



Saint Anne's Hospital

A CARITAS FAMILY HOSPITAL



SAINT ANNE'S HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CARE

World class care,
from our family
to yours.



The Hudner Oncology Center at Saint Anne's Hospital

In response to the growing needs of the Greater Fall River area, the Saint Anne's Hospital cancer care program was founded in 1976 as a medical oncology outpatient clinic of Boston University. Since that time, the Hudner Oncology Center at Saint Anne's Hospital has grown to provide the region's most comprehensive hospital-based oncology services to more than 30,000 patients by combining the expertise of academic medical centers with the care and convenience of a community setting.

Our Services

- * Medical oncology and radiation oncology at Saint Anne's and additional oncology services in Dartmouth, Massachusetts
- * Radiation oncologists also are on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and serve on the faculty of Harvard Medical School.
- * Participation in national clinical trials
- * Cancer Registry
- * Psychosocial and spiritual support
- * Specialized nutrition services
- * Comprehensive survivors' programs
- * Interpreter services



Saint Anne's Regional Cancer Care includes team expertise in a wide range of cancers, including access to new therapies through national clinical trials.

Getting in touch:

The Hudner Oncology Center:
795 Middle Street, Fall River, MA 02721

Radiation Oncology: 508-235-5700
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Medical Oncology: 508-235-5226
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Oncology Center: 508-979-5858
(Moving to new location in 2009 - see right)
480 Hawthorn Street, North Dartmouth, MA 02747

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COMING IN MID-2009:

**Saint Anne's Hospital Regional
Cancer Care – Dartmouth Center**
535 Faunce Corner Road,
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Specialized Care and Treatments

The Hudner Oncology Center treats a wide range of cancers and offers a variety of treatments and specialized care without the need to travel far.

Radiation Oncology

Our Radiation Oncology staff includes highly trained and experienced physicians who also are on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, and have Harvard Medical School affiliations. Our team of physicians, nurses, radiation therapists, physicists and dosimetrists is dedicated to developing individual treatment plans to provide the best treatment to each patient.

Services offered in the Friends of Saint Anne's Hospital Radiation Oncology Wing* include:

- ★ **3-D CT radiation therapy simulation** for state-of-the-art treatment planning
- ★ **IMRT (intensity modulated radiation therapy):** IMRT offers advanced 3-D treatment of cancers of the brain, head and neck, pelvic region, and other sites. IMRT offers fewer complications or side effects and may sometimes be used as a non-invasive alternative to surgery.
- ★ **HDR (high-dose rate) radiation therapy:** HDR delivers precisely calculated radiation at a high dose rate via a catheter directly to a tumor or tumor bed, with minimal risk to adjacent organs. Typical treatments are scheduled over two to five visits instead of the more traditional six weeks used in external radiation. Considered highly effective for uterine and cervical cancers, HDR is used primarily for gynecologic, skin and early breast cancers, as well as for palliative therapy.
- ★ **IGRT (image-guided radiation therapy):** This highly sophisticated technology delivers radiation therapy to tumors in areas that may move with breathing or due to the effects of radiation therapy, such as in the chest or abdomen.

- ★ **Radioactive prostate seed implant therapy.**

A number of tiny radioactive pellets are placed directly into the prostate. These seeds, each smaller than a grain of rice, are positioned to target and ultimately eliminate cancerous cells, while having minimal effect on surrounding healthy tissue.

- ★ **Fiducial markers**, also known as gold markers, that are used in prostate cancer care. Markers about the size of a grain of rice are inserted into the prostate by a urologist, allowing oncologists to locate the exact location of prostate/tumor immediately before the patient is treated each day with IMRT.

Saint Anne's radiation oncology program will expand in mid-2009 with the opening of an all-new center in Dartmouth, MA, to serve patients from the New Bedford and lower Cape Cod region.

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Collaboration and communication among all members of Saint Anne's highly trained and experienced cancer care team ensures high-quality care.



Our cancer program's emphasis on wellness includes a wide range of education and support programs, including fitness and yoga designed just for cancer patients.

Patient Wellness & Support Programs

Patient education, support and wellness programs are a large component of Hudner's commitment to comprehensive, compassionate cancer care. We recognize the importance of nurturing a person's well-being as they work through their cancer diagnosis. Our programs include:

- ✦ Group and individual education and support
- ✦ Exercise classes
- ✦ Yoga classes
- ✦ Creative art programs
- ✦ Book club
- ✦ Weekly Reiki sessions
- ✦ Patient wellness fairs
- ✦ "Look Good, Feel Better" program (in partnership with the American Cancer Society)
- ✦ Specialized patient lending library
- ✦ On-site women's wig boutique
- ✦ "Hand in Hand" companion program
- ✦ Annual National Cancer Survivors Day celebration
- ✦ Patient education seminars
- ✦ Transportation program

Annual Community Cancer Screenings

- ✦ Prostate
- ✦ Skin

Medical Oncology/Hematology

Services provided in our Wilson W. Curtis Medical Oncology Wing* for patients with cancer and/or hematologic (blood) disorders include consultation, chemotherapy, and biological and/or targeted therapies, as well as related supportive care such as transfusion of blood products and administration of hematologic growth factors. Specialized care is delivered by our staff, which includes physicians who are board-certified in hematology and medical oncology, and registered nurses who are certified in the clinical specialty of oncology nursing.

**named in memory of Mr. Curtis, a longtime supporter of Saint Anne's Hospital, through a generous donation by the Donaldson Charitable Trust*

Interpreter Services

Interpreter services are available to all patients and family members whose primary language is not English. *This service is available at no cost.* For more information, please call Saint Anne's Hospital Interpreter Services at 508-674-5600, extension 2440.

Oncology Clinical Social Work Services

Master's-level clinical social workers assist patients with the personal challenges they often face as they strive to cope with a cancer diagnosis. They are available for consultation to all patients and their families for emotional support, financial and insurance counseling, and information regarding community resources. They also facilitate cancer support and education groups to help patients talk about their thoughts and experiences in a mutually supportive setting. Social work services are free of charge, and communication is treated with the highest level of confidentiality.

Nutritional Services

The Hudner Oncology Center provides its patients with optimal nutritional support through the service's registered dietitians. As part of the oncology team, the dietitians educate patients, help them to maintain their weight and ease any side effects that may occur during treatment. Through our standards of care, patients are reassessed at regular intervals, even after treatments are completed.

Lymphedema Care and Treatment

As part of our commitment to comprehensive health care, the Hudner Oncology Center and Rehabilitation Services of Saint Anne's Hospital have incorporated a specialized program for patients with a diagnosis of lymphedema, a swelling that may result from surgery or cancer treatment. A certified lymphedema therapist provides both prevention and comprehensive treatment services, including manual lymph drainage and complete decongestive therapy.

Ostomy/Skin Care Services

A certified wound, ostomy and continence care nurse is available to assist and support patients with conditions of the skin, bowel and bladder.

Spiritual Care

The goal of Spiritual Care at the Hudner Oncology Center is to provide patients and families of all faith traditions with support for body, mind and spirit during the treatment process. Professionally trained and certified chaplains are part of the interdisciplinary team and can provide pastoral guidance, short-term pastoral counseling, and appropriate support in the faith tradition of the patient. Spiritual Care at Hudner assists patients in finding their own balance with the physical, emotional and spiritual issues that illness may present. Spiritual Care addresses the daily challenges of living during the treatment process and healthy survivorship. Chaplains visit regularly throughout the clinic, and visits are also made by request.

The Robert F. Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care*

Since 2001, the Robert F. Stoico FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care at Saint Anne's Hospital has provided coordinated, multidisciplinary breast health services in a specially designed, dedicated setting. Offered in conjunction with the hospital's Hudner Oncology Center, the Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care team offers a full range of clinical services. These include:

- * digital mammography
- * ultrasound
- * stereotactic breast biopsy
- * nurse navigator
- * clinical social work
- * nutrition counseling
- * patient education and coordination of follow-up services

The Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care is the area's most comprehensive resource for breast health services. The Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care is located on the hospital's ground floor on South Main Street, accessible via the hospital's main entrance.

To schedule an appointment or receive more information or a free brochure, please call 508-235-5353.



Our breast center's surgeons, radiologists, mammography technologists and registered nurses work together with patients to ensure maximum breast health.

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Teaming with the American Cancer Society

In addition to the many clinical and support services provided by the Hudner Oncology Center, we are pleased to partner with the American Cancer Society and their “Cancer Resource Network” of helpful programs and services.

Together, we can give you access to services you may find helpful in your cancer journey, including customized information about your diagnosis and treatment ... specialized programs and help in coping with the day-to-day effects of treatment, such as nutrition, fatigue and caregiver issues ... and a “Personal Health Manager” kit with information to help enhance your quality of life during and after treatment.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Resource Network of programs and services, please ask your nurse or social worker, or call the American Cancer Society, toll-free, 1-800-227-2345.

Getting to Know Us

Since 1976, our vision is to provide exceptional cancer care to patients in our community by offering clinical expertise, state-of-the-art technology, and a superior patient experience.

Clinical affiliations with academic and research facilities offer patients many benefits. These include:

- * coordination of care between Saint Anne’s experienced oncologists and those at some of the world’s most highly regarded institutions
- * participation in national clinical trials that explore the best prevention and treatment options
- * the expertise of joint tumor boards (multidisciplinary teams of physicians that review patients’ cases and make recommendations for treatment and care).

The Hudner Oncology Cancer Center draws on the strength of its affiliation with world-renowned cancer institutes in Boston and participation in national research studies through the National Cancer Institute and Dana-Farber/Partners



Learn more about our oncology team by visiting www.CaritasChristi.org

Cancer Care. All sponsor clinical trials so that patients benefit from the outstanding medical expertise and services of these institutions.

Our Oncology Team

If you would like to make an appointment with or learn more about a member of our oncology team, please call Caritas DoctorFinder, 800-488-5959, extension 525.

Cancer Care Committee

A Multidisciplinary Cancer Committee oversees the continuum of care provided to our patients from prevention and early detection through diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and pain management. The Committee consists of physician members from diagnostic and therapeutic specialties, as well as health professionals involved in patient care.



Accreditation

The Hudner Oncology Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Center.

How you can continue to make our work possible

The many thousands of cancer patients who have received care at the Hudner Oncology Center have had access to some of medicine's most advanced treatments and technologies. The availability of this advanced care is in good part the result of the generosity of donors who, since 1976, have been inspired to support our area's first and most comprehensive cancer care program.

Our benefactors, whose support has come in many forms, have made remarkable differences in the lives of our patients. *Increasingly sophisticated radiation treatment technologies* that rival those in academic medical settings; *new facilities* to accommodate the growing numbers of patients; and *special services*, such as our patient transportation program, designed to meet our patients' particular needs: these are just some of the ways that faithful supporters have distinguished the Hudner Oncology Center for its quality, comprehensiveness and commitment to the whole patient.

There are many ways to support the Hudner Oncology Center. Won't you please consider:

- * participation in our annual "Get Moving" community walk as a walker, donor, volunteer or sponsor
- * a gift to our capital campaign to help underwrite new technology
- * other financial gifts, including cash, bequests, real estate, securities, or annuities, that can be used to support what's needed most

Saint Anne's Hospital welcomes support from individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations. To learn more about how you can support the Hudner Oncology Center, please contact the Office of Development, 508-235-5055.

Patient Services

Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunches are provided to medical oncology patients spending the day at the clinic. Lunch is delivered to patients who place their order in the morning with their nurse.

Refreshments

Refreshments and light snacks are available free of charge to patients in Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology.

Patient Lending Library

The lending library has a wide variety of helpful books and audio and video resources for patient and family use.

Patient Computer

The computer area is another resource for both patient and family use. There is a binder available listing many easily accessible cancer-related Web sites.

Locations

The Hudner Oncology Center is located on the campus of Saint Anne's Hospital at the corner of Osborn and Forest Streets. Radiation Oncology services are also available in Dartmouth, MA, and a consultation office in Newport, RI.

Wireless Internet

Free Wireless Internet service is available for all patients throughout our campus, including the Hudner Oncology Center. Simply bring your Internet-ready device with you and you'll be ready to connect.

Transportation Service

The Hudner Oncology Center provides a limited, free chair-car transport service for cancer patients who do not have access to transportation and/or are wheelchair-bound and meet other eligibility requirements. Patients may ask their oncology nurse or social worker for complete information.

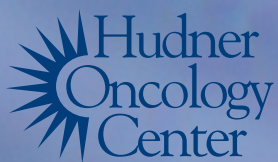
Parking

Patient parking is available at the Hudner Oncology Center patient parking lot located on Osborn Street. Free valet parking and transport to Hudner is also available at the hospital's main entrance in South Main Street.



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