



NCI Community Cancer Centers Program Program Overview – Ascension Health Seton Family of Hospitals

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- B. **Name of cancer center: Shivers Cancer Center**
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D. Describe the model for medical staff for cancer center (e.g., employed, private practice, contracts, specialty company contract, combination)

The Seton Family of Hospitals has a unified physician structure and credentialing process that support patient care, quality, clinical research and the community outreach goals of the cancer program. There are specific credentialing criteria for each specialty including hematology/oncology, neurosurgery and radiation oncology. In addition, physician privileges are granted by site, e.g. Brackenridge Hospital, and there are facility-specific medical staff policies in addition to network bylaws, rules and policies. Physicians' relationships with the cancer program include serving as employees, providing contracted services and through private practice relationships.

E. Provide the number of physicians in the cancer program – note specific medical staff credentialing if applicable

40 Hematologist/oncologists and oncologists (adult practice, does not include pediatrics.) 11 Radiation oncologists: 3 Gynecologic oncologists: 2 Surgical oncologists. There are 5 pediatric hematology/oncologists):

Note: this list does not include general and specialty surgeons who treat cancer patients, e.g. breast surgeons, neurosurgeons, colorectal surgeons.

F. Describe multi-disciplinary care model

Staffing for the Seton Cancer Care Team includes a RN clinical manager, RN case manager, master level social worker, pastoral care professional, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, administrative assistant and a licensed nutritionist. Three team members are bilingual English/Spanish. This team along with the physicians provide a multidisciplinary approach to delivering patient care.

G. Provide a brief overview of community demographics

All 10 counties in Brackenridge Hospital's service area are designated medically underserved for their entire county, or in the case of Travis County, certain census tracts. Six of the counties, are designated as whole or partial Health Professional Shortage Areas. Texas Department of State Health Services report on *Cancer – Health Service Region 7 – 2005* covers Brackenridge's 10 county service area and indicates that cancer incidence of the top five cancers for men is comparable to the state as a whole, with the exception of higher incidence of melanoma. For women, there is a statistically significant higher incidence of cancer overall and for breast and uterine cancers and for melanoma. The network is comprised of urban and rural hospitals, the leading "public hospital" (operated by Seton through a long term lease agreement with public officials), a mental health hospital, three primary care clinics for the uninsured, and a comprehensive, integrated series of services and collaborations focused upon serving the vulnerable populations throughout the region.

H. Describe the philosophy on community outreach and list five major activities to reach disparate populations – note if organization participates in a formal and ongoing community coalition to address unmet health need

Over the last decade, Seton has been recognized as a national leader in establishing infrastructure to effectively improve health outcomes and eliminate disparities for the uninsured and underinsured throughout central Texas. Seton served as the catalyst for the innovative Indigent Care Collaborative (ICC), identifying, tracking, providing medical homes, and redesigning care for the

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uninsured/underinsured population of almost 500,000 through a breakthrough information system linking all safety net providers in the greater Austin community. The ICC access model has achieved significant measurable results in expanding access to care. . Seton was one of the first 12 Access Leadership Planning Program sites for Ascension Health, which entails a leadership commitment to integrating the community goal of 100% access into day to day operations of the health system. The Shivers Center outpatient Breast, Hematology/Oncology and Dermatology Clinics serve patients referred from the City of Austin/Travis County FQHCs, community groups who care for the poor and vulnerable. The Seton Network works closely with other cancer-related organizations and community service organizations to ensure patients and families receive the services they need. For example, staff work with Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) providers to help patients with breast or cervical cancer to qualify for emergency Medicaid so their treatment will be covered. The Pharmacy Prescription Assistance Program (PPAP) has been a mainstay in providing medications for patients who cannot afford them.

I. 2006 new cancer cases – provide in RFP format

**Cancer Patients Newly Diagnosed or Receiving their First Course of Treatment
in the Seton Family of Hospitals
Reporting Period 1/1/2006 – 12/31/2006
*Seton Oncology Data Management Database***

Disease Site <i>(create separate rows as necessary)</i>	Cancer Patients Newly Diagnosed or Receiving their First Course of Treatment in the Seton Family of Hospitals Calendar 2006
Head and Neck (lip, oral cavity, pharynx, eye, orbit)	55
Digestive System (esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum, anus, liver, pancreas)	311
Respiratory (nasal/sinus, larynx, lung/bronchus)	326
Blood and Bone Marrow (leukemia, multiple myeloma, other)	86
Bone (Primary)	3
Connective Tissue	21
Melanoma	45
Other Skin Cancer	8
Breast Cancer (male and female)	372
Female Genital (cervix, ovary, other)	181
Male Genital (prostate, other)	71
Urinary System (kidney, bladder, other)	125
Brain & CNS (benign, malignant, other)	99
Endocrine System (thyroid, other)	161

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Disease Site <i>(create separate rows as necessary)</i>	Cancer Patients Newly Diagnosed or Receiving their First Course of Treatment in the Seton Family of Hospitals Calendar 2006
Lymphatic System (NHL, Hodgkin’s lymphoma)	98
Unknown Primary	37
Other/ill-defined	20
TOTAL:	2019

J. 2006 patients on clinical trials – provide in RFP format

**Summary 1: Reportable Patients/Participation in Therapeutic
Protocols By Anatomic Cancer Site
Shivers Center at Brackenridge Hospital and Children’s Hospital of Austin,
members of the Seton Family of Hospitals
Reporting Period: 1/1/2006 - 12/31/2006**

All studies were approved by and are implemented under the auspices of the Seton Clinical Research Steering Committee. All studies were approved by the Brackenridge IRB.

Disease Site <i>(create separate rows as necessary)</i>	Newly Registered Patients	No. Pts. Referred to NCI-Designated Cancer Centers
Head and Neck (lip, oral cavity, pharynx, eye, orbit)		
Digestive System (esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum, anus, liver, pancreas)	1	
Respiratory (nasal/sinus, larynx, lung/bronchus)		
Blood and Bone Marrow (leukemia, multiple myeloma, other)	14	
Bone (Primary)		
Connective Tissue		
Melanoma		
Other Skin Cancer		
Breast Cancer (male and female)		
Female Genital (cervix, ovary, other)		
Male Genital (prostate, other)		
Urinary System (kidney, bladder, other)		
Brain & CNS (benign, malignant, other)		

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Disease Site <i>(create separate rows as necessary)</i>	Newly Registered Patients	No. Pts. Referred to NCI-Designated Cancer Centers
Endocrine System (thyroid, other)		
Lymphatic System (NHL, Hodgkin’s lymphoma)	1	
Unknown Primary		
Other/III-defined (Multiple sites – Anemia studies)	12	
TOTAL:	28	**

**** Note:** patients are referred from the Shivers Center to the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. However, this data is not readily available without reviewing paper charts. It is a statistic that we will begin tracking on January 1, 2007. Similar limitations apply to Children’s Hospital of Austin studies.

K. Number of patients on clinical trials and % NCI-sponsored trials – provide in RFP format
Data is not currently available.

L. Describe the focus of linkages with NCI-designated cancer centers or other academic research institutions

The Shivers Center refers patients to The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, an NCI-designated cancer center as appropriate. The Seton Healthcare Network also has a 30 year agreement with the University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston (UTMB). The partnership between Austin's largest health care provider and the oldest medical school in Texas will expand the current graduate medical education program at Seton and facilitate the development of new specialty education opportunities in the area.

M. Describe the status of electronic medical records at the hospital and cancer center

The Seton family of Hospitals IT application infrastructure is primarily comprised of a new Clinical foundation suite called COMPASS, the name of the Seton Family of Hospitals’ electronic medical health record. COMPASS is a set of software applications which run on various platforms, enabling our caregivers to achieve optimal efficacy while improving patient outcomes. In addition to its own capabilities, COMPASS manages the patient information interfacing with numerous ancillary systems already in use throughout the hospital, creating a “one-stop” repository for longitudinal health records for each patient treated at Seton.

N. Describe the experience with biospecimen collection and banking

The Laboratories of the Seton Healthcare Network Austin Hospitals (including Brackenridge Hospital and the other three Network Cancer Program Hospitals) form an integrated service network providing diagnostic, prognostic, and patient monitoring information as well as interpretations and consultations to the Network’s Austin hospitals as well as other Seton facilities, affiliated physicians, and other healthcare providers. All laboratories are CAP and JCAHO accredited. Seton Laboratories provides all aspects of histology from routine surgical pathology to electron microscopy to immunohistochemistry and genetic testing.