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 north (left) on University Blvd and follow it to Camino de Salud (first light).
4. Turn west (left) on Camino de Salud; you will see the UNMH Outpatient Surgery and Imaging Service on the northwest corner. The UNM Cancer Center is the tall building to the west of it.
5. Patient drop-off and pick-up is on the south side of the UNM Cancer Center building. Take the FIRST RIGHT into the SOUTH 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 SOUTH and WEST lots.

Visit our web site at cancer.unm.edu and click on "Maps & Directions" under "For Patients" for printable versions of these directions in both English and Spanish.
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 more than 100 board-certified oncology physicians and over 130 research scientists recruited from prestigious institutions around 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 of our NCI designation, we have access to nationwide clinical trials that offer our patients the most cutting-edge cancer treatments. We and other NCI centers develop these new therapies. 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 not only to address your cancer treatment but also to 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. We add new programs regularly. As you begin your care at the UNM Cancer Center, please read through this Patient Guide. It is designed to familiarize you with our facilities, resources, services and staff and to help ensure that 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,

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

Contact Us

After-hours Assistance

If you are experiencing 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 clinic’s main number at 505-272-4946 or our statewide toll-free number at 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.

Clinic Numbers

General Information: 505-272-4946
New Mexico Statewide Toll-Free Number: 1-800-432-6806
Fax Number: 505-925-0100
After-hours Answering Service Direct Line: 505-857-3758
UNM Cancer Center Pharmacy: 505-272-1700
Prescription Refill Requests: 505-272-0290

Administration Numbers

Administration Office: 505-272-4443
Director of Development: 505-925-0471
Administration Fax Number: 505-272-4039

Physical Address

UNM Cancer Center
1201 Camino de Salud NE
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Website Address

cancer.unm.edu

Hours of Operation

Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Closed on weekends and on these holidays:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day and the day after
- Christmas Day
- New Year’s Day

Mailing Address

UNM Cancer Center
MSC07-4025
11 University of New Mexico
1201 Camino de Salud NE
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

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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 60 percent of New Mexican adults with cancer and nearly all of the state’s children diagnosed with the disease. We cared for almost 14,000 patients in over 83,000 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. We revise and update this Patient Guide every year. We have designed it to introduce you to the UNM Cancer Center. 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 68 premier NCI-designated cancer centers in the nation. The NCI is the leading federal agency for cancer research and training. NCI-designated cancer centers are known for their scientific excellence, contributions to cancer research, and delivery of medical advances to patients and their families. Centers like the UNM Cancer Center combine world-class cancer research and cutting-edge care to help and heal today's patients—and to 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.

Leading Cancer Experts

The UNM Cancer Center is home to New Mexico’s largest team of cancer experts, and our physicians provide cancer care that is unmatched in the state. Our associated physicians include 102 board-certified oncology physicians representing every cancer specialty. These physicians hail from some of the nation’s best cancer centers, including MD Anderson, Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic. Our research team brings...
together 132 cancer scientists recruited from leading institutions worldwide. Supported by over $77 million in annual funding, our researchers are translating their laboratory discoveries into better approaches to preventing, diagnosing, treating and curing cancer.

**State-of-the-Art Facility**

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 building 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 house our many 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 linking all aspects of a person’s being.

**A History of Service**

The UNM Cancer Center has a long history of service to the people of New Mexico and to 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, the state legislature recognized us as the Official Cancer Center of the State of New Mexico. It is an honor—and a responsibility—that we take very seriously. We lead the way in cancer care and research in the state. We are making major 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 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 to 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 as we 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 almost $7 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, 40 percent of our patients live outside Bernalillo county. To improve healthcare 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, 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 may be able to try some of the newest cancer treatments with the greatest promise. The NCI and other leading cancer research institutions sponsor these treatments through clinical trials. Clinical trials test and carefully study new treatments under strict oversight to protect patients who join them. Clinical trials can test new methods to diagnose, treat and prevent cancer. People who join clinical trials may be able to get treatments that are more effective than current treatments. And, they may feel good about helping scientists and clinicians learn about new ways to treat and cure cancer.

The UNM Cancer Center has about 175 clinical research studies open at any time. About 20 percent of our patients decide to join a clinical research study. Each study has a set of conditions that you must meet before enrolling. You will have to talk to your physician to find out which studies you can join, if any. If you choose to join, our medical and clinical research teams will closely watch you.

There are some risks to joining a clinical trial. After all, if we fully understood everything about new cancer treatments, we would not need clinical trials. One risk is that some new drugs or procedures tested in a clinical trial may not be better than the current drugs or procedures. They may have side effects that researchers and clinicians do not expect. Or, the side effects may be worse than the current drugs or procedures. Another risk is that you may not always be able to choose which treatment you get. You may get the new treatment or you may not. Finally, you may be required to visit your doctor’s office more often if you join a clinical trial.

Joining a clinical trial is a very personal decision that you should make with your doctor and your loved ones. All clinical trials are voluntary. You always have the right to choose whether or not you will join. You also have the right to leave a clinical trial at any time and for any reason. You will always get the highest level of care possible, whether or not you join a clinical trial.

To find out more about clinical trials, please call our Clinical Research Office at 505-272-5490. You can 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.
World-Class Research

Clinical trials are just one component of the world-class research pioneered at the UNM Cancer Center. Our 132 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; through them we are able to provide new methods of cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention. Research at the UNM Cancer Center is organized into four programs supported by over $77 million in annual funding from federal, state and private agencies.

Cancer Control and Disparities
Focused on understanding the unique cancer patterns found in our state’s multiethnic populations, this program uncovers cancer health disparities. These scientists work to control cancer by identifying risk factors and developing interventions to prevent cancer, promote screening and improve cancer outcomes. Their work through several clinical trials on New Mexico’s most common cancers is yielding discoveries that will translate into more effective therapies and prevention strategies for all New Mexicans, including those in rural and underserved areas.

Cancer Genetics, Epigenetics and Genomics
The scientists in this program use genetic, epigenetic and genomic approaches to study how genes are expressed in normal cells and cancer cells; how cells control the stability of their genome; and how environmental exposures can increase cancer risk by making the genome less stable. Their work translates into novel targets and signatures that are being tested for clinical use.

Translational Cancer Cell Biology and Signaling
This research program studies how cells respond to signals from the environment and communicate with each other leading to the development, growth and spread of cancer. Aided by innovative, high-resolution cellular imaging and systems biology approaches, the scientists in this research group define how immune responses and the body’s own inflammatory processes promote cancer and can be mobilized to fight it. Program scientists also study cell signaling targets and pathways to improve therapeutic options.

Cancer Therapeutics: Technology, Discovery and Targeted Delivery
The goal of this research program is to develop cancer drugs that kills cancer cells while causing few side effects and to develop methods to diagnose cancer and find cancer cells wherever they lurk. The scientists in this research group use methods from engineering, biotechnology, nanotechnology, phage display, mathematics and informatics. The platforms and technologies they develop can be translated into mathematical models to predict treatment response and into novel agents including virus-like particles, mesoporous silica particles and magnetized nanogold hydrogels.

Eric Prossnitz, PhD, co-leader of the Translational Cancer Cell Biology & Signaling 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 not only diagnoses and treats cancer but also actively conducts cancer 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. Recognized internationally for their achievements, our physicians have earned impressive awards and honors. Many have been recruited from prestigious institutions around the country, including MD 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 focus 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. Attending physicians, fellows and residents closely supervise interns.

**Medical Students** 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. Attending physicians, fellows and residents closely supervise medical students.

**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 drugs 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. We provide chemotherapy treatment 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. They 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 Research Office offers interested patients the option of participating in a clinical trial, if they meet the criteria of a specific study. 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 Research Office at 505-272-5490 or by email at 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.

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. In one of the vaults we have the state’s first TomoTherapy Radiation Treatment System. This system delivers the treatment by moving the treatment beam around the patient as the treatment couch moves, like a CT (Computerized Tomography) scanner works. This technique minimizes damage to healthy tissue by pinpointing tumors with precise radiation beams, which means patients can sometimes receive fewer treatments.

The other two vaults contain our Elekta linear accelerators which like TomoTherapy use Computerized Tomography to visualize the area before treatment, allowing physicians to target tumors while sparing healthy tissue. The Elekta system, radiation oncologists and neurosurgeons can treat inoperable brain tumors with Stereotactic Radio Surgery. Our Siemens large bore CT scanner with our 4D treatment planning software is capable of monitoring motion that occurred during the scan. Additionally, we offer Brachytherapy radiation implants to treat many cancers without having to irradiate healthy tissue.

Surgical Specialties ................................................................................................... 505-272-4946
Our team of highly skilled surgeons is made up of some of the most outstanding specialists in the world. Among the surgical specialties they practice are: breast and women’s cancers, cancers of the digestive tract, bone, lung, esophagus, prostate, kidney, bladder, chest, head and neck. 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?
If your prescription still has refills available please contact your pharmacy. If you use the UNM Cancer Center pharmacy, you can go online or call our patient line at 505-272-1700 to place your order.

If you need authorization for more prescription refills, please call your pharmacy directly. If you need assistance call 505-925-0290 and leave your information. We will work with your provider to get your prescription refilled. You can also call 505-272-4946 and our team will be able to assist you. Please note: we require two business days to complete refill requests.

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 and provide us with your updated information.
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?
- 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 three working days after your appointment with your doctor, please call 505-272-4545.

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 on our website. If you wish to speak with someone, please call 505-272-4946 and ask
to speak with the Quality Programs Manager.

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 505-925-0471 to find out more.

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 over 175 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 Research Office at 505-272-5490, or by email at:
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. For more information about clinical trials, please turn to page 6.
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 resources.

**Prescription Refills** ................................................................. 505-925-0290

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

The UNM Cancer Center has its own laboratory to perform most lab tests on site. You will receive a separate bill from UNM Hospitals for laboratory services. 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.

**Imaging/UNM Hospitals** .................................................. 505-272-4545

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 three working days after your appointment with your doctor, please call 505-272-4545.

**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.
Pharmacy Services

We have a specially trained group of pharmacists to help you during your treatment. A board-certified oncology pharmacist leads our team of ten pharmacists and five oncology-trained pharmacy technicians. They work closely with your cancer treatment team to make sure you receive the safest, best care available anywhere.

Outpatient Pharmacy

Our onsite pharmacy is located on the first floor and makes refilling and picking up your prescriptions easy. We stock prescription and over-the-counter drugs. We also carry many drugs to treat cancer that most pharmacies do not stock. Some of these cancer drugs have extra rules we must follow. For these drugs, our staff will work closely with you before we fill your prescription and, if needed, after we give the drugs to you.

The onsite pharmacy is located on the first floor and is open Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM. You can fill any of your prescriptions with the same co-payments as at any other pharmacy and transfer prescriptions from other pharmacies. You can also refill orders online and pick them up at your convenience. We also offer mail order prescriptions upon request.

We accept most major insurances, including Medicaid and Medicare, at our onsite pharmacy. The UNM Cancer Center can arrange co-pay help to those who qualify.

Our onsite pharmacy allows you to:

- Fill any of your prescriptions.
- Use our pagers in the building to know when to pick them up.
- Transfer prescriptions from other pharmacies.
- Refill orders online at cancer.unm.edu/pharmacy
- Request mail order prescriptions.
- Buy over-the-counter medicines.

Our onsite pharmacy is open Monday to Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM. If you have a question about your medication, three of our team members are there during UNM Cancer Center hours to help you or to answer your call.

505-272-1700

Infusion Pharmacy

The members of our team in the Infusion Pharmacy have special training in preparing chemotherapy drugs for your treatment. In addition, they use cutting-edge technology to receive, mix and deliver your prescription to your chemotherapy team. Our Infusion Pharmacy is among the first cancer centers in the country to use the Dose-Edge® camera-based workflow system and is part of the UNM Cancer Center’s QOPI® Certification. Our Infusion Pharmacy team members also take part in Investigational Drug Studies to give you access to the latest drugs that might benefit you.
Our Cancer Center Clinical Leadership Team

Cheryl Willman, MD
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The Maurice and Marguerite Liberman Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research
Professor, Departments of Pathology and Medicine
Specialist in Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma

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The UNM Cancer Center is home to New Mexico’s largest and most experienced team of cancer experts. Our 102 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 60 percent of New Mexican adults newly diagnosed with cancer, and virtually all of the state’s children. We served almost 14,000 patients from every county in New Mexico (40 percent from counties other than Bernalillo) in more than 83,000 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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At the UNM Cancer Center, our highly trained, carefully coordinated multidisciplinary teams will handle your care. Oncology physicians with specific expertise in your cancer type lead these teams. The teams include 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 seamlessly integrate world-class cancer care for you, right here at home.

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Specialist in Gastrointestinal Malignancies

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Chief of Body Imaging
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Director, Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Clinic and Programs
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Professor, Dept. of Radiology
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Assistant Professor, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology,
Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Specialist in Gynecologic Oncology

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Assistant Professor, Dept. Internal Medicine,
Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine
Specialist in Advanced Pulmonary Procedures and Lung Cancer

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Karen SantaCruz, MD  **Oncology Pathologist**
Associate Professor, Dept. of Pathology

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Associate Professor, Dept. of Surgery,
Division of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery
Specialist in Thoracic Cancers and Surgical Oncology

Satyan Shah, MD, FACS  **Urologic Oncologist**
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Surgery, Division of Urology
Director, Robotic Surgery & Director, Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery
Specialist in Minimally Invasive Surgery for Prostate and Kidney Cancers

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

Anil Shetty, MD  **Plastic Surgeon**
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Director, Craniofacial/Pediatric Plastic Surgery
Michael Spafford, MD  Head & Neck Cancers, Surgical Oncologist
Associate Professor, Dept. of Surgery
Chief, Division of Otolaryngology
Specialist in Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgery

Phillip Strange, MD  Dermatologist
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dermatology
Specialist in Skin Cancers

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

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Professor, Dept. of Pathology

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Director, Breast Surgical Oncology; Co-Leader Breast Cancer Program
Specialist in Breast Surgical Oncology

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Associate Professor and Chair, Dept. of Radiology
Chief of Gastrointestinal 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

Carla Wilson, MD, PhD  Oncology Pathologist
Professor, Dept. of Pathology
Stuart Winter, MD  Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist
Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics

Howard Yonas, MD  Neurosurgeon
Professor and Chair, Dept. of Neurosurgery
Specialist in Neurologic Cancers

Qian-Yun Zhang, MD, PhD  Oncology Pathologist
Associate Professor, Dept. of Pathology

The UNM Cancer Center infusion suites face the Sandia Mountains, promoting a healing environment during treatment.
Our Mid-level Providers

Kimberly Byrd, MS, PA-C  Physician Assistant
Specialist in Surgical Oncology

Deborah Garcia, CFNP, CNRN  Nurse Practitioner
Specialist in Interventional Oncology

Edwina “Didi” Garcia, MSPAS, PA-C  Physician Assistant
Specialist in Gynecologic Oncology

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

Michael G. La Belle, PA-C  Physician Assistant
Specialist in Surgical Oncology

Imtiaz Malik, MPAS, PA-C  Physician Assistant
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology

Carrie Martinek, CNP, MPH, MSN, FNP-BC  Nurse Practitioner
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology

Mily Nguyen, PA-C  Physician Assistant
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology
Mary Roach, MSN, CFNP  Nurse Practitioner
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology

Holly Rice, MSN, CNP  Nurse Practitioner
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology

Patricia Schoenfeld, MSN, CFNP, AOCN  Nurse Practitioner
Specialist in Hematology/Oncology

Our Ancillary Providers

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

Anjanette Cureton, PsyD  Psychologist

Kelly Dunn, BS, RD, LD  Senior Clinical Nutritionist
Our Chemotherapy Nurses

Chemotherapy Nursing Team (left to right): Front row: Julie Rodriguez, RN, BSN; Almareena Garcia, RN, BSN; Rachel Taylor RN, BSN. Middle row: Lynn Saavedra, RN; Delores Lee, Nursing Tech; Candy Okino, RN, OCN; Cathy Apodaca, RN; April Encee, RN, OCN. Back Row: Rosie Chavez, RN; Clebert Garcia, Nursing Tech; Cheri Martin, RN, BSN, OCN; Andrea Cox, RN, BSN; Charge Nurse; and Amy Hibben RN, BSN, OCN.

Our Radiation Oncology Team

Radiation Oncology Team (left to right): Front row: Ben Liem, MD, Radiation Oncologist; William Thompson, MD, Radiation Oncologist; David Y. Lee, MD, PhD, Radiation Oncologist; Thomas Schroeder, MD, Medical Director Radiation Oncology; Rosalinda Schanbarger, Registered Nurse; Leanne Mcduffie, RN, Registered Nurse; David Hopper, RTT, Director Radiation Oncology. Middle Row: Donna Siergaj, PhD, Director Medical Physics; Jill Browne, CMD, Medical Dosimetrist; Claudia Reyes, Patient Services Assistant; Cynthia Lopez, Patient Services Assistant; Mariella Ibarra, Patient Services Assistant; Rashma Patel, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Jessica Mondragon, Radiation Therapist; Laura Jaramillo, Administrative Staff Support; Keri Godfrey, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Mari Castro, RTT, Supervisor Radiation Therapists; Eder Calderon, MS, Medical Physicist. Back row: Anthony Armijo, CMD, Chief Medical Dosimetrist; Cesar Recio, Medical Assistant; Clark Brown, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Laura Dole, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Kayla Grimm, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Sara Sanchez, RN, Registered Nurse; Julia Torres, Radiation Therapy Aide; Miguel Vigil, RT, Radiologic Technologist; Misty McClung, RTT, Radiation Therapist; Dan Sanchez, MS, Medical Physicist. Not pictured: Angela Rubio, CMD, Medical Dosimetrist; Mike Ortiz, Radiation Therapy Aide; Sandra Candelaria, RTT, Radiation Therapist.
Our Clinic Nursing Staff

Clinic Nurses (left to right) Back row: Lisa Feely, RN, BSN, Charge Nurse; Maygan Grothaus, RN, BSN, OCN; Marcia Hess, RN, MSN, ET; Patricia Seeber, RN and Kate Parson, RN, BSN. Front row: Peg McNally, RN, BA; Jennifer Herrera, RN, ASN; Charlotte Ruloba, RN.

Clinic Medical Assistants and Nurse Technicians (left to right) Back row: Maxine Yazzie, MA, Clinic Coord/Medical Assistant; Leanna Espinoza, MA, Medical Assistant; Ray Fuentes, Medical Assistant; Kristin Morales, MA, Medical Assistant; Kelli Anaya McCoy, MA, Clinic Coord/Medical Assistant; Jayne Holmes, MA, Coord/Clinic/Medical Assistant. Front row: Serena Bailon, Medical Assistant; Emelie Quick, Nursing Technician; Alicia Smith, Nursing Technician; Gloria Martinez, Nursing Technician; and Angelica Salas, MA, Medical Assistant.

Our Oncology Pharmacy Team

Oncology Pharmacy Team (left to right) Back row: Luis Marquez, PharmD, pharmacist; Ronald Kittson, PharmD, pharmacist; Alicia Holguin, pharmacy technician III; Anton Sanchez, PharmD, pharmacist; James Lesmeister, PharmD, pharmacist; Dean Waring, RPh, pharmacist; Scott Roach, PharmD, MBA, Director of Oncology Pharmacy Services. Front row: Patrick Yollo, pharmacy technician II; Jaime Vanderheide, pharmacy tech II; Mai Nguyen, PharmD, pharmacist; Cheryl Anzures, pharmacy technician II; Hongchao Liu, PharmD, pharmacist; Claudia Barrios, pharmacy technician II. Not pictured: Lisa Anselmo, PharmD, BCOP, Pharmacist III; Miranda Elliott, pharmacy technician II; and Hsiao Dabney, pharmacy technician II.
Patient 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.

New Patient Scheduling ................................................................. 505-272-2839
Established Patient Scheduling ..................................................... 505-272-4946

When you call to schedule your appointment, our staff will tell you what you need to bring to your appointment. They will also answer any questions you may have. To cancel or reschedule appointments, please call 505-272-4946 at least 24 hours before your scheduled appointment.

Billing .......................................................................................... 505-925-0166

The Billing Office helps patients to obtain insurance authorizations to receive treatment, and bills for the services provided. However, it is your responsibility to understand the terms of your healthcare plans. You may receive statements from different sources including the UNM Medical Group and UNM Hospitals. Both of these sources work together at the UNM Cancer Center to provide services to our patients.
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, and directions and maps to other clinics. GSAs will valet park your vehicle upon request, and can assist you 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 assists callers and community healthcare professionals with general information. They help direct patient health-related issues to the appropriate healthcare provider. And, 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 healthcare 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 Hospitals, 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

At the UNM Cancer Center, we know that cancer affects many aspects of life. We are committed to meeting the unique needs of our patients. We offer a wide range of patient and family support services to help with any needs that arise. Support services are a vital part of our cancer care. They are offered at little or no cost. Please take a moment to review these services. Don’t hesitate to call the departments if you would like to make an appointment or if you have any questions.

Psychology Services ................................................................. 505-925-0104

We offer psychology services to patients, families and caregivers. These services help to cope with the emotions that come with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Counseling sessions include individual, couples and family counseling, as well as support groups.

Nutrition .................................................................................. 505-925-0182

Good nutrition is crucial. It helps you feel better before, during and after your cancer treatment. An oncology nutritionist can offer tips and recipes to help you through your treatment. Some treatments might affect your ability to eat. These nutritionists can teach you how to manage those side effects. They can help you maintain or gain weight. Nutritionists can also advise you on the safety of herbal supplements. They inform patients of the possible interactions with food and other medications, as well.

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

Oncology Social Workers provide counseling and support. They help to reduce the stress that comes with cancer diagnosis and treatment. They assist patients, families and caregivers in all phases of the cancer experience. They handle any problems that occur, such as housing, transportation or financial issues. They also link patients to community resources.
Patient Navigator Team (left to right): Patient Navigators Suzanne Campbell, James LaCour and Raney Weiler.

Patient Education Resource Library ............................................. 505-925-0188

This helpful program is located on the first floor of the Cancer Center. It offers free educational materials for patients and families. It has information on cancer diagnosis, treatment, coping, supportive care, survivorship, community resources and more. Please note: all health information is for educational purpose only. It is not meant to replace the advice or recommendations of your healthcare providers.

Patient Navigation ................................................................. 505-272-4946

Patient Navigators help new patients get used to our clinic. They serve as a regular point of contact for patients, families and caregivers. They help guide patients to the right information, services and resources throughout their care. Patient Navigators provide patients and families with support and personal attention throughout their experience. They try to make the time at the Cancer Center as stress-free as possible.

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

This program is through a partnership between the UNM Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society. The ACS Patient Navigation provides patients, families and caregivers with free cancer information. They offer information about specific cancers, transportation and lodging resources. This program also helps find the correct contact to answer insurance, legal and financial questions.

Volunteer Program ................................................................. 505-925-0188

UNM Cancer Center volunteers are an important part of the support 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.

**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 or www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org.
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.

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?

We welcome your calls at 505-925-0471 because we appreciate the opportunity to speak personally with you when you consider a gift. 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 47). 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, go to cancer.unm.edu and click on “Make a Donation Online.” You may also drop off your donation at the information desk in the UNM Cancer Center clinic.

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 $25,000 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 505-925-0471.
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
Phone: 505-260-2105 • Toll-Free Number: 800-227-2345 • Fax: 505-266-9513
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.

**Breast Cancer Resource Center**
1009 Bradbury Dr. SE, Suite 16, Albuquerque, NM 87106
Phone: 505-242-0605 • Fax: 505-243-6591
www.nmcrcc.org

The Breast Cancer Resource Center is dedicated to providing cancer support services, advocacy, education and resources for New Mexico’s vulnerable populations. The Center connects patients, caregivers, providers and the community to accurate, up-to-date resources and information about cancer and related issues. All services provided at no cost.

**Cancer Services of New Mexico**
P.O. Box 51735, Albuquerque, NM 87181-1735
Phone: 505-259-9583 • Fax: 505-503-1413
www.cancerservicesnm.org

Cancer Services of New Mexico provides services to reduce cancer suffering among New Mexico’s families. Services include two free, three-day educational retreats each spring and fall, education materials and seminars, family cancer resource bags, legal/insurance information, patient advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

**Cancer Support Now**
P.O. Box 37338, Albuquerque, NM 87176-7338
Phone: 505-255-0405 • Toll-Free Number: 855-955-3500 • Fax: 505-821-0965
www.cancersupportnow.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: 505-246-2700 • Fax Number: 505-277-9876
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: 505-243-3618 • Fax: 505-243-1490
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
3001 Trellis Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: 505-323-0478
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: 505-242-1222 • Fax: 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 breast health and breast cancer outcomes among Hispanic/Latina women. The program provides free education, resources and support to women and their loved ones.

Holland’s Rose, Inc.
132 Griegos Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107
Phone: 505-345-2020 • Fax: 505-341-2922
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.
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – NM/El Paso Chapter
4600-A Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 201, Albuquerque, NM 87109
Phone: 505-872-0141 • Toll-Free Number: 888-286-7846 • Fax: 505-872-2480
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: 505-888-9474 • Fax: 505-232-0678
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: 505-265-6343
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

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: 505-889-4556 • Fax: 505-889-4928
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.
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
Phone: 505-841-5860 • Toll-Free & Bilingual Number: 877-852-2585 • Fax: 505-222-8602
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: 505-222-8601 • Fax: 505-222-8602
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: 505-841-5847 • Fax: 505-222-8602
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
Phone: 505-242-3263 • Toll-Free Number: 888-441-4439 • Fax: 505-242-6756
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  
Phone: 505-254-7784 • Toll-Free Number: 800-278-7678 • Fax: 505-254-7786  
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.

**Susan G. Komen for the Cure – Central New Mexico Affiliate**

8200 Mountain Rd. NE, Suite 106, Albuquerque, NM 87110  
Phone: 505-265-4649 • Fax: 505-265-4651  
www.komencnm.org

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world’s largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists, and the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer. The Central New Mexico Affiliate covers all of Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance and Valencia counties. Up to 75 percent of the Affiliate’s net income goes toward funding grants to local hospitals and community organizations that provide breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for medically underserved women.

**United Blood Services**

1515 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Phone: 505-843-6227 • Toll-Free Number: 800-333-8037 • Fax: 505-247-8835  
www.unitedbloodservices.org

United Blood Services is a nonprofit community blood center, providing blood, blood components and special services to patients in more than 500 hospitals in 18 states. There are six United Blood Services centers in New Mexico.

**YWCA Middle Rio Grande, Women’s Health Equity Program/ENCOREplus**

210 Truman St. NE, Suite A, Albuquerque NM 87108  
Phone: 505-254-9922 x128 • Fax: 505-254-9953  
www.ywca-nm.org

The Women’s Health Equity Program provides women with financial assistance for annual screening mammograms, as well as diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds. ENCOREplus provides transportation assistance for women to get to appointments and personal reminders to get annual mammograms.
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 more than 100 board-certified oncology physicians and over 130 research scientists recruited from prestigious institutions around 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 of our NCI designation, we have access to nationwide clinical trials that offer our patients the most cutting-edge cancer treatments. We and other NCI centers develop these new therapies. 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 not only to address your cancer treatment but also to support your total wellbeing. Our Patient and Family Support Services include counseling, nutrition guidance, patient education, social work and an array of support groups. We add new programs regularly. As you begin your care at the UNM Cancer Center, please read through this Patient Guide. It is designed to familiarize you with our facilities, resources, services and staff and to help ensure that 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,

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

Contact Us

After-hours Assistance

If you are experiencing 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 clinic’s main number at 505-272-4946 or our statewide toll-free number at 1-800-432-6806. 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.

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Administration Numbers

| Administration Office | 505-272-4443 |
| Director of Development | 505-925-0471 |
| Administration Fax Number | 505-272-4039 |

Physical Address

UNM Cancer Center
1201 Camino de Salud NE
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Website Address

cancer.unm.edu

Hours of Operation

Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Closed on weekends and on these holidays:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day and the day after
- Christmas Day
- New Year’s Day

UNM Cancer Center Main Numbers

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Mailing Address

UNM Cancer Center
MSC07-4025
1 University of New Mexico
1201 Camino de Salud NE
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
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 north (left) on University Blvd and follow it to Camino de Salud (first light).

4. Turn west (left) on Camino de Salud, you will see the UNMH Outpatient Surgery and Imaging Service on the northwest corner. The UNM Cancer Center is the tall building to the west of it.

5. Patient drop-off and pickup is on the south side of the UNM Cancer Center building. Take the FIRST RIGHT into the SOUTH 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 SOUTH and WEST lots.

Visit our web site at cancer.unm.edu and click on “Maps & Directions” under “For Patients” for printable versions of these directions in both English and Spanish.