SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center
Annual Oncology Report 2018

Through excellence in healthcare and compassionate service, we care for our community.
WELCOME!

It is our pleasure to present you with the SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center 2018 Annual Report. In keeping with our organization’s commitment to environmental sustainability, our report continues to be offered in an electronic format at: www.swedishamerican.org/CAR.

Our 2018 annual report contains a summary of the cancer center’s programs along with analytic and non-analytic incidences of cancer cases in 2017. The SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center celebrated its five-year anniversary in October with a weeklong birthday celebration honoring patients and families, staff, leadership and donors. SwedishAmerican continues to support the community in many meaningful ways, and you will see examples throughout the report of how staff and providers at the Regional Cancer Center are involved in community events.

The SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center is committed to providing compassionate care and excellent clinical outcomes. Some of our program enhancements include implementing a new electronic medical record called HealthLink, putting us on the same electronic medical record as UW Health and allowing us to continue to enhance the care we give patients. We have expanded clinical trials by embarking on Strata Oncology in collaboration with UW, which will provide our patients an opportunity to participate in more clinical trials.

Our mission continues to be to offer world-class treatment while keeping patients close to home. We believe that through our continued partnership with UW Health, we offer the very best collaboration between a large academic cancer center and a community-based cancer center. In this, we strive to be the preeminent destination for comprehensive cancer care in northern Illinois.

With Kindest Regards,

Natalie Wilson RN, BSN, MBA
Director of Oncology & Infusion Services
SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center

William C. Schulz MD
Medical Director
SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center

ACCREDITATIONS

INTRODUCING
NATALIE WILSON RN, BSN, MBA

Earlier this year, the Regional Cancer Center welcomed Natalie Wilson RN, BSN, MBA as the new Director of Oncology Services. Natalie comes to the center with an extensive background in nursing and healthcare leadership. As a nurse, Natalie worked in pediatric oncology at the University of Wisconsin American Family Children's Hospital.

After eight years at UW Health, Natalie began her career at SwedishAmerican -- first as a supervisor, then becoming the manager of Stateline and Immediate Care Clinics. As she embarks on this new professional endeavor, Natalie will look for new and innovative ways to meet the needs of our patients. “As we move into the future, we will continue to demonstrate our commitment to providing the best oncology care for our community. I look forward to where this journey will take the center,” she said.

Natalie is a Rockford native with strong ties to the community. She graduated from Rockford University with both her Bachelors of Science in Nursing and Masters of Business Administration. Community service and volunteerism are a vital part of Natalie’s life. She is an active board member of the Epilepsy Foundation for North Central Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska, working tirelessly to increase awareness regarding epilepsy. Natalie lives in Rockford with her husband Todd and daughter Lexi, while remembering Abby, their angel in heaven. She enjoys traveling, especially trips to Arizona, and spending time with her family’s two cats, Hope and Lovey.
OUR COMMUNITY

SwedishAmerican continues to be a leader in cancer care and treatment. Our dedication to exemplary cancer care extends beyond the patients and into our community. Each year, the SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center partners with community organizations to provide and support cancer awareness events, cancer screening events, education opportunities and cancer-related events.

LIGHT THE NIGHT – LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY ~ OCT. 6, 2018

SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center staff participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s annual walk, Light the Night. The event is the Society’s premier fundraising event, where participants walk with lighted lanterns representing survivors, caregivers and in memoriam.

NICHOLAS RITSCHEL FOUNDATION’S 7TH ANNUAL NIK’S HOME RUN EVENT

The SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center was honored to sponsor the 7th annual Nik’s Home Run event! The Regional Cancer Center has partnered with the Nicholas Ritschel Foundation since it’s inception to provide wishes for several of our young adult patients and their families.

The foundation has created memories for our patients that otherwise might not have happened. This year, the foundation granted its hundredth wish. The SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center is proud to support the compassionate and noble work of the Nicholas Ritschel Foundation.
REGIONAL CANCER CENTER CELEBRATED 5 YEARS!

On October 17, the SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center celebrated its fifth anniversary!

Over the past five years, the providers and staff of the Regional Cancer Center have provided the highest quality, comprehensive cancer care with heartfelt dedication, hard work and excellence. It was important to all of us when planning the celebration that we honor the patients, staff, donors and leaders from SwedishAmerican and UW Health who help support our mission and values.

We kicked off the celebration with a week of activities for the patients, and a birthday bash for patients and staff. From October 1 to October 5, patients enjoyed daily giveaways of hats, blankets, Mary Kay and Pampered Chef products. Each day, patients had a chance to enter to win raffle baskets of different themes, all which were put together by two of the Regional Cancer Center volunteers, Carolyn and Rae. All week, patients could make their own essential oil project and decorate a luminary bag in honor of someone or in honor of their journey. Patients and staff also enjoyed live entertainment with singers, guitarists, harpists and violinists that played in our lobby areas. On October 2, we celebrated with a birthday bash where patients and staff could enjoy cupcakes and punch, and patients could have a free photography session with one of our volunteer photographers out in the garden. On October 4, we had a luminary event showcasing all of the luminaries patients made throughout the week while enjoying the music from the high school Kantorei! Below are pictures from the patient celebration week!

We wrapped up the anniversary week events with a night of celebration that included UW, SAHS and RCC leadership, along with donors and all those who have made the Regional Cancer Center what it is today!
COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Prevention is our best tool in the fight against cancer and educating young adults about cancer prevention is critical to giving them information to improve their long term health.

Every semester, we provide education sessions to Rockford University students enrolled in wellness classes. The presentations are developed with pertinent information for the young adults, who are at a pivotal time in their life, where decisions made today could have far-reaching consequences on their future health. There is a discussion regarding human papilloma virus-related cancers, cervical cancer screening guidelines, colorectal cancers and screening guidelines, as well as general cancer prevention information such as the dangers of smoking and tobacco use and the importance of diet and exercise.

Over the past year, 111 students have participated in these presentations. Each student receives a survey to complete and return at the end of the presentation. The survey is used to evaluate learning and the effectiveness of the presentations to give students the tools to make the appropriate changes to their health-related behaviors. Students are asked about their openness to learning prior to the presentation and their willingness to change any behaviors as a result of the presentation. The survey also asks the student to identify information that they found important and for any additional feedback about the presentations.

The students were asked to rate their agreement with two statements using a 1-4 Likert scale, with 4 equivalent to strongly agree. Students rated their openness to learning 3.7 out of 4 (average) and 4 out of 4 (median). Students rated their likelihood to change a health related behavior based on the info presented 3.2 out of 4 (average) and 3 out of 4 (median). Both scores indicate a moderate likelihood to change a behavior based on the presented information. Overall feedback regarding the presentations is positive. Many students find the information relevant and engaging.

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CLASSES, SUPPORT GROUPS, AND MORE

The instructors, presenters, counselors and therapists at Katy's Place aim to provide hope and healing for the mind and spirit. Support groups for patients and those who love them are designed to give individuals a safe space to talk about their worries, fears and doubts as they walk the path of cancer treatment and recovery.

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<td>Every Monday and Wednesday, we have the most adorable canine faces come by to say “Hi” and brighten your day.</td>
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<td>ART THERAPY</td>
<td>A variety of art making and creative workshops are offered. Join with other cancer patients and their loved ones for a time of creativity and support.</td>
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<td>STRETCH &amp; STRENGTHEN</td>
<td>Join Greg as he helps you build muscle and endurance. We will be using light (5 pounds &amp; under) hand weights and resistance bands to help you reach your goals.</td>
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<td>PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP</td>
<td>A group for individuals who are currently undergoing treatment for cancer. It is designed to give attendees a chance to interact with others who are facing cancer.</td>
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<td>A group designed to give caregivers a chance to interact with other individuals who are caring for family or friends who have a cancer diagnosis.</td>
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<td>This support group is designed for young women who would benefit from meeting with others who are juggling cancer treatment with children/job/relationships.</td>
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<td>SPANISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT GROUP</td>
<td>A support group for Spanish-speaking cancer patients is held twice monthly and facilitated by a medical translator.</td>
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<td>INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS</td>
<td>Special speakers, who are experts in their area of cancer treatment, present informational sessions throughout the year.</td>
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On September 6, Katy’s Place presented a series of presentations, events and activities that focused on The Healing Power of Nature. Many of us were told as children to go play outside because it’s good for you. Research now tells us that mom was right. It can be energizing or calming to soak in the outdoors.

In an effort to provide SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center patients with the opportunity to engage in a variety of nature-based activities, the following workshops and events were held:

- Dr. Srivani Sridhar, Family and Integrative Holistic Medicine Physician, spoke about healing environments. She discussed examples of positive environments, as well as some of the potential negative impacts of the technology-laden world in which we live.
- Jane Greenlee, Board Certified Holistic Health Nurse, led participants in nature-based guided imagery. Her goal was to use the images of nature to aid in relaxation.
- Michelle Cox, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener, presented an indoor succulent garden workshop. Attendees left with a beautiful container of succulents to place in their home.
- Tim Shaffer, Guitarist and cancer survivor, played relaxing music outside in the Meditation Garden.
- Members of the Rockford Photography Club were in the Meditation Garden to share nature photography hints.
- Bethany Stiltner, ATR BC, led Drumming Down the Sun in the Meditation Garden.

Since cancer patients sometimes are not able to get outside due to the side effects of treatment, these events were designed to give them a chance to engage in activities that were both entertaining and healing.

Cancer Survivor Day is a nationwide event designed to celebrate every individual who has ever received a diagnosis of cancer. It doesn’t matter if the diagnosis came 25 years ago or yesterday, Cancer Survivor Day honors all who have ever heard the terrible words, “You have cancer.”

The theme of the 2018 Cancer Survivor Day at SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center was “Hope Grows Here.” Centered on the theme of “growth,” many of the activities and events focused on the concept of growth and the ways that it affects patients, as well as the people who love them.

In addition to special guests who spoke on the topics of cancer survivorship, clinical trials and oncology rehab, guests participated in workshops that included flower arranging, guided tours of the Cancer Center’s installed art and an introduction to the labyrinth. The local Pink Heals firetruck came to visit, as did SwedishAmerican mascot SAM, and members of the Caring Canines therapy dog team. Flower seedlings were given away and all guests were able to participate in growth-themed craft activities. To complete the special day, groups that support cancer patients provided information about their areas of focus.

Overall, it was a complete afternoon of activities and fun to honor the cancer survivors in our community.
LUNG CANCER CENTER

Lung cancer often goes undetected until it has reached an advanced stage, which can affect the patient’s survival and quality of life. Patients diagnosed with lung cancer require a team approach to their care. The SwedishAmerican Lung Cancer Center is a multidisciplinary team of specialists offering an efficient, coordinated approach in the evaluation and treatment of this disease.

The Lung Cancer Center is honored to hold The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ for Lung Cancer. SwedishAmerican is one of only nine hospitals in the nation and the only in Illinois to earn this special approval, which recognizes our hospital for meeting The Joint Commission’s national standards for healthcare quality and safety in lung cancer care. The Lung Cancer Team consists of a thoracic surgeon, medical and radiation oncologists, pulmonologists, radiologists, a pathologist and a nurse navigator. The nurse navigator assists patients with education, support, and coordination of services throughout their diagnosis and treatment. The nurse navigator also works very closely with referring physicians to enhance communication and follow-up regarding their patient while receiving care at SwedishAmerican Health System.

The goal of this center is to decrease the time from diagnosis to treatment and help families navigate through the health system, thereby improving overall patient care and satisfaction.

The Multidisciplinary Lung Cancer Center offers patients:

- Evaluation by a team of specialists
- Coordinated treatment decisions by the team of specialists
- Family-centered discussion of the team’s recommendations
- Access to state-of-the-art treatment and clinical trials
- The opportunity to meet with a dietitian and/or social worker to discuss concerns or special needs
- Comprehensive patient education materials
- Team approach with your referring physician

The Lung Cancer Center also offers low dose CT screening exams for those who meet the established criteria. The screening exams allow for early diagnosis of lung cancer and also:

- Enables providers to discuss smoking cessation as appropriate
- Provide an opportunity for follow up screening at specific intervals based on national recommendations
- Raises awareness for LD CT screening

As of 2018, SwedishAmerican Health System Regional Cancer Center was once again designated as a Screening Center of Excellence by the Lung Cancer Alliance.

EVENTS

The Lung Cancer Nurse Navigator participated in a variety of health system events to promote the Lung Cancer Center services and to honor caregivers and patients affected by Lung Cancer.

The Regional Cancer Center hosted the Shine A Light event on November 9, 2017. This is an annual national event through the Lung Cancer Alliance which strives to celebrate and remember survivors, caregivers and individuals who have been impacted by Lung Cancer.

Oncology Nurse Navigators from the Lung Cancer Center and Radiation Oncology participated in the National Cancer Survivors Day on June 9, 2018 at the Regional Cancer Center. The Navigators shared information regarding the Nurse Navigator role, screenings and other services available to patients.
THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

In Honor of Lung Cancer Awareness month, a patient’s story was highlighted on the Swedish American website and Facebook page:

She conquered cancer not once but twice! Cindy was proud to call herself a survivor when she beat lymphoma last year. But two months later, that title slipped away. The Rockford resident started having issues with her throat and noticed she couldn’t breathe. So she sought help. Cindy was diagnosed with bronchitis, received an inhaler and cough syrup and went on her way. But she wasn’t getting any better and she still had a hard time catching her breath. That’s when Cindy decided to go to our ER. The next six days were a blur, as she ended up being intubated and put into a coma. Six days later, she woke up in our intensive care unit to discover she had lung cancer.

Cindy quit smoking 15 years ago and hadn’t been around smoke or smokers since. So she was in complete shock to hear her diagnosis. Fortunately, with the help and guidance of our cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Srinivas Kolla, and oncologist, Dr. William Edwards, the cancer was removed and she’s now officially cancer free, yet again. Through it all, Cindy was able to lean on her lung cancer nurse navigator, Carly, and developed a close bond with her.

Cindy said she’s starting to feel more like herself. She’s back to volunteering for the Literacy Council, teaching children how to read and loves traveling to Milwaukee to take care of her two grandsons. Cindy also looks forward to traveling the country with her husband in their motorhome. “Having hope is how I got through cancer twice,” says Cindy. “When you’re sick, rely on your support system, have faith and hope, find great doctors and believe that you’re going to get better.”
BREAST HEALTH

BREAST MAMMOGRAM SCREENING UPDATE

The year of 2018 started with many new changes to our program. In January 2018, the Breast Health Center upgraded its mammography equipment to tomosynthesis, also known as 3D-mammography. In the spring, Dr. Jordan Toman, joined the Breast Health Center as a radiologist. Dr. Toman is a board certified radiologist who has completed a specialized fellowship in breast imaging. This new technology and fellowship trained radiologist brings more expertise to our center. Tomosynthesis allows for sharper imaging of abnormal tissue, decreasing the need for unnecessary biopsies. This results in lower patient cost and more peace of mind as patients undergo the exam.

The Breast Tumor Conference that was revamped in 2017 has continued to be a successful conference. This conference brings together Oncologists, Radiologists, Pathologists, Surgeons, Clinical Trials Nurses and the Breast Cancer Nurse Navigator, to discuss prospective and existing breast cancer cases. This multidisciplinary conference allows the care providers to discuss the treatment plan and or change the ongoing treatment by recommendations that are made by this peer group of specialists.

In November, Dr. Lacey Stelle, a fellowship trained breast surgeon, joined SwedishAmerican Health System. Dr. Stelle comes to us from Maryland and brings expert skill and knowledge in breast and oncoplastic surgery to our breast program. She is committed to using evidence based techniques to give patients the best possible results. We are looking forward to the future as our breast program continues to grow bringing world class care to our patients.

CANCER CONFERENCES

GENERAL TUMOR CONFERENCE

At SwedishAmerican, we host a multi-disciplinary tumor conference for our physicians and our affiliate physicians at UW-Madison to review and discuss newly diagnosed patients, as well as those patients who require additional treatments in various forms.

In 2017, our physicians presented a total of 152 cases. Discussions included diagnostic work up, AJCC staging, treatment recommendations according to the NCCN guidelines, clinical trial options, rehab services, genetic testing referrals, palliative care services and psychosocial services.
CANCER REGISTRY

In more than 1,400 Commission on Cancer programs, data collection is specific to oncology patients. At SwedishAmerican, our Cancer Registry Department is a central hub for data collection, management, and analysis of information on all oncology patients that are diagnosed and treated at our facility. In 2017, our Cancer Registry Department entered a total of 902 analytic cases and 70 non-analytic cases into our Cancer Registry Database.

CANCER REGISTRY STAFF

Our cancer registry team is made up of four dedicated individuals committed to doing their part in the fight against cancer.

Tracy Golden BS, RT, (R)(T), CTR ~ Tracy began her career as a Radiologic Technologist in 1991 and as a Radiation Therapist in 1993. She also has CT and MRI experience. Tracy transitioned to the Cancer Registry in 2012.

James Ponder Jr RHIT, CTR ~ James came to the SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center is 2013. After trying his hand in auto manufacturing, he found that his heart was in the medical field and that he could do his best in the Cancer Registry.

Jennifer Penke AAS, CIM, CTR ~ Jennifer has a background in business retail, and made her career change in 2011 to Cancer Registry. She started at SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center in 2013 and has loved it.

Valerie Johnson, Cancer Registry Assistant ~ Valerie has been with SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center for 19 years. Valerie handles all of the patient follow up and manages our General Tumor Conferences.

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Chairman ~ Medical Oncology .............. Harvey Einhorn MD
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Chaplain ................................................ Colin Eversmann MDiv, ThM
Holistic Health Supportive Services ......... Jane Greenlee RN

2017 Diagnosis by Gender
Analytic Incidence
- Male: 45%
- Female: 55%

2017 Colorectal Cancer by Subsite
Analytic Incidence
- Cecum: 18.3%
- Appendix: 5.0%
- Ascending colon: 11.7%
- Hepatic flexure: 1.7%
- Transverse colon: 8.3%
- Descending colon: 5.0%
- Sigmoid colon: 18.3%
- Colon, overlying lesion: 5.0%
- Colon, NOS: 5.0%
- Rectosigmoid junction: 5.0%
- Rectum, NOS: 16.7%
RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Dr. Joycelyn Speight, MD, PhD, DABR
Dr. Speight is a diplomat of the American Board of Radiology and is a member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiation Oncology (ASTRO). She has been a practicing physician for 17 years. She received her medical degree from State University of New York Health Science Center and completed her residency and fellowship at UCSF Medical Center at Parnassus. Dr. Speight is board certified in both Radiation Oncology and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Speight is widely published in peer reviewed journals, has won multiple awards for teaching and clinical research, and has also been selected as one of the Best Doctors in America multiple years in a row.

Dr. Benjamin Durkee, MD, PhD
Dr. Durkee is a member of the American Society for Radiation Oncology and is board certified in radiation oncology. He completed his medical degree at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health and his residency/fellowship at Sanford University Palo Alto, California. Dr. Durkee has a special interest in stereotactic radiotherapy/radiosurgery and in women’s health and oncology. Dr. Durkee has won multiple awards for his clinical research, including Best of JCO 2016.

Dr. Prakash Pedapati, MD
Dr. Prakash Pedapati has practiced at SwedishAmerican Health System since 1981. He is chairman of SwedishAmerican’s radiation safety committee and is a member of the multidisciplinary cancer committee. Dr. Pedapati completed his medical degree at Osmania Medical School Hyderabad, India. He completed his residency and fellowship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center at Chicago, Illinois. He also serves as a clinical instructor at the University Of Illinois School Of Medicine at Rockford.

NEW SERVICES

SBRT - Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy
It differs from conventional radiation treatments as it is very high doses of radiation targeted precisely at the tumor and given in just a few treatments (usually 3-5). It is used to treat smaller tumors and often utilized for those patients who cannot receive surgery due to the tumor location or the patient’s overall status.

SRS - Stereotactic Radiosurgery
It is not surgery, but rather a very high, precise single dose of radiation utilized to treat small benign and malignant brain tumors.

Hypofractionated Radiation Therapy
This is treatment in which the total dose of radiation is divided into larger doses and treatments are given once a day or less often. This means the total dose will be given over a shorter period of time than standard radiation therapy. Using hypofractionization has been found to cause fewer side effects from the radiation and just as effective as standard radiation treatment, as studies are revealing.
Dr. Fauzia Khattak, MD
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