

NCI Community Cancer Centers Program

Key Points

- The National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP) is a network of community hospitals from around the United States working with NCI to improve patient access to high-quality cancer care and to expand cancer research taking place at the nation's community hospitals.
- The NCCCP sites support or conduct basic, clinical, and population-based research in risk assessment, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and end-of-life care, and are working to apply the latest research findings to their cancer practices.
- NCI launched the NCCCP in 2007 as a pilot program with 16 sites. The NCCCP network currently includes 21 community hospitals in 16 states, selected through a competitive review process. Lessons learned from the program are being shared with community hospitals nationwide through the program website, presentations and publications.

New knowledge and advanced technology allow complex cancer treatment – once only available at large academic-based cancer centers – to be provided at community hospitals. Through a public-private partnership between NCI and 21 community hospitals, the NCCCP is examining how to best provide patients access to advanced cancer care at community hospitals, where the vast majority of people with cancer in the United States are diagnosed and treated.

The NCCCP sites are located in rural, suburban, and urban areas and serve a diverse population base. Through the network, NCCCP sites have access to NCI resources and expertise, work with the participating organizations to achieve program goals, and have developed research collaborations with the larger NCI-designated Cancer Centers. Network-level partnerships have been established with the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer, the American Cancer Society and other national organizations. Many sites are participating in projects with other NCI programs such as The Cancer Genome Atlas and the NCI Community Networks Program. The network has been able to support research conducted by other research organizations and investigators.

The NCCCP sites are working to improve cancer outcomes in their communities, especially among medically underserved populations. The NCCCP network is working to:

- Accrue greater numbers of patients in the community to cancer clinical trials;
- Improve cancer care quality by increasing use of evidence-based guidelines and participating in national quality reporting initiatives;
- Increase the number of cancer screening events offered to underserved patients to detect cancer early;
- Enhance survivorship and palliative care programs for cancer patients;
- Expand the practice of a multidisciplinary team approach to cancer care;
- Offer more patients genetics counseling services;
- Increase collection of high-quality biospecimens for research purposes.

For more information on the NCCCP: <http://ncccp.cancer.gov/>

NCCCP Participating Sites

CALIFORNIA

**St. Joseph Health
The Center for Cancer Prevention
and Treatment**
1100 West Stewart Drive
Orange, CA 92868
714.633.9111
www.sjo.org

COLORADO

**Penrose – St. Francis Health Services
(Member of Catholic Health Initiatives)
Penrose Cancer Center**
2222 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
719.776.5000
www.penrorestfrancis.org

CONNECTICUT

**Hartford Hospital
Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center**
80 Seymour Street
Hartford, CT 06102
860.545.5000
www.harthosp.org

DELAWARE

**Helen F. Graham Cancer Center
at Christiana Care**
4701 Ogletown-Stanton Road
Newark, DE 19713
302.733.1000
www.christianacare.org

GEORGIA

**Northside Hospital
Northside Cancer Institute**
1000 Johnson Ferry Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30342
404.851.8000
www.northside.com

**St. Joseph's / Candler
Nancy N. and J. C. Lewis Cancer
and Research Pavilion**
5353 Reynolds Street
Savannah, GA 31405
912.819.4100
www.sjchs.org

HAWAII

**The Queen's Medical Center
The Queen's Cancer Center**
1301 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
808.538.9011
www.queensmedicalcenter.net

IOWA

**Mercy Medical Center - Des Moines
Mercy Cancer Center**
1111 6th Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50314
515.247.3121
www.mercydesmoines.org

KENTUCKY

**Norton Suburban Hospital
Norton Cancer Institute**
4001 Dutchmans Lane
Louisville, KY 40207
502.893.1000
www.nortonhealthcare.com

LOUISIANA

**Our Lady of the Lake
Regional Medical Center
Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of
the Lake Cancer Center**
5000 Hennessy Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
225.765.6565
www.ololrmc.com

MICHIGAN

**Saint Mary's Health Care
The Lacks Cancer Center**
200 Jefferson Street, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.685.5000
www.smmmc.org

MONTANA

**Billings Clinic
Billings Clinic Cancer Center**
2800 Tenth Avenue North
Billings, MT 59107
406.238.2500
www.billingsclinic.com

NEBRASKA

**St. Francis Medical Center
(Member of Catholic Health Initiatives)
St. Francis Cancer Treatment Center**
2620 West Faidley Avenue
Grand Island, NE 68803
800.353.4896
www.saintfrancisgi.org

**Good Samaritan Hospital
(Member of Catholic Health Initiatives)
Good Samaritan Cancer Center**
10 E 31st Street
Kearney, NE 68847
308.865.7100
www.gshs.org

**St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center
(Member of Catholic Health Initiatives)
St. Elizabeth Cancer Center**
555 South 70th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
402.219.8000
www.saintelizabethonline.com

PENNSYLVANIA

**Lehigh Valley Health Network
John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center**
1240 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard
Allentown, PA 18105
888.584.2273
www.lvhn.org

**Geisinger Medical Center
Geisinger Medical Center Cancer Institute**
100 North Academy Avenue
Danville, PA 17822
570.271.6211
www.geisinger.org

**Einstein Healthcare Network
Einstein Cancer Center**
5501 Old York Road
Philadelphia, PA 19141
215.456.7890
www.einstein.edu/facilities/aemc

SOUTH CAROLINA

**Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
Gibbs Regional Center**
101 East Wood Street
Spartanburg, SC 29303
864.560.6000
www.spartanburgregional.com

SOUTH DAKOTA

**Sanford USD Medical Center
Sanford Cancer Center**
1305 West 18th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57117
605.333.1000
www.sanfordhealth.org

WISCONSIN

**Gundersen Health System
Gundersen Lutheran Center for Cancer
and Blood Disorders**
1900 South Avenue
La Crosse, WI 54601
800.362.9567
www.gundluth.org