-certified in general surgery, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and fellowship-trained in Diseases of the Breast, Dr. Jennifer Simmons' practice is exclusive to treating a full range of breast disease at Aria Health. She is experienced and well-regarded by patients and fellow physicians for her approach to both disease treatment and cosmetic preservation of the breast.

Dr. Simmons' areas of expertise include:

- Management of both benign and malignant diseases of the breast
- Minimally invasive biopsies
- Breast conservation treatment
- Skin-sparing mastectomies
- Immediate reconstructions
- Sentinel lymph node procedures

In addition, Dr. Simmons is a key member of both Aria's Fast-Track Breast Health Program and multidisciplinary Breast Center Clinic. The Fast-Track Program, one of the first of its kind in the region, provides patients who have a suspicious mammogram with a full diagnostic work-up, and when indicated, an appointment for a surgical consultation, all in one visit. If patients are diagnosed with breast cancer, in a subsequent, one-day visit, they meet with the multidisciplinary Breast Center Clinic team to learn about the most appropriate treatment options and make an informed decision about their care plan.

Dr. Simmons' clinical training includes a residency in general surgery at Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York, and a fellowship in breast surgery and oncology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She earned her undergraduate degree from Temple University, a post-baccalaureate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a medical degree from the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University.

Dr. Simmons is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association. She also sits on the Board of Living Beyond Breast Cancer and is actively involved in community programs that involve both screening and education. In addition, Dr. Simmons co-authored and served as the chief medical editor for *The Guide to the Newly Diagnosed*, a Living Beyond Breast Cancer publication distributed nationally and internationally to women with breast cancer.

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