



# University of New Mexico Cancer Center

THE OFFICIAL CANCER CENTER OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
NEW MEXICO'S ONLY NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE DESIGNATED CENTER

# Patient Guide



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# Welcome!

We are honored that you have chosen to receive your cancer care here at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center. Our world-class physicians, nurses, pharmacists, patient navigators and supportive care specialists work closely with our outstanding research scientists to bring you the most advanced cancer diagnosis and treatment available, so you can get the care you deserve right here at home.

As the Official Cancer Center of the State of New Mexico, and the only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-Designated Cancer Center in our state, we offer an unmatched depth and breadth of cancer care. We are home to New Mexico's largest and most experienced team of cancer specialists, including 85 board-certified oncology physicians and 127 research scientists recruited from prestigious institutions across the world. All of our faculty and staff members are dedicated to providing you with the finest treatment and support from the moment you begin your care.



Because the UNM Cancer Center has been designated by the NCI, we have access to nationwide clinical trials, which offer our patients the most cutting-edge cancer treatments. These new therapies are being developed both here and at other NCI centers. You should discuss your eligibility for clinical trials with your team of physicians.

We realize that cancer affects every aspect of life, and that cancer patients and their loved ones have very specific needs. That's why we have developed a wide range of programs to address not only your cancer treatment, but also support your total well-being. Our Patient and Family Support Services include counseling, nutrition guidance, patient education, social work and an array of support groups, with new programs being added regularly. As you begin your care at the UNM Cancer Center, we encourage you to attend our New Patient Orientation, designed to familiarize you with our facilities, resources, services and staff to help ensure you and your family feel as comfortable as possible at the Cancer Center.

Throughout your care, our Patient Navigators are available to answer your questions and help connect you with our programs and resources. For more information, or to schedule an appointment with a Patient Navigator, call 505-272-4946.

Thank you for choosing the UNM Cancer Center for your care. If you have any questions, please contact us at 505-272-4946 or call our statewide toll-free number, 1-800-432-6806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl".

Cheryl L. Willman, MD  
Director & CEO  
University of New Mexico Cancer Center

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## Welcome to the UNM Cancer Center

As the Official Cancer Center of New Mexico, we are dedicated to providing outstanding cancer care to all New Mexicans right here in our home state. Last year, we treated over 65 percent of New Mexican adults with cancer and virtually all of the state's children diagnosed with the disease. We cared for 15,888 patients in nearly 140,000 ambulatory clinic visits. The UNM Cancer Center is honored to play a major role in delivering compassionate, cutting-edge cancer treatment to the people of New Mexico. We know first-hand how difficult a cancer diagnosis can be, and we are deeply committed to providing you with the best possible care.

In the pages that follow, you will find information related to your cancer treatment, the UNM Cancer Center team, our support services and cancer-focused community resources. This

Patient Guide, which is revised and updated every year, is designed to introduce you to the UNM Cancer Center. We encourage you to attend our New Patient Orientation at the beginning of your care to learn even more about the services and supports available to you. Please feel free to talk with any member of your treatment and support team if you have questions or concerns. The entire staff of the UNM Cancer Center is here to help and serve you.

### NCI Designation

The UNM Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center in New Mexico. We are one of just 66 premier cancer centers in the nation designated by the NCI, the leading federal agency for cancer research and training.

NCI-designated cancer centers are recognized for their scientific excellence, contributions to cancer research and delivery of medical advances to patients and their families. Centers like the UNM Cancer Center integrate world-class cancer research and cutting-edge care to help and heal today's patients—and reduce the burden of cancer on future patients through new discoveries, treatments and cures.

NCI designation is a highly competitive process involving extensive annual reviews by top cancer experts and a site visit every five years. In 2005, the UNM Cancer Center achieved NCI designation, a major milestone for the Center and for cancer care in New Mexico. In 2010, the NCI re-designated the UNM Cancer Center, affirming our national leadership in cancer care and research. As a result of this process, we can proudly say that we provide the most comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care available in New Mexico.



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## Leading Cancer Experts

The UNM Cancer Center is home to New Mexico's largest and most experienced team of cancer experts. Our associated physicians include 85 board-certified oncologists representing every cancer specialty and hailing from some of the nation's best cancer centers, including M.D. Anderson, Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic. Our research team brings together 127 cancer scientists recruited from leading institutions worldwide. Supported by almost \$60 million in annual funding, our researchers are making discoveries on the laboratory "bench" that we are working to bring to our patients' "bedside" to better prevent, diagnose, treat and cure cancer.

### New Home

In 2009, the UNM Cancer Center opened its \$100 million, 206,432 square-foot, state-of-the-art cancer research and treatment facility in Albuquerque. This beautiful new home offers patients the latest cancer treatments and technologies in a serene, welcoming environment. Designed around the idea of treating the whole patient, the building features healing gardens, art alcoves and a meditation chapel. There is ample space to accommodate our array of patient and family support services, which complement and enhance cancer treatment. Sunlight, natural materials and healing colors create a warm environment; our chemotherapy infusion suite on the top floor offers a stunning view of the Sandia Mountains. All of these features reflect our belief that healing is a journey involving all aspects of a person's being.



*The UNM Cancer Center offers world-class cancer treatment and a full range of support services in a beautiful and hopeful healing environment.*

### A History of Service

The UNM Cancer Center has a long history of service to the people of New Mexico and the citizens of our nation affected by cancer. Founded in 1971 by the New Mexico legislature as a research and public service project, the UNM Cancer Center has grown into one of the nation's leading cancer centers. In 2003, we were recognized as the Official Cancer Center of the State of New Mexico by the state legislature. It is an honor—and a responsibility—that we take very seriously. We lead the way in cancer care and research in the state, and are making significant discoveries related to childhood leukemias, breast cancer and new diagnostic and treatment approaches that are contributing to cancer breakthroughs worldwide.



As New Mexico's only NCI-designated cancer center, we serve a vast geographic region comparable in size to the area served by 20 NCI-designated centers on the East Coast. Our mission is to provide outstanding cancer diagnosis and treatment to the people of New Mexico; to conduct world-class research to discover the causes of and cures for cancer; to train the next generation of cancer healthcare professionals; and to partner with communities in our region to improve access to cancer care and ensure that all New Mexicans benefit from advances in cancer research. Our scientific discoveries and statewide research partnerships fuel New Mexico's economic development and biotechnology growth. Today, we face the future with optimism and hope in the fight against cancer in our uniquely diverse, vast and beautiful state.

## Community Partnerships

The UNM Cancer Center is proud to serve a region rich in multicultural and multiethnic diversity. We are committed to bringing world-class cancer care to every community in our region and ensuring that all New Mexicans benefit from the fruits of cancer research. The UNM Cancer Center is one of just three NCI-designated centers nationwide that treats patients regardless of their ability to pay. Last year alone, we provided \$5 million in uncompensated cancer care.

Reflecting the state's multiethnic makeup, more than half of our patients are Hispanic or Native American. Ethnic groups across the Southwest have unique cancer patterns, which the UNM Cancer Center has taken the lead nationwide in helping to understand and address. Discoveries related to links between cancer and ethnic ancestry are helping us pioneer more effective, customized approaches to diagnosing and treating cancer. Unfortunately, New Mexico has some of the nation's worst cancer health disparities. Hispanic, Native American and other minority and rural populations are experiencing rising rates of cancer incidence, later stage of cancer diagnosis and higher mortality rates.

The UNM Cancer Center is working hard with diverse communities throughout New Mexico to understand, address and reduce these devastating cancer health disparities. We are collaborating with Tribal and rural partners to deliver culturally appropriate cancer education, screening, prevention and treatment programs. For example, our Cancer 101 educational program is reaching into every corner in the state, providing culturally relevant information and resources to all 19 of New Mexico's pueblos, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Navajo Nation, as well as Hispanic and Spanish-speaking communities.

## Statewide Network

The UNM Cancer Center provides care to patients from every county in New Mexico; in fact, 43 percent of our patients live outside of Bernalillo county. To improve health care access for all New Mexicans, we have built an expanding statewide cancer care network with collaborative clinical programs across our region—in Las Cruces with Memorial Medical Center, in Farmington with San Juan Regional Cancer Center, in Santa Fe, in Roswell and in some of the most remote regions of our state.

## Clinical Trials: Cutting-Edge Cancer Care

As a UNM Cancer Center patient, you have access to some of the most promising new treatments in the nation through cancer clinical trials sponsored by the NCI and other leading cancer institutions. Cancer clinical trials are studies that test and evaluate new treatments; such trials are among the last steps of a long, rigorous process through which new methods of diagnosing, treating and preventing cancer are approved for use by the general public. At any given time, the UNM Cancer Center has about 300 open clinical trials. Eligible patients may choose to join clinical trials to access experimental cancer treatments that could prove more effective than existing options. Clinical trial participants may also be motivated by the knowledge that even as they are receiving cutting-edge cancer care, they are helping scientists and clinicians develop new ways to treat and cure cancer.

Patients in clinical trials are monitored closely by our experienced and dedicated research team. Still, there are risks to consider. If everything about new cancer treatments was fully understood, there would be no need for clinical trials. Therefore, it is important to understand that new drugs or procedures used in a clinical trial are not always better than existing treatments, and may have side effects that doctors do not expect or that are worse than those resulting from standard care. In addition, participants in clinical trials will not always be able to choose the approach they receive and may be required to make more visits to the doctor than they would if they were

not in a clinical trial. The decision to participate in a clinical trial is one that should be considered carefully with your physician, family and loved ones.

About 20 percent of our patients opt to receive treatment through cancer clinical trials. Regardless of whether or not you take part in a clinical trial, you will always receive the highest level of care possible. All clinical trials are voluntary. You always have the right to choose whether or not you will participate, and you have the right to leave a clinical trial at any time, for any reason. To find out more about clinical trials, please call our Clinical Trials Office at 505-272-5490. You may also call our statewide clinical trials network, the New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance, at 505-272-7813 or visit them online at [www.nmcca.org](http://www.nmcca.org).



**Clinical Trials Team** (back row, left to right): Terri Stewart, MHA, Director, Clinical Trials, Executive Director, NMCCA; Laurel Humphrey, QA Coordinator; Loren Menefee, Data Analyst; Kelly Voltero, Data Coordinator; Julie Steele, Human Protection Specialist; Kathy Anderson, Clinical Trials Assistant, NMCCA; Olivia Reynolds, RN; Ginger Roark, RN; Mary Pruess, RN; Chantel Garrett, Data Coordinator; Ann Parsons, RN; Andrea Yost, Research Coordinator, NMCCA; Michelle Allred, Data Coordinator; Barbara Kraft, RN (second row, left to right): Valerie Parks, RN, Nurse Manager; Rebecca Myers-Brito, Regulatory Coordinator; Nicole Tull, Data Coordinator; Audrey Sniegowski, RN; Susan Lopez, Research Coordinator; Alicia Mitchell, Data Coordinator; Victoria Vargas, Clinical Research Supervisor; Rowena Baca, Administrative Assistant; Mary Allen, Data Coordinator; Verlena Little, Research Technician; Leanne Gideon, Regulatory Coordinator (front row, left to right): Michael Aragon, Data Analyst; Melody Childs, RN; Priscilla Garcia, Data Coordinator; Jennifer Castro, Program Manager; Martha Howell, Regulatory Coordinator, NMCCA; Linda Losee, Administrative Assistant; Ruby Allen, Research Coordinator, NMCCA; Nicole Stephens, PhD, Regulatory Manager. Not pictured: Michael Grey, Research Coordinator; Nila Judd, Regulatory Coordinator; Linda Kondziolka, Business Manager, NMCCA; Kathleen Loughney, Data Manager; Terry Novak, RN; John Pierce, RN; Debbie Putt, Communications & Outreach, NMCCA; Tammy Seaman, Regulatory Coordinator, NMCCA; Kim Steinberg, RN; Isaac Trujillo, Student Worker; Elsie Wilson, Research Technician.

## World-Class Research

Clinical trials are just one component of the world-class research being pioneered at the UNM Cancer Center. Our 127 researchers and physician scientists collaborate with New Mexico's national laboratories and universities around the region, nation and world to break new ground in understanding and combating cancer. These discoveries directly benefit New Mexicans, in the form of important new methods of cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention. Research at the UNM Cancer Center is organized into four programs supported by nearly \$60 million in annual funding from federal and private agencies:

### Cancer Biology and Biotechnology

In partnership with Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories and other institutions, the Cancer Biology and Biotechnology group is creating new cancer drugs and therapies, as well as making important discoveries concerning the causes and underlying mechanisms of cancer. The group's scientists have also developed new screening tools and technologies, accelerating the search for more effective and precise ways to target cancer cells and deliver anti-cancer drugs.

### Cancer Population Sciences

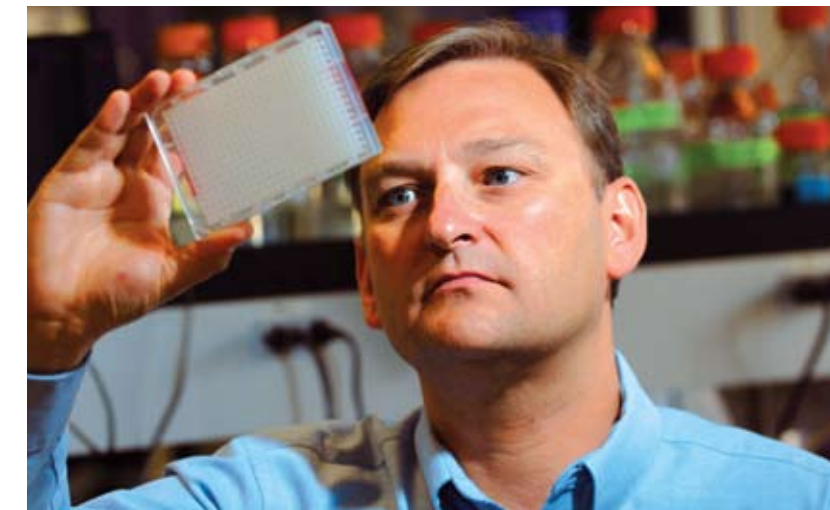
Focused on understanding the unique cancer patterns found in our state's multiethnic populations, this program is working to prevent cancer by identifying risk factors and developing educational outreach and screening programs. This group's research on New Mexico's most common cancers is yielding discoveries that will translate into more effective therapies and prevention strategies for all New Mexicans.

### Hematologic Malignancies

This program is dedicated to the study and treatment of blood cancers, including leukemias and lymphomas in both adults and children. Members have discovered key genetic markers that will lead to better treatment for the 30 percent of leukemia patients who do not respond to current treatments. The group has also developed a hematopoietic stem cell transplant program so New Mexicans with hematologic cancers have access to the most advanced care.

### Women's Cancers

This team is developing clinical trials designed to stop the progression of women's cancers (breast, ovarian, endometrial and cervical cancer) by interrupting the "cross-talk" between hormones and cells. Resulting in good outcomes for many patients, this science is being translated to the development of new cancer treatments. The group is also investigating women's cancer disparities in New Mexico's multiethnic populations, including breast cancer mortality rates among Hispanic women.



Eric Prossnitz, PhD, co-leader of the Women's Cancers Research Program, has made groundbreaking discoveries in breast cancer research with his team.

## Your Team

The UNM Cancer Center is an academic facility, so your team of physicians is not only involved with diagnosis and treatment, but is also actively engaged in research. By staying abreast of the most cutting-edge advances, our physicians are able to bring you the very latest in cancer therapy. Because we are a teaching facility, your care team will likely include physicians at various levels of training, all closely supervised by an attending physician. Your care team will also include nurses and mid-level providers.

**Attending Physicians** have successfully completed all facets of their medical training. Our physicians are internationally recognized for their achievements and have earned impressive awards and honors. Many have been recruited from prestigious institutions around the country, including M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins University and Harvard University.

**Fellows** have completed their residencies and are pursuing additional, highly specialized training in a very specific area of oncology. A fellowship is the most advanced training a physician can receive. All of our attending physicians have completed fellowships in their area of expertise.

**Resident Physicians** have completed their intern year and are focused on their field of interest under the close supervision of a fellow or attending physician. The majority of our residents are specializing in Internal Medicine with an emphasis on hematology or oncology.

**Interns** have earned a Medical Degree (MD) and are in their first year of residency. Interns are closely supervised by residents, fellows and attending physicians.

**Medical Students** are people who have graduated from college and are in medical school. Most medical students that you will come into contact with have completed their first two years of schooling. They are closely supervised by residents, fellows and attending physicians.

**Physician Assistants (PAs)** have completed intensive medical training and are licensed to practice medicine with the supervision of a physician. PAs can conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, assist in surgery and write prescriptions.

**Nurse Practitioners (NPs)** have training beyond that of a Registered Nurse. Many NPs have completed specific advanced graduate-level work and provide high-level, quality healthcare in cooperation with physicians.

**Registered Nurses (RNs)** treat patients, provide education about various conditions and give advice and emotional support to patients and family members. RNs take medical histories, record symptoms, help perform diagnostic tests and administer treatment and medications.

**Radiation Physicists, Dosimetrists and Therapists** work as a team alongside Radiation Oncologists to design and deliver customized treatment plans using radiation therapy. Physicists calibrate the equipment used in treatment, Dosimetrists calculate the optimal dosage for each patient and Radiation Therapists administer treatments and monitor patient progress.

## Your Treatment

Treatment for each individual will vary; you and your team of physicians will determine the best course of therapy for you. Below, you will find basic descriptions of the different treatment options. Ask your physician for more detailed information.

### **Chemotherapy** ..... 505-272-4946

Chemotherapy is a set of medications used to treat certain types of cancer. Chemotherapy is used to cure cancer, slow its growth, keep it from spreading or relieve some of the symptoms it causes. Treatment is provided in our clinic on an outpatient basis during regular business hours. Our oncology nurses in the UNMH Infusion Center at the UNM Cancer Center are experts in cancer care and specialize in chemotherapy administration. The oncology nursing team provides support and education to patients and their families about chemotherapy, safety and side effects.

### **Clinical Trials** ..... 505-272-5490

Our Clinical Trials Office offers interested patients who qualify the option of participating in a clinical trial. Clinical trials are research studies designed to test new cancer treatments and to find new and better ways to diagnose and prevent cancer. To learn more about clinical trials, including potential benefits and risks, or to find out if a clinical trial is right for you, contact our Clinical Trials Office at 505-272-5490 or by email at [clinicaltrialinfo@salud.unm.edu](mailto:clinicaltrialinfo@salud.unm.edu). You can also call our statewide clinical trials network, the New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance, at 505-272-7813 or visit [www.nmcca.org](http://www.nmcca.org).

### **Radiation Therapy** ..... 505-925-0107

Radiation Therapy uses beams of high energy radiation to kill cancer cells. We have four radiation vaults with the most advanced equipment available. We also have the state's first TomoTherapy Radiation Treatment System, which minimizes damage to healthy tissue by pinpointing tumors with precise radiation beams, which means patients can sometimes receive fewer treatments. Like TomoTherapy, our Elekta linear accelerators use computerized tomography to visualize the area before treatment, allowing physicians to target tumors while sparing healthy tissue. Using this system, radiation oncologists and neurosurgeons can treat inoperable brain tumors with Stereotactic Radio Surgery. Our Siemens large bore CT scanner with 4D capability monitors motion during the scan. Additionally, we offer Brachytherapy radiation implants to treat many cancers without having to irradiate healthy tissue. You and your doctor will discuss whether radiation therapy will be part of your care.

### **Surgical Specialties** ..... 505-272-4946

Our team of highly skilled surgeons is made up of some of the most outstanding specialists in the world, with surgical specialties in breast and women's cancers, cancers of the digestive tract, bone, lung, esophagus, prostate, kidney, bladder, chest, head and neck. We also specialize in minor procedures and we are pioneering techniques in minimally invasive surgeries using the state's first Da Vinci Surgical Robot, which results in faster recovery times and less pain.

## Common Questions

As a new patient, you're sure to have many questions about your care and what to do if certain situations arise. Here are some of the questions our patients ask most frequently. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask your Patient Navigator or any other member of your care team.

### **I'd like to bring a friend or family member with me to my appointment. Is that OK?**

Yes. We strongly encourage you to bring a friend or family member (14 years of age or older) to be with you throughout your appointment. This person can take notes to help you remember what your doctor told you, assist you with transportation and be there to support you.

### **My care team includes a medical student, resident or fellow. What does that mean?**

As an academic teaching facility, the UNM Cancer Center is able to stay abreast of the most recent developments in cancer care, and is actively involved in training the next generation of physicians. Every physician-in-training is part of a comprehensive cancer care team that provides the most advanced care available. Each is closely supervised by an attending physician, who has completed the highest level of training and directs your care. For a complete description of each level of experience, please see page 8.

### **My physician is out of the office. Who will I see at my appointment?**

UNM Cancer Center physicians are committed to providing the finest healthcare available. If your physician is not available when you are scheduled for an appointment, you will be seen by another highly trained member of our team. This could be another physician, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant. Our multidisciplinary team is in constant contact, and you can be assured that your physician will oversee every aspect of your care.

### **I need a refill for my prescription. How can I get one?**

The most efficient way to obtain a refill is for you to contact your pharmacy directly. If you need UNM Cancer Center assistance, please call our main number, 505-272-4946, and a triage nurse will work with your pharmacist to get your prescription refilled. If you come to the UNM Cancer Center in person, our team will be able to assist you. Please note that we require 48 hours to complete the transaction.

### **My insurance or my personal information has changed. What should I do?**

If your insurance or any of your personal information (such as your name, address and phone number) changes, please call the main number, 505-272-4946, or contact the front desk.

### **I do not feel well or am having a bad reaction to medication and the clinic is closed. What should I do?**

The UNM Cancer Center is closed on weekends and holidays.

*If it is a medical emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest emergency room immediately.*

If it is *not* a medical emergency, call the UNM Cancer Center at 505-272-4946 or 800-432-6806. From there, you will be connected to our answering service.

If for any reason you cannot connect to our main number, you can call our answering service directly at 505-857-3758.

### **They will ask you the following questions:**

- *If you are calling for the patient, what is the patient's name?*
- *What is your name?*
- *Where are you being seen? (UNM Cancer Center or Lovelace)*
- *What is your telephone number?*
- *What is the patient's date of birth?*
- *Who is the patient's doctor?*
- *Why are you calling?*

After obtaining this information, the answering service will contact Nurse Advice New Mexico. A nurse will call you back and ask you some more questions.

### **After talking with you, the nurse will take one of the following actions:**

- *Give you some suggestions for you to care for yourself*
- *Tell you to get medical care right away*
- *Transfer your call to the answering service. The answering service will ask you to hold while they contact a doctor for you.*

### **I have a bad reaction at home and the clinic is open. What should I do?**

Call the main number, 505-272-4946 or 800-432-6806. Our telephone triage nurse can help you manage your symptoms and will contact your physician.

### **My physician has referred me for an imaging study. What should I do?**

Imaging studies (also called radiology procedures or exams) include X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound, mammography, nuclear medicine, PET/CT and interventional radiology. If your physician tells you that he or she is ordering such a procedure, you will receive a call from the Radiology Department at UNM Hospitals to schedule the procedure. If you do not receive that call within two working days after your appointment with your doctor, please call 505-925-0158.

**My physician ordered a test not offered at the UNM Cancer Center. What should I do?**

The scheduling team at the UNM Cancer Center works closely with our physicians and will schedule the tests for you. They will notify you of the time and place of your test.

**I have a compliment or a complaint. What should I do?**

The UNM Cancer Center takes patient and family feedback very seriously and we welcome your input. Please contact the front desk to pick up a compliment or complaint form, which is also available online. If you wish to speak with someone, please call 505-272-4946 and ask to speak with the Director of Quality.

**What are clinical trials? How can I enroll in one?**

Clinical trials are research studies designed to determine the effectiveness and safety of new medications and treatments. These studies are crucial to advancing knowledge about how cancer works and how to prevent it, and can provide patients with the most advanced treatment options. As a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center, we have access to nationwide clinical trials, and at any given time have about 300 open studies.

There are many things to consider before enrolling in a clinical trial. You and your doctor should discuss whether a clinical trial is right for you. All clinical trials are voluntary, and you will always have the right to choose whether or not you will take part in a clinical trial. Once enrolled, you have the right to leave at any time for any reason. About 20 percent of UNM Cancer Center patients choose to participate in clinical trials.

To learn more about clinical trials, including potential benefits and risks, or to find out if a clinical trial is right for you, contact our Clinical Trials Office at 505-272-5490, or by email at [clinicaltrialinfo@salud.unm.edu](mailto:clinicaltrialinfo@salud.unm.edu). You can also call our statewide clinical trials network, the New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance, at 505-272-7813, or visit them on the web at [www.nmcca.org](http://www.nmcca.org). For more information about clinical trials, please turn to page 6.

**I would like to help. Can I make a donation to the UNM Cancer Center?**

There are many ways to make a gift to the UNM Cancer Center. Gifts can be in the form of cash or securities (stocks, bonds). Donors may also plan for a future gift by naming the UNM Cancer Center in a will, establishing a trust or designating us as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or retirement account. All gifts are tax deductible and, unlike many cancer charities, 100 percent of your gift goes to support the program you choose. Call the UNM Cancer Center Development Office at 505-272-4443 to find out more.

## Clinical Services

*During your treatment, you may need to use clinical services that are directly related to your cancer care. If you need assistance, your Patient Navigator will be happy to connect you with these groups.*

**Hereditary Cancer Assessment Program ..... 505-925-0156**

The UNM Cancer Center's Hereditary Cancer Assessment Program provides genetic counseling and testing relevant to cancer. It is available for people who want to determine if they have a higher risk for developing cancer based on their family history. Generally, people with an increased risk of hereditary cancer are those who 1) have family members with multiple cases of cancer, 2) have multiple family members with related or the same types of cancers and/or 3) were diagnosed with certain cancers before age 45. Ask your doctor if you would benefit from genetic counseling and testing.

**Laboratory ..... 505-272-4946**

The UNM Cancer Center has its own laboratory, and most lab tests are performed on site. If you choose to have your blood drawn at a different laboratory, or if your doctor or insurance provider tells you that you must do so: 1) ask your doctor for a prescription and instructions for getting your blood tested at a lab that is not part of the UNM System, 2) ask the lab for a copy of your blood results and bring them with you to your next appointment and 3) ask the lab to fax your blood results to your doctor at the UNM Cancer Center at 505-925-0100. Please have your lab tests completed one or two days before your appointment. You will receive a separate bill from UNM Hospitals for laboratory services.

**Pharmacy ..... 505-925-0123**

The UNM Cancer Center has an onsite pharmacy. When your treatment requires administration of medications at the UNM Cancer Center, the pharmacy prepares and provides those medications with your safety as our top priority. Our pharmacists are a vital part of your healthcare team. They are able to answer questions about your medications and explain the purpose and potential side effects of each prescription. They can also review all medications you are taking to check for potentially harmful drug interactions.

**Imaging/UNM Hospitals ..... 505-925-0158**

The UNM Hospitals/Department of Radiology provides diagnostic and interventional imaging services for the UNM Cancer Center. Radiology involves a team of highly dedicated physicians, nurses, technologists and staff specializing in imaging for screening, diagnosis, intervention and surveillance. Your doctor will order imaging or image-guided procedures, when indicated, and will review the results with you, usually after consultation with the radiologist who interprets your examination. If your physician orders an imaging service, you will receive a call from the UNM Hospitals/Department of Radiology to schedule the procedure. If you do not receive that call within two working days after your appointment with your doctor, please call 505-925-0158.

## Our Cancer Center Clinical Leadership Team



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## Our World-class Physicians

The UNM Cancer Center is home to New Mexico's largest and most experienced team of cancer experts. Our 85 board-certified oncology physicians represent every cancer specialty and are recruited from some of the world's leading cancer institutions. Last year, our physicians treated more than 65 percent of New Mexican adults newly diagnosed with cancer, and virtually all of the state's children. We served more than 15,800 patients from every county in New Mexico (43 percent from counties other than Bernalillo) in nearly 140,000 ambulatory clinic visits. In addition to providing comprehensive, compassionate cancer treatment, our physicians collaborate with the UNM Cancer Center's internationally recognized team of researchers to translate cutting-edge discoveries into the most advanced cancer care available in New Mexico.

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 Kanwaldeep Kaur Rasila, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Monte Shaheen, MD ..... Indiana University School of Medicine  
 Robert Weiler, MD ..... University of Chicago

### Medical Oncologists

William Adler, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Julie Bauman, MD, MPH ..... Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
 Zoneddy Dayao, MD ..... University of Miami - Jackson Memorial Hospital  
 M. Houman Fekrazad, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Robert Francis, MD ..... USC - Keck School of Medicine  
 Richard Lauer, MD ..... Indiana University Cancer Center  
 Fa-Chyi Lee, MD ..... University of California, Los Angeles  
 Aroop Mangalik, MD ..... University of Chicago  
 Elizabeth McGuire, MD ..... University of Pittsburgh  
 Yehuda Patt, MD ..... M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
 Ian Rabinowitz, MD ..... Washington University  
 Kanwaldeep Kaur Rasila, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Melanie Royce, MD, PhD ..... M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
 John Saiki, MD ..... McGill University  
 Monte Shaheen, MD ..... Indiana University School of Medicine  
 Amy Tarnower, MD ..... Michigan State University  
 Robert Weiler, MD ..... University of Chicago

### Pediatric Oncologists

Koh Boayue, MD ..... Emory University  
 Linda Butros, MD ..... Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Richard Heideman, MD ..... University of Minnesota  
 Prasad Mathew, MD, PhD ..... St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
 James McKinnell, MD ..... St. Vincent's Hospital & Medical Center/New York  
 Stuart Winter, MD ..... Duke University

### Radiation Oncologists

Benny Liem, MD ..... University of Oregon  
 Sagus Sampath, MD ..... University of Utah  
 Thomas Schroeder, MD ..... Baylor College of Medicine  
 William Thompson, MD ..... University of New Mexico

### Surgical Oncologists

Michael Davis, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Charles Dietl, MD ..... University of Buenos Aires  
 Glenroy Heywood, MD ..... Mayo Clinic  
 Katherine Morris, MD ..... Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Itzhak Nir, MD ..... Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Garth Olson, MD ..... Vanderbilt University  
 Robert Quinn, MD ..... Harvard University  
 Ashwani Rajput, MD ..... Case Western Reserve University  
 John Russell, MD ..... Harvard University  
 Jess Schwartz, MD ..... Harvard University  
 Satyan Shah, MD ..... Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
 Anthony Smith, MD ..... University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
 Michael Spafford, MD ..... Johns Hopkins University

### Gynecologic Oncologists

Carolyn Muller, MD ..... University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
 Teresa Rutledge, MD ..... University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

### Integrative Medicine

Arti Prasad, MD ..... New York University

## Our Multidisciplinary Teams

At the UNM Cancer Center, your care will be handled by highly trained, carefully coordinated multidisciplinary teams. These teams are made up of oncology physicians with specific expertise in your cancer type, as well as mid-level and ancillary providers, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Across the UNM Cancer Center, more than 600 physicians, scientists, nurses, trainees and other medical professionals and staff members work together to offer you world-class cancer care right here at home.

### Breast Cancer

#### PHYSICIANS

Bret Baack, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Zoneddy Dayao, MD ..... University of Miami - Jackson Memorial Hospital  
 Katherine Morris, MD ..... Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Melanie Royce, MD, PhD ..... M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
 John Russell, MD ..... Harvard University  
 Thomas Schroeder, MD ..... Baylor College of Medicine  
 Amy Tarnower, MD ..... Michigan State University

#### MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS

Lori Ballinger, MS, CGC ..... Licensed Genetic Counselor  
 Anita Novak, MSN, ACNP-C, RNFA ..... Nurse Practitioner  
 Fay Pepin, MS, MPAS, PA-C ..... Physician Assistant

### Gastrointestinal Cancers

#### PHYSICIANS

Glenroy Heywood, MD ..... Mayo Clinic  
 M. Houman Fekrazad, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Fa-Chyi Lee, MD ..... University of California, Los Angeles  
 Benny Liem, MD ..... University of Oregon  
 Katherine Morris, MD ..... Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Itzhak Nir, MD ..... Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Yehuda Patt, MD ..... M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
 Ashwani Rajput, MD ..... Case Western Reserve University

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 Kelly Ray, MS, MPAS, PA-C ..... Physician Assistant  
 Mary Roach, CFNP, AOCN ..... Nurse Practitioner

### Gynecologic Cancers

#### PHYSICIANS

Carolyn Muller, MD ..... University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
 Teresa Rutledge, MD ..... University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 William Thompson, MD ..... University of New Mexico

#### MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS

Edwina Garcia, MSPAS, PA-C ..... Physician Assistant  
 Patricia Schoenfeld, MSN, CFNP, AOCN ..... Nurse Practitioner

### Head & Neck Cancers

#### PHYSICIANS

Julie Bauman, MD, MPH ..... Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
 Garth Olson, MD ..... Vanderbilt University  
 Sagus Sampath, MD ..... University of Utah  
 Michael Spafford, MD ..... Johns Hopkins University

#### MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS

Holly Rice, MSN, CNP ..... Nurse Practitioner

### Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma & Stem Cell Transplantation

#### PHYSICIANS

David Garcia, MD ..... Johns Hopkins Hospital  
 Richard Lauer, MD ..... Indiana University Cancer Center  
 Ian Rabinowitz, MD ..... Washington University  
 Kanwaldeep Kaur Rasila, MD ..... University of New Mexico  
 Thomas Schroeder, MD ..... Baylor College of Medicine  
 Robert Weiler, MD ..... University of Chicago  
 Cheryl Willman, MD ..... Mayo Clinic

#### MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS

Emily (Amy) Antle, CFNP, AOCNP ..... Nurse Practitioner  
 Janet Hamilton-De La Garza, RN, MSN, AOCN ..... Clinical Nurse Specialist  
 Imtiaz Malik, MPAS, PA-C ..... Physician Assistant  
 Anita Novak, MSN, ACNP-C, RNFA ..... Nurse Practitioner  
 Mary Roach, CFNP, AOCN ..... Nurse Practitioner  
 Mikal Ann Smoker, MS, MPAS, PA-C ..... Physician Assistant  
 Claire Weinrach, MPAS, PA-C ..... Physician Assistant

**Neurological Cancers**

## PHYSICIANS

Benny Liem, MD	University of Oregon
Marc Malkoff, MD	Johns Hopkins University
Erich Marchand, MD	University of New Mexico
Howard Yonas, MD	University of Pittsburgh

**Prostate/Renal/Bladder Cancers**

## PHYSICIANS

Michael Davis, MD	University of New Mexico
Richard Lauer, MD	Indiana University Cancer Center
Ian Rabinowitz, MD	Washington University
Sagus Sampath, MD	University of Utah
Thomas Schroeder, MD	Baylor College of Medicine
Satyan Shah, MD	Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Anthony Smith, MD	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

## MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS

Mikal Ann Smoker, MS, MPAS, PA-C	Physician Assistant
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**Skin Cancers**

## PHYSICIANS

R. Steven Padilla, MD	University of New Mexico
Phillip Strange, MD	University of South Carolina

**Soft Tissue/Bone Cancers**

## PHYSICIANS

Benny Liem, MD	University of Oregon
Robert Quinn, MD	Harvard University
Monte Shaheen, MD	Indiana University School of Medicine

**Thoracic Cancers (Lung & Esophagus)**

## PHYSICIANS

Julie Bauman, MD, MPH	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Richard Crowell, MD	Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute
Charles Dietl, MD	University of Buenos Aires
Sagus Sampath, MD	University of Utah
Thomas Schroeder, MD	Baylor College of Medicine
Jess Schwartz, MD	Harvard University
Monte Shaheen, MD	Indiana University School of Medicine

## MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS

Holly Rice, MSN, CNP	Nurse Practitioner
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**Our Clinical Trials & Imaging Teams****Clinical Trials**

Melody Childs, RN	Research Nurse
Michael Grey	Research Coordinator
Kim Hoffman, RN	Research Nurse
Barbara Kraft, RN	Research Nurse
Verlena Little	Research Technician
Susan Lopez	Research Coordinator
Terry Novak, RN	Research Nurse
Valerie Parks, RN	Nurse Manager
Ann Parsons, RN	Research Nurse
Mary Pruess, RN	Research Nurse
Olivia Reynolds, RN	Research Nurse
Ginger Roark, RN	Research Nurse
Alicia Small, RN	Research Nurse
Audrey Sniegowski, RN	Research Nurse
Kim Steinberg, RN	Research Nurse
Elsie Wilson	Research Technician

**Oncology Imaging**

Scott Carter, MD	University of Texas/Houston
Adam Delu, MD	University of Texas/Houston
Steven Eberhardt, MD	Wayne State University
Joanna Fair, MD, PhD	Washington University
Deborah Garcia, CFNP, CNRN	Nurse Practitioner
Michael Hartshorne, MD	University of New Mexico
Phillip Heintz, PhD	University of Washington
Loren Ketai, MD	University of Michigan
Carolyn McCarty, DO	Western University
Mary McKee, MD	University of New Mexico
Gary Mlady, MD	St. Louis University
Jennifer Pohl, MD	University of Nevada
Stefan Posse, PhD	University of Berne, Switzerland
Robert Rosenberg, MD	Washington University
William Schaeffer, MD	University of Pennsylvania
Berndt Schmit, MD	Tufts University
Laurel Sillerud, PhD	Yale University
Philip Wiest, MD, FACR	University of Nevada
Kevin Williams, MD	University of New Mexico
Michael Williamson, MD	Southern Illinois University

## Our Physicians



**Bret Baack, MD, FACS Plastic Surgeon**

Professor, Dept. of Surgery  
Chief, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



**Julie Bauman, MD, MPH Medical Oncologist**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology  
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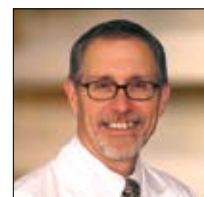
**Linda Butros, MD Pediatric Oncologist**

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Director, Young Enduring Survivors (YES) Clinic at UNM



**Scott Carter, MD Radiologist**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Radiology  
Specialist in Oncologic Imaging



**Richard Crowell, MD Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine**

Professor, Dept. of Internal Medicine  
Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine  
Specialist in Thoracic Cancers



**Michael Davis, MD Urologic Oncologist**

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Surgical Director, Renal Transplant Surgery  
Specialist in Urologic and Renal Cancers



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Specialist in Breast Cancer



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 Director, Anticoagulation Management Service  
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 Specialist in Gastrointestinal Malignancies



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Professor, Dept. of Neurosurgery



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 Medical Director of Oncology, VA Medical Center



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Specialist in Liver and Pancreatic Surgery, Gastrointestinal Tumors  
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Digestive Tract and Retroperitoneal Tumors



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Specialist in Oncologic Imaging



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Founding Executive Director, UNM Center for Life  
Chief, Section of Integrative Medicine, UNM Health Sciences Center



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**Robert Rosenberg, MD Radiologist**

Professor, Dept. of Radiology  
Specialist in Oncologic and Breast Imaging



**Melanie Royce, MD, PhD Medical Oncologist**

Professor, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology  
 Director, Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Program  
 Director, Hereditary Cancer Assessment Program  
 Specialist in Breast Cancer



**John Russell, MD Surgical Oncologist**

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 Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education  
 Specialist in Breast Cancer and Surgical Oncology



**Teresa Rutledge, MD Gynecological Oncologist**

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 Division of Gynecologic Oncology  
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**John Saiki, MD Hematologist/Medical Oncologist**

Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology



**Sagus Sampath, MD Radiation Oncologist**

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 Director of Robotic Surgery  
 Specialist in Minimally Invasive Surgery for Prostate and Kidney Cancers



**Monte Shaheen, MD Medical Oncologist**

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 Specialist in Immunology and Microbiology



**Anthony Smith, MD Urologic Oncologist**

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 Chief, Division of Urology  
 Specialist in Prostate, Renal and Bladder Cancers



**Michael Spafford, MD Head & Neck Cancers, Surgical Oncologist**

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 Chief, Division of Otolaryngology  
 Specialist in Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgery



**Phillip Strange, MD Dermatologist**

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 Specialist in Skin Cancers



**William Thompson, MD Radiation Oncologist**

*Staff Physician, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology*



**Robert Weiler, MD Hematologist/Medical Oncologist**

*Staff Physician, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology*



**Philip Wiest, MD, FACR Radiologist**

*Associate Professor and Chair, Dept. of Radiology  
Specialist in Diagnostic Radiology*



**Kevin Williams, MD Radiologist**

*Associate Professor, Dept. of Radiology  
Specialist in Interventional Oncology and Breast Imaging*



**Michael Williamson, MD Radiologist**

*Professor, Dept. of Radiology  
Specialist in Oncologic Imaging*



**Stuart Winter, MD Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist**

*Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics  
Chief, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology*



**Howard Yonas, MD Neurosurgeon**

*Professor and Chair, Dept. of Neurosurgery  
Specialist in Neurologic Cancers*

## Our Mid-level Providers



**Emily (Amy) Antle, CFNP, AOCNP Nurse Practitioner**

*Specialist in Hematology/Oncology and Internal Medicine*



**Deborah Garcia, CFNP, CNRN Nurse Practitioner**

*Specialist in Interventional Oncology*



**Edwina Garcia, MSPAS, PA-C Physician Assistant**

*Specialist in OB/GYN Oncology*



**Janet Hamilton-De La Garza, RN, MSN, AOCN  
Hematology/Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist**

*Transplant Coordinator  
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation*



**Imtiaz Malik, MPAS, PA-C Physician Assistant**

*Specialist in Hematology/Oncology*



**Anita Novak, MSN, ACNP-C, RNFA Nurse Practitioner**

*Specialist in Gastrointestinal Oncology, Hematology/Oncology  
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**Fay Pepin, MS, MPAS, PA-C Physician Assistant**

*Specialist in Breast Cancer*



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Specialist in Medical Laboratory Hematology, Internal Medicine and Hematology/Oncology



**Clare Weinrach, MPAS, PA-C Physician Assistant**  
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology

## Our Ancillary Providers



**Lori Ballinger, MS, CGC Licensed Genetic Counselor**  
Hereditary Cancer Assessment Program



**Anjanette Cureton, PsyD Psychologist**



**Karen Zahn, MS, RD, CSO, LD Senior Clinical Nutritionist**

## Our Clinic Nurses



**Clinic Nursing Team** (left to right): April Encee, RN, BSN, OCN; Emelie Quick, Nursing Tech; Gloria Martinez, Nursing Tech; Kathleen Schink, Nursing Tech; Peg McNally, RN, BA; Felicia Martinez, Nursing Tech; Kelli Anaya, Medical Assistant; Cesar Luengas, Nursing Tech; Marcia Hess, RN, MSN; Trish Seeber, RN; Lisa Feely, RN, BSN, OCN, Charge Nurse. Not pictured: Julie Rodriguez, RN, BSN; Mendoza, Roselyn, Medical Assistant; Jayne Holmes, Medical Assistant.

## Our Chemotherapy Nurses



**Chemotherapy Nursing Team** (left to right): Almarena Garcia, RN; Andrea Cox, RN, BSN, OCN, Charge Nurse; Candy Okino, RN, CMSRN, OCN; Rachel Taylor, RN, BSN, OCN; Mary Kaemper, RN, BSN, OCN; Shawnie MacElroy, RN, OCN; Dana Shock, RN; Tracie Swafford, RN; Michelle Stratton, RN, OCN; Not pictured: Terry Auvenshine, RN, OCN; Michelle Cast, RN, BSN; Amy Hibben, RN, OCN; Debbie Klem, RN; Kathy Leverage, RN, OCN; Carolyn Phillips, RN, OCN; Barbara Shortt, RN, OCN; Monica Aguilera, Nursing Technician; Delores Lee, Nursing Technician.

## Our Radiation Oncology Team



**Radiation Oncology Team** (left to right): back row: Mike Ortiz, Radiation Therapy Assistant; Anthony Armijo, CMD, RTT, Chief Medical Dosimetrist; David Hopper, RTT, Director, Radiation Oncology; Angela Jimenez, CMD, Medical Dosimetrist; Jill Browne, CMD, RTT, Medical Dosimetrist; Joan Coquette, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Karla Van, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Breanna Marcum, Front Office Assistant; Eusebio Medina, Patient Assistant Coordinator. Front row: Julia Torres, Radiation Therapy Assistant; Mari Castro, RTT, Chief Radiation Therapist; Teri Segrest, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Keri Godfrey, RT, CT Simulator Technologist; Dyanna Vanderpool, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Leanne McDuffie, RN, Oncology Nurse; Judy Kepler, Patient Assistant Coordinator; Jessica Mondragon, RTT, Radiation Therapist. Not Pictured: Debbie Poston, RN, Oncology Nurse; Rosalinda Schanbarger, RN, Oncology Nurse; Sofia Ramirez, Nursing Assistant; Dan Sanchez, MS, Medical Physicist; Eder Calderon, MS, Medical Physicist; Roya Adeli, MS, Medical Physicist; Laura Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant; Janis Garcia, RTT, Radiation Therapist.

## Our Minor Surgical Procedures Team



**Minor Surgical Procedures Team** (left to right): Debbie Suttie, Patient Services Representative; Robert Payette, RN, Charge Nurse; Clebert Garcia, Surgical Technician; Anna Arrey, Operating Room Technician; Charlotte Ruiloba, RN, Operating Room Nurse.

## Our Clinic Support Team



**Clinic Support Team** (left to right): Herardo Martinez, Clinic Administrative Support Coordinator; Greg Trejo, Medical Interpreter.

## Our Lovelace Clinic Staff



**Lovelace Clinic Staff** (left to right) back row: John Pierce, RN, Trials Coordinator; Maxine Yazzie, Medical Assistant; Ray Fuentes, Medical Assistant; Becky Lindley, Administrative Assistant III; Christine Robles, Patient Services Representative. Front row: Roberta Valdez, Senior Medical Coding Analyst; Claudia Smith, Patient Services Representative; Sherry Yocum, Medical Assistant; Mary Meinz, RN, Triage Nurse/Oncology Nurse; Shirelle Besse, Patient Services Representative. Not pictured: Athena Echeverria, Patient Services Coordinator; Gloria Valencia-Hutton, Coordinator, Medical Records.

## Our Lovelace Clinic Nurses



**Lovelace Clinic Nursing Team** (left to right): Cathy Apodaca, RN, Oncology Nurse; Dorothy Montoya, RN, Oncology Nurse; Rose Reese, RN, Charge Nurse/Critical Care. Not pictured: Suzanne Kritcher, RN, Oncology Nurse; Linda Platero, RN, Oncology Nurse.



**Patient Administration Services** (top picture, left to right): Debbie Suttie, Deborah Allergott, Cindy Tapia, Greg Bristol, Dorothy Maldonado, Kathy Garcia, Lisa Telles, Tamala Keen, Rebecca Martinez, Tianna Redstrom, Sylvia Marquez, Maria Najera, Melissa Fieck-Manager.

(Bottom picture, left to right): Sterling Nichols III, Claudia Jaime, Gabriel Garcia, Stella Archuleta, Kathleen Garcia, Nathan Baca, Stacy Robison, Muriel Burris, Elizabeth Arrey, Dianna Berg, Geri Carrillo, Marie Gurule, Bambi Queen, Cynthia Lopez. Not pictured: Curtis Benson, Isabel Garcia, Judy Kepler, Louise Michaels, MaryAnne Mobley, Terri Olivias, Debbie Sanchez.

## Administration Services

Throughout your cancer care, you may have questions about payment, financial assistance and your medical records. The offices below will be able to answer your questions related to all aspects of patient administration.

### Appointment Scheduling

New Patients ..... **505-272-2839**  
 Established Patients ..... **505-272-6337**

When you call the UNM Cancer Center to schedule your appointment, our staff will tell you what information you need to bring to your appointment and answer any questions you may have. To cancel or reschedule appointments, please call 505-272-6337 at least 24 hours before your scheduled appointment.

### Billing ..... **505-925-0109**

The Billing Office is responsible for verifying our patients' health care insurance coverage, assisting patients with obtaining insurance authorizations to receive treatment and collecting payments and co-payments, depending on the patient's insurance plan. However, it is the patient's responsibility to understand the terms of his or her health care plans. You may receive statements from different sources including the UNM Cancer Center, the UNMH Adult Infusion Center, UNMH Radiology and TriCore Reference Laboratories. All of these sources work together at the UNM Cancer Center facility to provide services to our patients.



**General Service Assistance Team** (left to right): Andrew Vigil, GSA; Michael Vallejos, GSA; Monique Sanchez, Administrative Assistant; Gilbert Jaramillo, GSA; Bernie Baca, GSA Supervisor; David Chavez, GSA.

### Financial Assistance ..... **505-925-0105**

The Financial Assistance Office is available for patients who do not have health insurance and need help paying their medical bills. Our financial assistance staff can determine if patients meet specific criteria required to apply for financial assistance programs. They can also help patients create a payment plan to cover their medical treatments.

### General Services Assistants (GSAs) ..... **505-925-0101**

The General Services Assistants serve our patients in a variety of ways. GSAs provide wheelchairs, transport assistance, patient parking passes, directions and maps to other clinics. GSAs will valet park your vehicle upon request, and can assist patients with transportation needs by calling cabs or other city transportation services. To request any of these services, please see a General Services Assistant at the desk located at the entrance of the UNM Cancer Center, or call the number above.

### Clinical Administrative Support Desk ..... **505-272-4946**

The staff at the Clinical Administrative Support Desk assist callers and community healthcare professionals with general information. In addition, they help direct patient health-related issues to the appropriate healthcare provider. They help verify UNM Cancer Center and UNM Hospital medical appointments and labs, and troubleshoot and resolve patient scheduling issues.

### Interpreter Language Services (ILS) ..... **505-272-5399**

UNM Hospital Interpreters are available to facilitate communication among patients, their families and their health care team in the following languages: Spanish, Navajo, Vietnamese and Sign. Interpreters are available during clinic visits to translate consents and assist in family and medical team conferences, patient education and any other special requests. Interpreters can be provided via telephone services when an on-site interpreter is not available or for languages staff interpreters do not speak. If you need an interpreter, please request one when you schedule each appointment. For general information about the Interpreter Language Services Program at UNM Hospital, call 505-272-5399.

### Medical Records ..... **505-925-0106**

In accordance with HIPAA regulations, patients may request copies of their medical records for personal use by contacting our Medical Records Office.



**Patient & Family Support Services Team** (left to right): Anastasia Estocin, MSW, LISW, Oncology Social Worker, Loretta Esquibel, Program Specialist; Anjanette Cureton, PsyD, Senior Clinical Psychologist; Jill Schulke, MSW, LISW, Senior Oncology Social Worker; Alice Conant, MSW, LISW, Senior Oncology Social Worker. Not pictured: Karen Zahn, MS, RD, CSD, LD, Senior Clinical Nutritionist.

## Patient & Family Support Services

*At the UNM Cancer Center, we understand that cancer impacts many areas of life. We are committed to meeting the unique needs of our patients by offering a wide range of patient and family support services. Support services are a vital part of our cancer care and are offered at little or no cost. Please take a moment to review these services and contact the service departments directly if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment.*

### **Counseling Services** ..... 505-925-0104

Counseling services are available to help patients, families and caregivers cope with the emotional experience of cancer diagnosis and treatment. Counseling sessions for patients and family members include individual, couple and family counseling, as well as support groups. In addition, the Pastoral Care Department of UNM Hospital offers spiritual counseling for patients, families and staff. Ask the Cancer Center Counseling Service for a referral.

### **New Patient Orientation** ..... 505-925-0182

The UNM Cancer Center's New Patient Orientation is recommended for all new patients and their families and caregivers. The program provides information, resources and an orientation to the facility to help new patients feel as comfortable as possible during their visits to the Center. Attendees will learn about their healthcare team, Cancer Center services and community resources, as well as have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns.

### **Nutrition** ..... 505-925-0108

Good nutrition helps you feel better and stay strong before, during and after your cancer treatment. A board-certified specialist in oncology nutrition can share information, tips and recipes to help you throughout your treatment. Some treatments might affect your ability to eat, and nutritionists can teach you how to manage those side effects. A nutritionist can also provide guidelines to help you drink enough fluids to keep hydrated and can determine ways to help you maintain or gain weight. In addition, nutritionists can provide information about the safety of herbal supplements and possible interactions with food and other medications.



**Patient Navigator Team** (left to right): Patient Navigators Suzanne Campbell, James LaCour and Raney Weiler.

### **Oncology Social Work** ..... 505-272-4946

Oncology Social Workers and Case Managers provide counseling and emotional support to patients and their families throughout all phases of the cancer experience and work to reduce the stress that often accompanies cancer diagnosis and treatment. They assist patients, families and caregivers in dealing with barriers to treatment, which may include transportation, housing and financial issues. They also link patients to community resources.

### **Patient Resource Library & Educational Programs** ..... 505-925-0182

The Patient Resource Library, located on the first floor of the Center, offers free educational materials for patients and families who want to learn more about their own or a loved one's diagnosis, as well as treatment, coping, supportive care, survivorship, community resources and more. The Center also offers free cancer-related educational classes for patients, families and caregivers. *Please note: all health information is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended to take the place of the advice or recommendations of your healthcare providers.*

### **Patient Navigation** ..... 505-272-4946

Patient Navigators orient new patients to our clinic and serve as a consistent point of contact for patients, families and caregivers. They can help guide and connect patients and families to the appropriate information, services and resources throughout their care. Patient Navigators provide patients and families with personal attention and support to make their experience at the UNM Cancer Center as stress-free as possible.

### **Patient Navigation - American Cancer Society (ACS)** ..... 505-272-0228

In partnership with the American Cancer Society, the UNM Cancer Center hosts the American Cancer Society Patient Navigation Program. The ACS Patient Navigator provides patients, families and caregivers with free information about specific types of cancer, transportation and lodging resources, as well as assistance finding the appropriate contact to answer insurance, legal and financial questions.

### **Volunteer Program** ..... 505-925-0182

UNM Cancer Center volunteers are an important part of the support and service we provide to patients. Please call the number above if you wish to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

## Support Groups & Programs

*When facing cancer, it is important to remember that you are not alone. Meeting other cancer patients and survivors can be very helpful, so we offer many groups and programs to help you connect with others facing similar challenges. Please take a moment to review these programs and call the numbers listed below if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment.*

### **Arts-in-Medicine at UNM** ..... 505-272-4722

From September to May of each year, the UNM Cancer Center waiting rooms and chemotherapy suites are transformed by the Arts-in-Medicine Program at the University of New Mexico. The program offers patients and their loved ones healing experiences with music, art, writing and massage to create moments of beauty and rejuvenation.

### **Cancer Survivor and Family Education and Support Group**..... 505-925-0104

In partnership with People Living Through Cancer, we offer an education and support group for cancer survivors and their family members. The purpose of the group is to provide emotional support and other assistance to participants coping with cancer diagnosis and treatment.

### **CarePages** ..... 505-925-0182

CarePages allows patients to set up free, private, personalized web pages to easily share updates with family and friends, receive messages of encouragement and support, read stories and tips and meet others in similar situations. You can create a CarePage by visiting the UNM Cancer Center homepage, cancer.unm.edu, and clicking on the CarePages logo. If you have any questions about setting up your page, please call the number above.

### **Family and Friends of Advanced Cancer Patients** ..... 505-925-0104

This group is for the friends and family of patients with advanced cancer who may be experiencing anticipatory grief and for those who are grieving the recent death of a loved one from cancer.

### **Look Good...Feel Better for Women**..... 505-272-0228

In partnership with the American Cancer Society, the UNM Cancer Center offers the Look Good ...Feel Better program, a free service that teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals instruct and support women on makeup techniques, skincare, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. Each participant receives a free cosmetics kit, a wig, scarf and/or turban. To find out about Look Good...Feel Better programs statewide, call the American Cancer Society in Albuquerque at 505-260-2105 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or [www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org](http://www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org).

### **Lung Cancer Support Group** ..... 505-925-0188

Living with lung cancer and related treatments can be very challenging for patients and their families. This group allows participants to meet others in similar situations to share stories and practical suggestions and provide support.

### **Meditation and Relaxation Group** ..... 505-925-0104

The UNM Cancer Center's Meditation and Relaxation Group practices mindful breathing and progressive muscle relaxation to help participants relax and experience well-being.

### **Stem Cell Transplant Support Group** ..... 505-925-0104

This support group brings together stem cell patients (who have had, or may soon be having, a stem cell transplant) and their loved ones.

### **Support Community for Cancer Patients** ..... 505-925-0104

The Support Community group is open to current patients and their loved ones. Participants can share experiences of treatment and recovery in a safe, confidential and nurturing environment. The group includes time to talk and experience community, as well as monthly guest speakers presenting on relevant topics.

### **Survivors Workshop** ..... 505-925-0184

This group is open to cancer patients from first diagnosis on, to help participants cope with life's challenges. Group members will learn and practice techniques to decrease anxiety and depression.

### **Survivors Writing Together**..... 505-925-0104

Survivors Writing Together provides a unique combination of journaling and support group for people in all stages of diagnosis and recovery.

### **Treatment is Over, Now What?** ..... 505-925-0104

This group is designed for people who have completed active cancer treatment and are learning to navigate the "new normal."

## How You Can Help

*In giving to the University of New Mexico Cancer Center, you are helping build hope for the people of New Mexico. Every resource we provide – whether it is our beautiful new building with state-of-the-art cancer treatment technologies, our outreach programs to medically underserved communities, the wide array of services we offer our patients or our cutting-edge research programs to benefit our state’s richly diverse populations – is possible only with the support of individual donors. We are tremendously grateful for every gift we receive. Below you will find answers to frequently asked questions about donating to the UNM Cancer Center.*

### How can I make a gift to the UNM Cancer Center?

There are many ways to make a gift to the UNM Cancer Center. Gifts can be in the form of cash, securities (stocks and bonds) or planned gifts (see page 43). All gifts are tax-deductible and, unlike many cancer charities, there is no overhead and 100 percent of your gift is used for the program you choose. You may donate using cash, credit card or check. Checks should be made payable to the UNM Foundation and may be mailed to:

UNM Cancer Center  
Development Office  
1 University of New Mexico  
MSC07-4025  
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

To donate using a credit card, you may call 505-272-4443 or go to [cancer.unm.edu](http://cancer.unm.edu) and click on “Make a Gift.” You may also drop off your donation at the information desk in the UNM Cancer Center clinic. In addition, the Development Office is available to assist donors in structuring a gift that best meets their interests and objectives.

### How will my funds be used?

Funds are used to support the mission of the UNM Cancer Center, which is to ensure that all patients have access to world-class cancer care and benefit from advances in cancer research. The UNM Cancer Center provides outstanding cancer diagnosis and treatment, conducts cutting-edge research to discover the causes and cures for cancer, educates the next generation of cancer researchers and healthcare professionals and helps overcome the significant cancer health disparities in the Southwest through community-based programs. Contributions may go to one or more of these activities. The UNM Cancer Center Development Office can accommodate almost any giving interest. If you wish, you may designate a specific purpose within the Cancer Center’s mission, such as research, education or patient assistance. Or you may restrict your gift to a particular cancer research focus, such as breast cancer, skin cancer or leukemia/lymphoma. You may also choose to support the activities of an individual UNM Cancer Center physician or researcher.

### Can I give in ways other than cash? What are planned gifts?

Donors also give to us through planned gifts and non-cash gifts.

- Planned gifts come in the form of bequests through wills or living trusts; designation of proceeds from life insurance, retirement funds or bank accounts; gifts of real estate; or gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. Some of the largest gifts we receive are planned gifts.
- Non-cash gifts can be anything from blankets, books and artwork to research equipment. We will accept such gifts if they are needed and can be used. Our Development Office follows UNM’s policy for accepting such gifts, and can assist you with your donation.

### How may I contribute in someone’s honor or memory?

Gifts may be designated in honor or memory of a particular individual. The Development Office will acknowledge these gifts by sending the names of donors to the person being honored or, in the case of a memorial gift, to the family. (Please note that we do not disclose the amount of a gift in these acknowledgements.) Gifts can also be made in recognition of doctors, nurses and other members of the patient care team.

### Is my confidentiality as a donor assured?

Yes. The Development Office has extensive experience working in healthcare settings, and donor situations will be handled with the utmost discretion and confidentiality. Donors may remain anonymous if they so choose.

### What is the El Oso de Salud Society?

Persons who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the UNM Cancer Center become members of the El Oso de Salud Society. Donors receive invitations to special events, an El Oso de Salud pin and recognition in the annual report and on our donor wall.

### What is an endowment?

An endowment is a perpetual fund maintained by the UNM Foundation that can be established to benefit the UNM Cancer Center. With an endowment, the principal is retained, and interest generated by the fund is used to support the designated purpose. The UNM Foundation requires a minimum gift of \$15,000 to establish an endowment, although this amount may be contributed over a three-year period. Donors enter into an endowment agreement with the UNM Foundation to specify the purpose of their gift.

### May I give through the United Way or other combined employee campaign?

Yes. All you need to do is designate your contribution, or a part of your contribution, to the UNM Cancer Center. We receive many such gifts each year. The United Way of Central New Mexico does not extract a management fee from such gifts.

### How can I contact the Development Office?

The staff members at the UNM Cancer Center Development Office are here to help. You can reach a member of the team by calling 505-272-4443.

## Community Resources

New Mexicans are fortunate to have a wide network of community organizations that provide invaluable resources to cancer patients. The UNM Cancer Center works very closely with many of these organizations, and we encourage you to take advantage of their services. However, please note that these are outside organizations and are not affiliated with the UNM Cancer Center.

### American Cancer Society

10501 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87111

Toll-Free Number: 800-227-2345

Local Phone Number: 505-260-2105

Fax Number: 505-266-9513

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

### Angel Flight West

3161 Donald Douglas Loop South, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Phone Number: 310-390-2958

Fax Number: 310-397-9636

[www.angelflightwest.org](http://www.angelflightwest.org)

Angel Flight West arranges free, non-emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions and other compelling needs, enabling them to receive vital treatment that might otherwise be inaccessible.

### Breast Cancer Resource Center

1009 Bradbury Dr. SE, Suite 16, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Phone Number: 505-242-0605

Fax Number: 505-243-6591

[www.nmcrc.org](http://www.nmcrc.org)

The Breast Cancer Resource Center is dedicated to serving all New Mexicans by connecting cancer patients, their loved ones and the community to resources and information about breast and other cancers and empowering them to be active and informed consumers. The Resource Center seeks to be a life-affirming partner for patients and families through the cancer experience.

### Cancer Services of New Mexico

P.O. Box 51735, Albuquerque, NM 87181-1735

Phone Number: 505-259-9583

Fax Number: 505-503-1413

[www.cancerservicesnm.org](http://www.cancerservicesnm.org)

Cancer Services of New Mexico provides services to reduce cancer suffering among New Mexico's families. Services include education materials and seminars, legal/insurance information, patient advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

### Cancer Support Now

4607 Grand Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Phone Number: 505-255-0405

[www.cancersurvivorsofferingsupport.org](http://www.cancersurvivorsofferingsupport.org)

Cancer Support Now is a member-based organization created by cancer survivors to build and sustain an active community of people whose lives have been affected by a cancer diagnosis. The group provides opportunities for those facing cancer to give and receive support. Cancer Support Now emphasizes peer-facilitated support groups, one-to-one support, activities that strengthen the Cancer Support Now community and education and information to empower people affected by cancer to make prudent decisions.

### Casa Esperanza

1005 Yale Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Phone Number: 505-277-9880

Fax Number: 505-277-9876

[www.casaesperanzanm.org](http://www.casaesperanzanm.org)

Casa Esperanza is an affordable "home away from home" serving out-of-town cancer patients and their family members. Casa Esperanza provides simple, home-like amenities that patients and families may find lacking in commercial facilities. Facilities include four central kitchens and a spacious community/dining room to encourage therapeutic interaction and sharing among families. Residents benefit from a free Clinical Counseling Program and a Patient Navigation/Survivor Services Program, designed to help cancer patients, survivors and their families access needed health, financial and social services.

### Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico

112 14th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Phone Number: 505-243-3618

Fax Number: 505-243-1490

[www.ccfnm.org](http://www.ccfnm.org)

The Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico helps children and their families with the day-to-day emotional, financial and educational needs of living with and fighting cancer.

**Children's Grief Center of New Mexico**

3020 Morris St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

Phone Number: 505-323-0478

Fax Number: 505-298-6132

[www.childrensgrief.org](http://www.childrensgrief.org)

The Children's Grief Center of New Mexico provides a safe and supportive environment where children, teens and their families can share experiences and feelings while grieving death.

**Comadre a Comadre**

1909 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

Phone Number: 505-242-1222

Fax Number: 505-242-1118

<http://coe.unm.edu/administration/partnerships-and-outreach/comadre-en.html>

Comadre a Comadre is a peer-led and community-based program designed to improve the breast health and breast cancer outcomes among Hispanic/Latina women. The program provides free education, resources and support to women and their loved ones.

**Grace Flight of America**

4310 Amelia Earhart Dr., Addison, TX 75001

Toll-Free Number: 888-500-0433

Fax Number: 972-858-5492

[www.graceflight.org](http://www.graceflight.org)

Grace Flight of America helps people in need of free air transportation for medical and humanitarian purposes, removing the transportation burden from patients so they can get to specialized medical treatment not available to them locally and focus on getting well.

**Holland's Rose**

132 Griegos Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

Phone Number: 505-345-2020

Fax Number: 505-341-2922

[www.hollandsrose.com](http://www.hollandsrose.com)

Holland's Rose is a nonprofit organization founded on the values and principles of a Christ-centered community. It offers a fully equipped home for families staying in Albuquerque for medical reasons, particularly cancer. Its all-volunteer staff has firsthand knowledge of what it means to hear the diagnosis, "You've got cancer." Volunteers help families with housing, transportation arrangements and other needs.

**Jewish Family Service of New Mexico**

5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Suite 200, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Phone Number: 505-291-1818

Fax Number: 505-291-0332

[www.jfsnm.org](http://www.jfsnm.org)

Guided by Jewish values, the Jewish Family Service of New Mexico offers targeted social services that help preserve and improve the quality of life for New Mexicans. Services include pastoral care, transportation, volunteer opportunities and training, case management, in-home medication management and blood pressure checks, housekeeping/companionship, chaplain-led grief and loss support groups and food pantry and home-delivered food boxes.

**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – NM/El Paso Chapter**

4600-A Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 201, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Toll-Free Number: 888-286-7846

Local Phone Number: 505-872-0141

Fax Number: 505-872-2480

[www.lls.org/#/aboutlls/chapters/nm/](http://www.lls.org/#/aboutlls/chapters/nm/)

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. The Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Services include financial and emotional support, patient and professional education, advocacy and a school re-entry program for children with all cancers.

**Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico**

144 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Phone Number: 505-888-9474

Fax Number: 505-232-0678

[www.wishnm.org](http://www.wishnm.org)

Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico works to grant the fondest wishes of New Mexican children between the ages of 2½ and 18 years who have a medically diagnosed life-threatening illness or condition.

**Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation**

7410 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 204, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Phone Number: 505-265-6343

[www.nfhfoundation.org](http://www.nfhfoundation.org)

The Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation provides breast cancer education and support to New Mexicans. The Foundation raises funds to fight breast cancer and, through its annual Spirit of Hope Award, recognizes exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to combating the disease.

**National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service**

Toll-Free Number: 800-422-6237

[www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis/page1](http://www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis/page1)

The National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service provides the latest and most accurate cancer information to patients and their families, health professionals and the public. Cancer information specialists are available to answer questions by phone and email. Knowledgeable, caring and experienced at explaining medical information, they have access to comprehensive, accurate information on a range of cancer topics, including the most recent advances in cancer treatment. The service is confidential, and information specialists spend as much time as needed for thorough and personalized responses.

**New Mexico Association for Home and Hospice Care**

3200 Carlisle Blvd. NE, Suite 117, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Phone Number: 505-889-4556

Fax Number: 505-889-4928

[www.nmahc.org](http://www.nmahc.org)

The New Mexico Association for Home and Hospice Care serves its membership through advocacy, networking, education and communication. It promotes success and best practices for home care, hospice and related home health support services.

**New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance**

1201 Camino de Salud NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Phone Number: 505-272-7813

Fax Number: 505-272-7799

[www.nmcca.org](http://www.nmcca.org)

Housed at the UNM Cancer Center, the New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance is a statewide network of healthcare institutions and physicians dedicated to providing New Mexico cancer patients and their families and loved ones with local access to the latest experimental treatments available and information developed through cancer research studies. The Alliance enables all New Mexicans to access new, experimental treatments without the expense of leaving the state.

**New Mexico Dept. of Health – Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

5301 Central Ave. NE, Suite 800, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Toll-Free & Bilingual Number: 877-852-2585

Phone Number: 505-841-5860

Fax Number: 505-222-8602

[www.cancernm.org/bcc](http://www.cancernm.org/bcc)

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Program offers free pap tests and mammograms to eligible women who are underserved and ages 30 or older. In this and other ways, the program seeks to improve access to high-quality breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for underserved women in New Mexico. The program also works to increase public awareness through education about prevention, disease processes and the importance of regular screening exams for early detection.

**New Mexico Dept. of Health – Colorectal Cancer Program**

5301 Central Ave. NE, Suite 800, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Toll-Free & Bilingual Number: 877-852-2585

Phone Number: 505-222-8601

Fax Number: 505-222-8602

[www.cancernm.org/crc](http://www.cancernm.org/crc)

The Colorectal Cancer Program is dedicated to improving access to high-quality colorectal cancer screening and diagnostic services for men and women who are underserved. It also works to increase awareness through education about prevention, disease processes and the importance of annual screenings for early detection.

**New Mexico Dept. of Health – Comprehensive Cancer Program**

5301 Central Ave. NE, Suite 800, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Phone Number: 505-222-8609

Fax Number: 505-222-8602

[www.cancernm.org/ccp](http://www.cancernm.org/ccp)

The Comprehensive Cancer Program offers cancer education, information and resources to the public and healthcare providers.

**People Living Through Cancer**

3401 Candelaria Rd. NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87107

Toll-Free Number: 888-441-4439

Phone Number: 505-242-3263

Fax Number: 505-242-6756

[www.pltc.org](http://www.pltc.org)

People Living Through Cancer provides a range of services and support to New Mexico's cancer survivors and their loved ones and caregivers. Services include support groups and individual counseling, educational materials and seminars, legal/insurance information, patient advocacy and volunteer opportunities and training. By connecting and supporting patients and their caregivers, People Living Through Cancer seeks to transform shared experiences into enduring hope.

**Prostate Cancer Support Association of New Mexico**

909 Virginia St., NE, #109, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Toll-Free Number: 800-278-7678

Phone Number: 505-254-7784

Fax Number: 505-254-7786

[www.pcsanm.org](http://www.pcsanm.org)

The Prostate Cancer Support Association of New Mexico provides education, support and encouragement to help all people affected by prostate cancer make informed decisions about how to fight the disease. The organization offers counseling, early detection and screening, educational materials and seminars and support groups.





# Directions to the UNM Cancer Center – 1201 Camino de Salud NE



Numbers on maps correspond with directions below.

**Call 505-272-4946 if you have any questions.**

- 1. Exit I-25 at Lomas Blvd.** (Exit 225)
- 2. Go east on Lomas** toward the Sandia Mountains until you reach University Blvd. (first light).
- 3. Turn left (north) on University Blvd.** and follow it to Camino de Salud (first light).
- 4. Turn left (west) on Camino de Salud** - you will see the beige UNMH Outpatient Surgery & Imaging Service on the northwest corner. The UNM Cancer Center is the large red building right next door.
- 5. Patient drop-off and pick-up** is on the east side of the UNM Cancer Center building. Take the FIRST RIGHT into the EAST LOT and drive up to the MAIN ENTRANCE. Free valet parking is available.
- 6. Patient and visitor parking** is available in the WEST LOT ONLY. Continue down the hill and take the NEXT RIGHT into the WEST LOT. Enter through the WEST ENTRANCE by the bear sculpture.

**Handicapped parking** is available in both the EAST and WEST lots.

Visit our web site at [cancer.unm.edu](http://cancer.unm.edu) and click on "Maps & Directions" under "For Patients" for printable versions of these directions in both English and Spanish.

