

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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ACCREDITATIONS

Memorial Regional Cancer Center



National accreditation
by the American College
of Radiology for our Lung
CT screening program.



**Memorial Regional Breast
Care Center Designated as a Breast
Imaging Center of Excellence**



American College of Surgeons

Three-year accreditation
by the American
College of Surgeons,
Commission on Cancer



**ASTRO Accreditation Program
for Excellence (APEX) for
Radiation Oncology**



**The Joint Commission Hospital
Accreditation Program**

Welcome to Memorial Regional Cancer Center

Thomas Reid III, MD, PhD, FACP
Medical Director

Welcome to Memorial Regional Cancer Center. Our goal is to provide our community the best oncology and hematology care, individualized care that focuses on the patient—not solely on the cancer or blood disorder. From the moment a new patient walks through our doors, our team coordinates care to address that patient's unique needs. Integrated care and our singularly designed survivorship program, directed and guided by our nurse navigators, are the linchpins in ensuring the patient stays at the center of what we do. Our exceptionally talented team of physicians and clinicians has vast experience in treating patients with cancer and hematologic disorders. We bring to our patients cutting edge treatments specifically tailored to treat their specific cancer or hematologic disorder. Unique to a community hospital, and to better serve the Michiana region, we provide cancer and hematology care for both children and adults. Our adult cancer care includes expertise in Dermatologic Oncology, Genetic Counseling, Gynecologic Oncology, Hematology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, and Musculoskeletal Oncology.

Memorial has additional exclusive capabilities not available elsewhere in Michiana—National Cancer Institute-sponsored clinical trials, industry-sponsored clinical trials, and cancer vaccine clinical trials are just a few examples. Of note, MRCC has pharmacy staff to assist in making prescribed oral anticancer medications affordable. MRCC is honored to care for many veterans and works closely with Veterans Administration health care providers. Beacon Health System is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network (MCCN) – membership reflects the outstanding quality of care we provide our patients. This collaborative relationship affords second opinions to our patients at no cost to them – no travel is required for patients to have their case reviewed by specialists at the Mayo Clinic. We are extremely proud of our clinical trial research team and our collaboration with the MCCN, participating as an affiliate in the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, one of four cooperative groups in the United States designing, directing and reporting results from cancer clinical trials. Moreover, the MRCC is pleased to partner with the Harper Cancer Research Institute at the University of Notre Dame in tissue banking or storing cancer specimens for scientific research.



I am delighted to announce the addition of two Beacon medical oncologists (Dr. Omer Toor and Dr. Uzair Saqlain) at Elkhart General Hospital, our sister institution. As Medical Director, I can tell you that Memorial has an extraordinary and highly regarded cancer program. We continue to improve on our accomplishments and seek to develop new capabilities. For updates, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@MemorialRCC).

Our patients say that visiting the MRCC is like being with family. All of us—office staff, therapists, medical assistants, lymphedema specialists, dietitians, social workers, nurses and physicians—are fully engaged in your care and do everything we can to provide a heartfelt and warm experience.

And, most importantly, we listen to you!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Reid III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "R" and "I".

Thomas J. Reid, III, MD, PhD, FACP
Medical Director
Chief, Hematology-Medical Oncology

Our Services



DERMATOLOGIC ONCOLOGY

Beacon Medical Group Dermatology uses the latest technology and techniques for treating every type of skin cancer. Our surgeon is a surgical fellow with the American College of Mohs Surgery. This means he completed a one-year course with over 1,500 surgical cases including over 1,000 facial surgeries. Because of his unique training some types of skin cancer can be treated right in the office with Mohs surgery.



CLINICAL TRIALS AND RESEARCH

Memorial Regional Cancer Center is the only cancer center in the area to offer clinical research. Memorial Regional Cancer Center has partnered with Mayo Clinic to provide access to cutting edge clinical trials to patients in the community. This affiliation with Mayo Clinic gives patients access to some of the same clinical trials that are offered at Mayo Clinic, MD Anderson, John Hopkins, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and other large academic centers across the country. The clinical trials include treatment, prevention, and symptom management clinical trials for people who have been diagnosed with cancer and those who are at risk for developing cancer. Memorial Regional Cancer Center participates in clinical trials sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and pharmaceutical companies. We also offer eligible patients the opportunity to participate in vaccine clinical trials, which are some of the latest advancements in cancer care.



GENETICS COUNSELING

At MRCC, our genetic counselor works with patients to identify the risk for certain types of cancer. The genetic counselor also works with patients to develop a plan that includes possible genetic testing, screening recommendations, and other strategies to prevent cancer or to catch it in its earliest stages. The genetic counselor reviews and discusses personal and family medical history, identify possible genetics risk, discuss genetic testing options, create a prevention and early detection plan, and provide information and support to patients and their families.



GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY

At Beacon Health System, we work to protect you from gynecologic cancer through screenings, early detection, and leading-edge treatment. At Beacon, we treat all types and stages of gynecologic cancer. Gynecologic cancer is any cancer that begins in a woman's reproductive system including cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, vaginal cancer, and vulvar cancer. We offer accurate diagnosis and expert treatment. Gynecologic cancer treatment usually includes some combination of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. If surgery is required, whenever possible, we use minimally invasive surgery techniques.



HEMATOLOGY-MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

At Memorial Regional Cancer Center, we strive to provide the best oncology and hematology care: individualized care that focuses on our patients – not solely the cancer or blood disorder. The comprehensive team includes hematology oncology physicians, nurse practitioners, genetic counseling, certified oncology nurses, social services staff, nurse navigators, medical assistance coordinators, dietitians, and supportive staff. Together we are all engaged in your care. Our infusion center is managed by our team of experts. It consists of 30 infusion chairs and 6 private rooms.



IN PATIENT

At Memorial Hospital each patient is cared for daily by a multidisciplinary team of experts: your Beacon Medical Group oncology physician, a nurse practitioner, your nurse on the unit, a clinical nurse specialist (CNS), oncology clinical pharmacists, dietitian, palliative care nurse, spiritual care, pain management nurse and a social worker. As a patient-focused care center, we bring our experts and most services right to your room. Our services include chemotherapy, radiation therapy, blood product transfusions, nutritional support, pain and symptom management, spiritual care, pre- and post-care for bone marrow transplant patients, physical therapy, psychosocial support, pulmonary treatments as well as other supportive therapies. Our compassionate nursing staff includes many who are oncology certified as well as those who have achieved certification in chemotherapy biotherapy treatments. The inpatient oncology unit features 23 private patient rooms and is located on the 10th floor at Memorial Hospital. All inpatient rooms include flat-screen televisions. The rooms are positive pressure rooms that protect patients with depressed immune systems.



MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) assists patients and their physicians in applying for financial assistance programs through drug manufacturers and other funding foundations. These companies provide free medication or grants to cover medication costs to uninsured or underinsured who meet income guidelines. MRCC has a dedicated patient assistance coordinator to help patients navigate this process.



MUSCULOSKELETAL ONCOLOGY

Beacon Health System is proud to have a physician who specializes in musculoskeletal oncology. Musculoskeletal oncology involves the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant soft tissue and bone tumors. Bone cancer treatments may include surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy. Our physician specializes in both pediatric and adult musculoskeletal oncology.



PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY

The Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Program offers services for children diagnosed with cancer or blood disorders. The comprehensive team includes pediatric hematology oncology physicians, pediatric nurse practitioners, nurses, social services staff, child life, art therapy and parent advocates. Together, they offer children and their families personal counseling, psychological support and coordination of treatment to minimize the impact of a chronic disease on daily life. Our nine private infusion rooms offer a comfortable space for privacy with your family, as well as a private bathroom for safety and convenience. Many of the infusion rooms have couches that convert to beds for the comfort of parents. We also work closely with Ronald McDonald House to provide additional services for our families.



PALLIATIVE CARE

The intra-disciplinary palliative care team includes nurses, a physician, social worker, chaplains and pharmacists who assist patients in symptom management who are currently or previously have undergone anticancer therapies. They provide spiritual and emotional support to patients and families while coordinating care and assisting in communication. The palliative care team provides support to both inpatients and outpatients. The service works to improve patient satisfaction and reduce readmissions to the hospital.



NURSE NAVIGATORS

Having someone to count on during a very stressful time can help alleviate anxiety and improve well-being and quality of life. MRCC has two dedicated nurse navigators who become a welcome and familiar face throughout a patient's diagnosis, treatment and recovery. The navigators act as a personal advocate by helping the patient, loved ones, and the medical team stay in close touch.



NUTRITIONAL GUIDANCE

MRCC is proud to offer nutritional guidance to cancer patients. Our dietitians specialize in cancer-specific nutritional therapy. They provide comprehensive nutritional therapy, during and after treatment, lead education programs, and offer individual consultations. Working with patients and other caregivers, the oncology dietitians customize their recommendations to help manage treatment related side effects such as nausea, vomiting, taste changes, and bowel irregularities.



PHARMACY

MRCC is proud to have a dedicated pharmacist that specializes in oncology. The oncology pharmacist works closely with the health care team at Memorial Regional Cancer Center to optimize the care of oncology patients.



PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES

At Memorial Regional Cancer Center we understand that a cancer diagnosis and treatment often brings new stressors and challenges. We are committed to caring for the whole person during and after a cancer diagnosis. We offer complementary psychosocial support through our dedicated oncology social worker. There can be a number of concerns that can add additional distress. Some common needs our social worker can assist with include but not limited to: processing and coping individually or with family, financial, insurance, work, disability, transportation, housing, home care, medical equipment and supplies, advance directives, legal, and referrals to community resources.



RADIATION ONCOLOGY

At Memorial Hospital, our radiation oncology program offers innovative treatment techniques using today's most advanced technology. If you've been diagnosed with cancer and your doctor has recommended radiation, you can count Memorial's team of highly skilled professionals for precise and compassionate care. Memorial offers multiple radiation treatment options that include:

- External beam (3D, IMRT) radiation therapy utilizing Rapid Arc and IGRT (Image Guidance Radiation Therapy).
- HDR Brachytherapy for breast, lung and prostate
- Stereotactic Brain and Lung Radiosurgery
- Advanced prostate cancer options including
 - Radioactive Prostate Seed Implant
 - HDR / Brachytherapy
 - Hyper-fractionated external beam RT with enhanced techniques of SpaceOAR and IGRT.
- Respiratory Gating – Some breast, lung and abdominal tumors can move position with each breath. The Respiratory Gating system allows the beam of radiation to turn on and off depending on the breathing cycle. The Respiratory Gating system allows the physician to correctly target tumor position in relation to the patient's respiratory cycle. Many benefits of using this technology with the "breath hold technique" for breast cancer treatment include considerable decrease in radiation exposure to the patient's heart and lungs.



SOCIAL WORK

Memorial Regional Cancer Center has a dedicated oncology social worker. The oncology social worker provides a variety of services to help patients and their families deal with a cancer diagnosis. The social worker meets with all oncology patients to discuss specific needs. The oncology social worker is available for patients and families throughout their cancer journey.

Cancer Registry

Collecting relevant data on a timely basis is at the heart of any cancer registry program. The Memorial Cancer Registry is dedicated to ensuring complete, timely and accurate data collection on all patients who have been diagnosed and/or treated for cancer at Memorial Hospital. This ongoing task of data collection is integral because it is submitted to the Indiana State Cancer Registry and National Cancer Data Base, which then shares the information with clinicians, researchers and standard setters who provide the best treatments available, analyze outcome and end-results data and to assess clinical standards and quality of patient care. Since the Cancer Registry's reference year of 1985, the department has collected data on over 33,000 cases and continues to maintain a successful follow-up rate of 91 percent on eligible cases, exceeding the requirement of the Commission on Cancer. In 2018, 1,206 cancer cases were added to the cancer registry database, which includes 1057 analytic cases (diagnosed and/or receiving first course of treatment at Memorial) and 149 non-analytic cases. Figure 1 (page 9) illustrates 2018 analytic primary diagnostic site distribution, with figures 2 (page 9) and 3 (page 10) showing the top five sites for male and female, respectively. Figure 4 (page 10) demonstrates the service area for 2018. Memorial Cancer Registry continues to strive for excellence. The associates participate in continuing education annually, work closely with physicians and physician offices to ensure accurate data is collected and collaborates with other local and state registries.

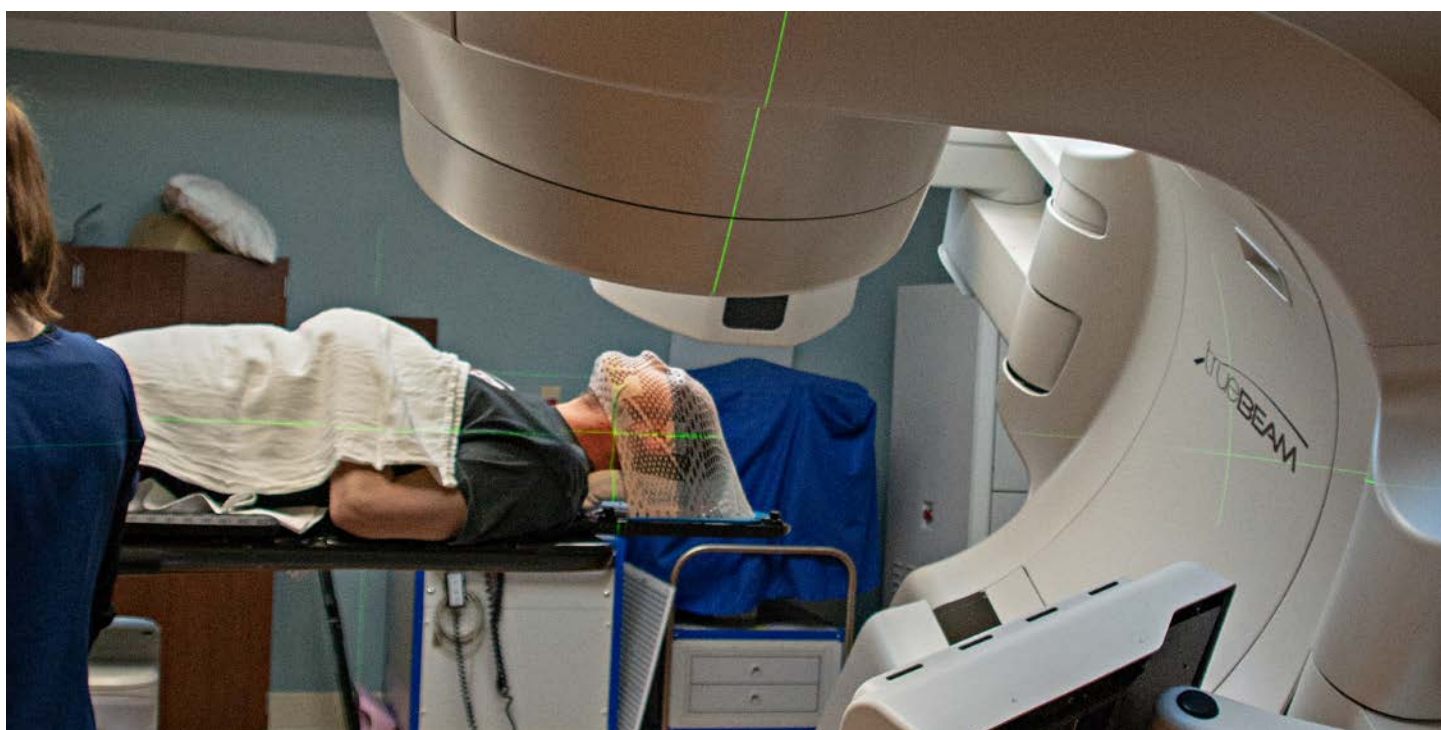


Figure 1

2018 Analytic Primary Site Distribution

Number Of Cases Accessioned

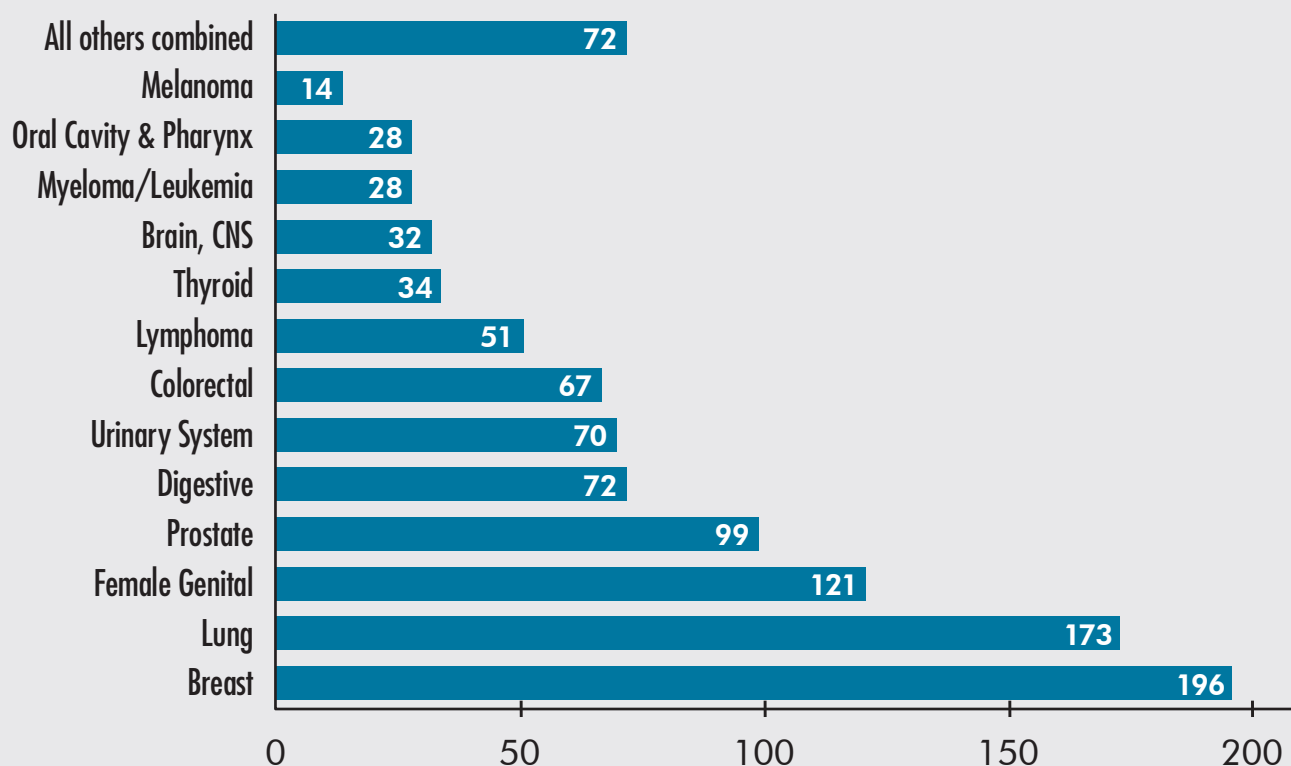


Figure 2

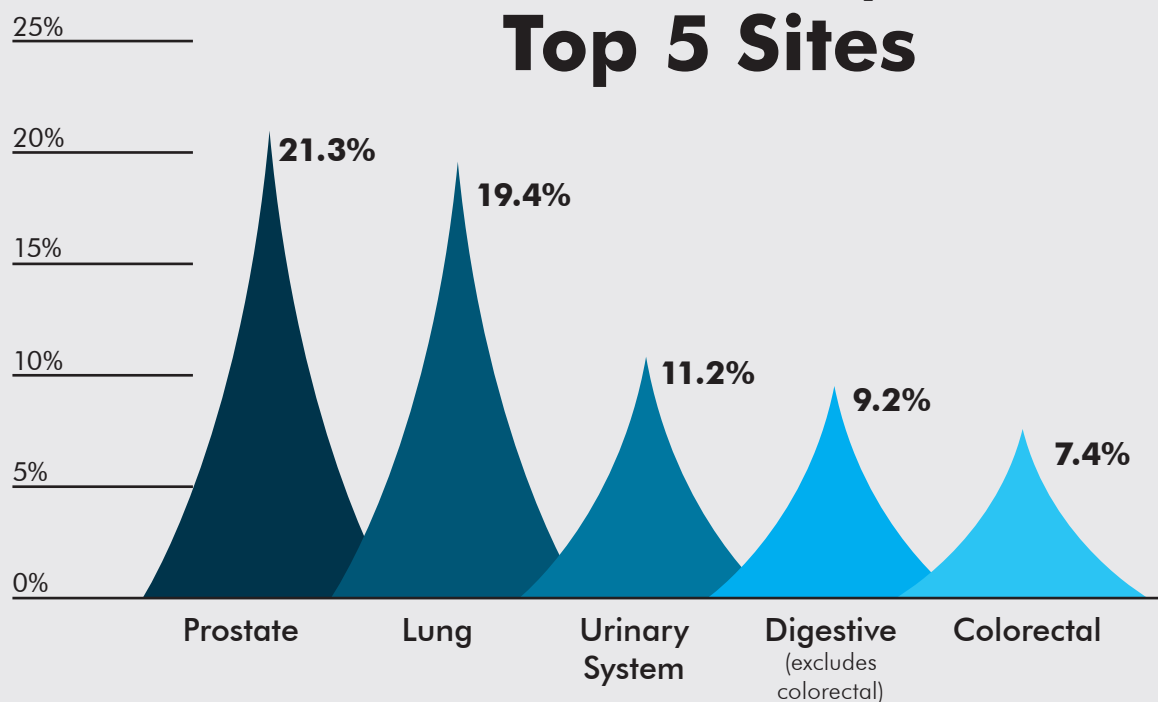
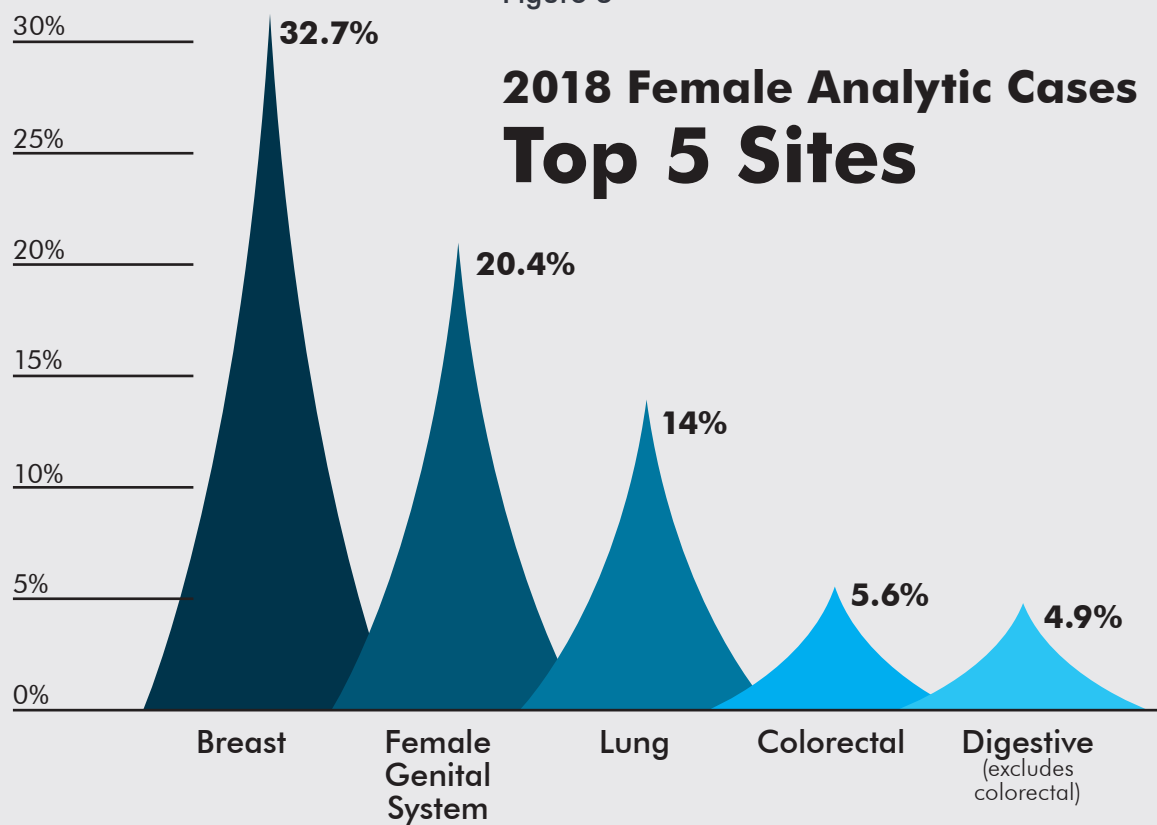
**2018 Male Analytic Cases
Top 5 Sites**

Figure 3



Service Area For 2019

St. Joseph, IN: 78%

Berrien, MI: 7%

Elkhart, IN: 3%

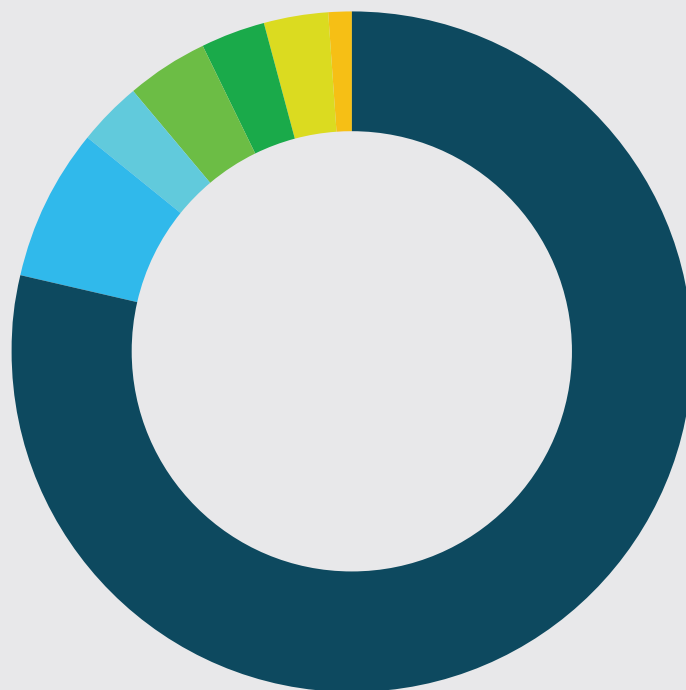
LaPorte, IN: 4%

Marshall, IN: 3%

Clay, IN: 3%

Fulton, IN: 1%

Figure 4



MAYO CLINIC CARE NETWORK

The oncologists at Beacon Health System and medical experts at Mayo Clinic are working together to resolve hard-to-solve medical problems. Beacon oncologists can consult with Mayo Clinic specialists using technology that allows Mayo Clinic doctors to review complex cases and provide additional input when the provider believes it would be helpful to the patient. When appropriate, patients can receive an electronic second opinion (eConsult) from a Mayo Clinic physician. The eConsult can be in regards to diagnosis, treatment plan, or follow up care. The eConsult is provided to the patient free of charge without the hassle of traveling to Mayo Clinic.

Beacon Health System physicians also participate in Mayo Clinic eTumor Boards. These are live teleconferences that allow Beacon physicians to participate in and discuss how to best manage complex cancer cases with teams of Mayo Clinic specialists. The eTumor Boards allow Beacon physicians to collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team at Mayo Clinic to determine the best course of treatment for patients with complex cases.

Standard 4.1

2019 Cancer Screening and Prevention Programs



On December 4, Kari Pardeik and Tracy Grove, nurses in the Dermatology department at Mayo Clinic were onsite to talk about skin cancer prevention.

The topic was selected due to the high incidence of skin cancer in St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties. The presentation focused on how to prevent skin cancer including tips for avoiding sun exposure. The presentation was based upon American Cancer Society and US Prevention Services Task Force guidelines. Twenty five people attended the skin cancer prevention education.

PHYSICIANS AND SPECIALISTS



Angela Herman, MD
Pediatric-Hematology
Oncology

Dr. Herman received her medical degree from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago and completed her pediatric residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and her fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Herman has been assistant professor, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, at the University of Illinois School of Medicine at Peoria in Peoria, Illinois. Board-certified in pediatrics, she is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association.

David Hornback, MD
Radiation Oncology

Dr. Hornback is a board-certified radiation oncologist and is the Medical Director of the radiation oncology program at Memorial Hospital.

After receiving his medical degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine, he interned at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis and completed his residency in radiation oncology at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. Dr. Hornback moved to South Bend in 1992 where he joined Radiology, Inc. and began his practice at Memorial Hospital.

In 2009, Dr. Hornback joined Memorial Medical Group, which is now Beacon Medical Group. Dr. Hornback specializes in high and low dose rate brachytherapy and prostate seed implants. In fact, he has the most clinical experience in permanent seed implant for prostate cancer in our region. He has a special interest in treating patients with prostate, breast, gynecologic, lung and colorectal cancer. He has experience in special radiation procedures, stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiotherapy. Dr. Hornback has extensive clinical research experience and maintains memberships in a number of professional associations, including the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, the American College of Radiation Oncology and the American Society of Clinical Oncologists.





Javed Malik, DO
Hematology-Medical Oncology

Javed Malik, DO Hematology-Medical Oncology, received his medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University and completed both his residency in internal medicine and his fellowship in hematology and oncology at Franciscan Alliance St. James Health/Midwestern University.

Dr. Malik is board-certified in medical oncology and internal medicine and board-eligible in hematology. He served on the Cancer Committee and Tumor Board at St. James Health and is currently a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the Chicago Lymphoma Rounds, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Society of Hematology.

Samuel McGrath, MD
Radiation Oncology

Dr. McGrath received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan, graduating with highest distinction as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society. Prior to this, he completed his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Indiana University, Bloomington, where he graduated summa cum laude and as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

He completed his internship and residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. While at William Beaumont, Dr. McGrath had the opportunity to train under several nationally renowned radiation oncologists, acquiring valuable experience with advanced treatment planning and delivery techniques, including radiosurgery, brachytherapy and IMRT/IGRT.

A board-certified radiation oncologist who has been practicing at Memorial Hospital of South Bend since 2010, Dr. McGrath has published on a variety of topics, including prostate, breast and lung cancer. He is an active member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and treats all solid tumors at both the South Bend and Mishawaka offices.





Colleen Morrison, MD
Pediatric-Hematology Oncology

Dr. Morrison received her medical degree and completed her residency from Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, Illinois. Board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology stem cell transplantation, she completed her fellowship at the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. She is a member of the American Society of Hematology, the Children's Oncology group and the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Nonyem Onujiogu, MD
Gynecologic Oncology

Dr. Onujiogu received her medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center. She completed her gynecologic oncology fellowship at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, Wisconsin. She joined Beacon Medical Group in 2015.

Dr. Onujiogu specializes in treatment of ovarian, uterine, cervical, vulvar, and vaginal cancers. She is experienced in robotic, laparoscopic, and complex gynecologic surgeries. Dr. Onujiogu most recently served as Assistant Professor in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is board-certified in obstetrics-gynecology and gynecological oncology, is a member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology, and a Fellow of The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Onujiogu's greatest interest is providing quality and compassionate care to the women of this community.



Luiz Pantalena, MD, PhD
Dermatologic Surgery

Dr. Pantalena received his medical degree and doctorate degree in developmental biology from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. He completed his residency in dermatology at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, and his fellowship in dermatologic surgery at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. A passionate researcher, Dr. Pantalena has published academic articles in both basic science and applied dermatological surgery. Dr. Pantalena joined Beacon Medical Group in 2015.

He is board-certified in dermatology. Dr. Pantalena is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a member of both the American Society of Dermatologic Surgeons and the American College of Mohs Surgery.



Joel Post, DO
Musculoskeletal Oncology

Joel Post, DO, specializes in Musculoskeletal Oncology & Orthopedic Trauma surgery. He received his medical degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa. He then pursued an orthopedic surgery residency at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital in Lansing, Michigan. He went on to complete fellowships in Orthopedic Musculoskeletal at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and Orthopedic Traumatology at Indiana University Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Post also brings a new specialty to Beacon and to the Northern Indiana Region with his additional training in musculoskeletal oncology. He sees both pediatric and adult patients with benign and malignant soft tissue and bone tumors.

Thomas J. Reid III MD, PhD, FACP
Hematology-Medical Oncology
Memorial Regional Cancer Center Medical Director

Dr. Reid received his medical degree from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine and fellowship in hematology-medical oncology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, District of Columbia. He received a PhD in biochemistry at Purdue University.

From 1991 to 2004, Dr. Reid was at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, including three years as Chief of Blood Research. From 2004 to 2008, Dr. Reid was Chief of Hematology-Medical Oncology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After 27 years in the Army Medical Corps, he retired in 2008 as a full Colonel.

From 2011 to 2012, he was Chief, Hematology-Medical Oncology and Program Director at MedStar Good Samaritan and MedStar Union Memorial Hospitals in Baltimore, Maryland. In Baltimore and at Walter Reed, he served as Principal Investigator for the cancer clinical trials cooperative group, Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB). Dr. Reid also served as co-chair of the Clinical Research Committee at the Lombardi Cancer Center, Georgetown University Medical Center.

His special interests include cancer clinical trials (adult solid tumors and lymphomas, supportive care, cancer vaccines, translational research), cancer epidemiology, cancer genetics, cancer survivorship and coagulation (bleeding and clotting) and hematologic disorders. Dr. Reid is board certified in Medical Oncology, Hematology and Internal Medicine. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society.





Nibal Saad, MD
Hematology-Medical Oncology

Nibal Saad, MD Hematology-Medical Oncology, specializes in Hematology-Medical Oncology. He earned his medical degree from Al-Baath University College of Medicine, Homs, Syria, and completed his residency for Internal Medicine at both Damascus University, Damascus, Syria and St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit, MI. He attended Damascus University, Damascus, Syria for his fellowship in Hematology and also SUNY Upstate Medical University for his fellowship in Hematology-Oncology.

Dr. Saad stresses that any achievement is huge when you're fighting against cancer, and he tries to celebrate these moments with patients. "It is time to live beyond cancer."

Stacy Snyder, MD
Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

Dr. Stacy Snyder cannot remember a time when she wanted to be anything but a doctor. Her parents have said it was all she talked about since she was old enough to pedal a tricycle, tell time on a clock and turn the pages of a book.

"I always knew I wanted to be a pediatrician. Working with kids allows me to connect with my inner child while still working to achieve the best possible medical outcome for my patients."

Her path into pediatric hematology/oncology has taken her as far away as Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, during her international rotation in medical school (University of Toledo College of Medicine). But ultimately Dr. Snyder knew she wanted to relocate closer to her family in Ohio and fell in love with Beacon Children's Hospital.

Dr. Snyder said it's an honor to be with her patients on their journey, because they teach her about strength and resilience.

"People often walk into the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology clinic and are surprised to find the patients playing, laughing, and just being kids. As their doctor, I walk into the office and see incredible children who are fighting for their lives," she said. "I want families to ask me every question and discuss all concerns. I want them to know that I care deeply for each and every patient and will be with them every step of the way."



Cancer Conferences

Memorial Cancer Registry also coordinates multiple site-specific multidisciplinary cancer conferences where diagnostic procedures are reviewed and treatment options are discussed by a multidisciplinary group of specialty physicians. The site-specific conferences include breast, lung, gastrointestinal, urology, gynecology, neurosurgery, head and neck, hematologic and pediatric oncology. In 2018, 56 conferences were held at Memorial Hospital with 267 of Memorial Hospital analytic cases presented. 98% of the cases were prospective. The multidisciplinary cancer conferences allow local physicians to discuss difficult cases in order to provide the best care to patients.

Rudy's Recovery

7-year-old returns to hockey just one month after surgery at Beacon Children's Hospital

Rudy Chapman loves sports. He plays hockey and soccer. He collects baseball cards and attends almost every Notre Dame hockey game each season.

He watches his favorite team, the Chicago Blackhawks, any time he can. The 7-year-old's family even builds a large hockey rink in his Goshen backyard every year so he can play and burn off some of his endless energy throughout the cold winter months.

So when Rudy lost energy and developed back and leg pain, his family could tell something was wrong. "We spent a lot of time in our family doctor's office and couldn't really get a good grasp of what was going on," says Laura Chapman, Rudy's mother.

After weeks of uncertainty, Rudy was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma, a rare cancer that often forms in the bones.

Rudy Chapman

Rudy immediately started chemotherapy, undergoing six rounds before having three ribs removed. Once he recovered from his surgery, he endured eight more rounds of chemo and radiation, all before he turned seven.

After this treatment, Rudy's family expected to be finished with his medical ordeal. "We were thinking, 'This is the end.' We had planned to get his port out the next day," his mother said.

The family was excited to put chemo, surgery and hospital stays in the past. Rudy was excited to get back to his favorite activities. But, Laura explained, "that's when we found out the cancer had come back in his skull."

Read more: beacon.health/rudy



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Treatment and Clinical Services

- Outpatient Medical Oncology: **574.647.1100**
- Radiation Oncology: **574.647.1100**
- Ambulatory Infusion Center: **574.647.1100**
- In-Patient Unit – **574.647.7280**
- Medication Assistance Program: **574.647.3012** (MAP)
- Psychosocial Services: **574.647.6598**
- Breast Care Center: **574.647.6850**
- Palliative Care: **574.647.3050**
- Gynecologic Oncology: **574.647.4230**

Ancillary Services

- Behavioral Health: **574.647.8470**
- Pain Management: **574.647.7128**
- Home Care: **800.284.8999**
- Home Medical Equipment: **888.517.3100**
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Services: **574.647.5353**
- Pharmacy: **574.647.1100**
- Outpatient Rehab Services: **574.647.2600**
- Outpatient Scheduling: **574.647.1100**

Professional Education/Research

- Clinical Research: **574.647.7370**

Community Services

- American Cancer Society: **800.227.2345**
- Cancer Care Counseling Line: **800.813.HOPE**
- After Breast Cancer Diagnosis: **800.221.2141** (ABCD)
- National Cancer Institute Info Line: **800.4CANCER**
- United Cancer Services: **875.5158**



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