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As the Medical Director of North Memorial Health Cancer Center and chair of the Cancer Committee, it is my privilege to present the 2018 report of our program. We hope you will use this an introduction to our commitment to provide the best care for our customers and their families. The diagnosis of a cancer or a blood disorder is a life changing event.

At North Memorial Health Cancer Center, we focus on empowering you to help make the most informed decisions about your care. Our physicians and nurse practitioners are skilled in the use of traditional chemotherapy, molecularly targeted therapy and the novel immunoncology therapies. We offer expert services in surgical oncology, radiation oncology and palliative care, and we will work alongside your primary care provider to make sure your needs are met. North Memorial Health Cancer Center is also proud to provide access to a multitude of services such as medication support, financial counseling, survivorship, and other social services and are fortunate be a part of our customer’s care team.

Joseph Levine, MD
Oncology Medical Director, Program Chair

As the Director of North Memorial Health Cancer Center and a nurse with over 20 years of hematology/oncology experience, I am very proud of the care we are able to provide to those customers that have chosen North Memorial Health.

North Memorial Health has been accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer since 1987. This means that for over 30 years, our program has been taking a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care that is driven by the highest standards and continuous clinical and programmatic improvement. Our team has a long tenure in taking care of customers with cancer and other blood disorders and strives to provide the best experience for both customers and their families during what can be a very difficult time.

Kate Sullivan, RN, BSN
Director, Specialty Clinics

As the Director of North Memorial Health Cancer Center and a nurse with over 20 years of hematology/oncology experience, I am very proud of the care we are able to provide to those customers that have chosen North Memorial Health.
Our cancer center continues to host three weekly multidisciplinary tumor boards that are highly attended.

**CLINICALGOAL:**
Integrated Health Program at Cancer Center
Added free yoga and exercise classes and massage services for our customers.

**QUALITY:**
1. Studied the need for an improved psychosocial/legal distress screening process and partnered with Cancer Legal Line.
2. Partnered with Care Access to improve customer access for scheduling and triage.

**PROGRAMMATIC GOAL:**
Working on EMR integration with North Radiation.

**PAY IT FORWARD:**
Supported the Pay It Forward fundraising event. Grants help customers with breast and other women’s cancers pay for basic living expenses so they can focus on what is really important – getting healthy.

**NEW PHYSICIAN:**
Rena Shah, MD

**PARTNERED WITH TRELLIS Rx:**
For increased access to oral medications for our customers at the Cancer Center Pharmacy.

**OPEN ARMS:**
Continue to partner with Open Arms of Minnesota for increased access to food for our customers.
We Value Quality

Accreditations from:
• Det Norske Verita (DNV)
• American College of Surgeon’s Commission on Cancer

Certified Services and Programs in:
• Surgery
• Radiology
• Breast
• Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
• Palliative Care

Members of:
• The Association of Community Cancer Centers

Studies of Quality and Improvement

Each year, the Cancer Committee selects goals to improve care delivery at North Memorial Health Cancer Center. 2018 goals included:

• **Clinical goal to implement integrated health services** at the Cancer Center for our customers. Free yoga and exercise classes, as well as massage services for customers were provided.

• **Programmatic goal of integrating North Radiation EMR with North Memorial Health Epic** was investigated with discussions between both facilities.

• **Cancer Legal Line study** found that there is a need for an improved psychosocial/legal distress screening process, which we have implemented at the Cancer Center.

• **Lynch Study** for genetic referrals following colon tumor resections. The study found that there is opportunity to improve the referral process following pathology findings. Our pathology reports have been updated with appropriate referral prompts.

• **Care Access addition** to increase customer access to scheduling and triage. Care Access took over managing incoming calls in July 2018, and we partnered with them on the development and process improvement efforts of triaging and scheduling customers calling in to the clinic.
Wanting to help our customers achieve their best health

**Prevention**

*Head and neck cancer awareness*

North Memorial Health co-sponsored with Delta Dental of MN a conference for medical and dental professionals and customers. The conference was an urgent call to collaborate due to the epidemic of HPV-associated head and neck cancer.

*Family Night at North Market*

North Memorial Health sponsored an evening at North Market for a family-friendly night with kids activities, wellness and cancer education and fitness classes.

- Breast health and cancer prevention education
- Diabetes education
- Nutrition information
- Resources for mental health
- Free blood pressure readings

**Screening**

*Breast cancer screening*

North Memorial Health Clinic – Minnetonka held a Sage screening mammography event in February. In October, a breast cancer awareness table was set up in the hospital atrium to provide breast health and breast cancer prevention information to the public.

*Oral, head and neck cancer*

Team members from OMFS (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) provided oral, head and neck cancer screening at the conference in April. They also participated in the Mission of Mercy event in Minneapolis in September to provide cancer screening and free dental care.
MEET THE TEAM

Board Certified Hematology/Oncology Physicians
Board Certified Oncology Pharmacists
Board Certified Radiation Oncology
Board Certified Palliative Care Physician
Board Certified Nurse Practitioners
Cancer Registry
Chemotherapy Certified Nurses
Clinical Office Staff
Financial Counselor
Genetic Counselors
Licensed Practical Nurses
Medical Assistants
Oncology Certified Social Worker
Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialists
Pharmacy Technicians
Wellness Team
# Comprehensive Cancer Providers

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**Services**

- Oral Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Genetic Counseling
- Pharmacy
- Onsite Wellness
- Breast Center
- Radiation Therapy and Imaging
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Palliative Care
- Hospice
- Grief and Loss Support Programs
- Monthly Support Groups
Cancer Committee

Membership

Cancer Committee Chairperson and Medical Oncology:
Joseph Levine, MD

Oncology Nurse:
Christine Jones, RN, BSN
(alt. Kathy Johnson, RN)

Cancer Liaison Physician and Surgical Representative:
Corinne Jordan, MD
(alt. Jonathan Gipson, MD)

Social Worker/Case Manager:
Jennifer Kreitz, LICSW

Cancer Program Administrator:
Kate Sullivan, Director
(alt. Kerri Keskitalo, RN)

Cancer Conference Coordinator:
Andrea Ronnebaum, RHIT, CTR

Diagnostic Radiology Provider:
Thomas Peltola, MD
(alt. Nellie Bauer, MD)

Palliative Care Team Member:
Joseph Sicora, MD

Pathology Provider:
Katie VanPatten, MD
(alt. Virginia Dale, MD)

Cancer Genetics Professional:
Joy Larsen Haidle, MS, LGC
(alt. Katherine Baker-Lange, MS, LGC)

Quality Improvement Coordinator:
Kerri Keskitalo, RN

American Cancer Society Community Representative:
Anne O’Keefe

Radiation Oncology Provider:
Kurt Nisi, MD
(alt. Somu Suppiah, MD)

Oncology Clinical Nurse Navigator:
Jean Pupkes, APRN, CNS, AOCN

Quality Improvement Coordinator:
Kerri Keskitalo, RN

Rehabilitation Services:
Terri Herme, Manager

Cancer Registry Quality Coordinator:
Nancy Lobeck, CTR

Cancer Program Pharmacist:
Erin Kelley, PharmD, BCOP

Community Outreach Coordinator:
Shirley Kern, APRN, CNS, AOCN
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Inpatient Oncology Nurse Practitioner:
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Clinical Research Representative:
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(alt. Meaghan Wagner, RN)

Mental Health Practitioner:
Benjamin Musburger, LAMFT

Psychosocial Services Coordinator:
Jennifer Kreitz, LICSW, ACM
(alt. Kayla Carlson)