

# Richmond University Medical Center

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## Center for Cancer Care



*Hope Begins Here.*



Commission  
on Cancer®  
ACCREDITED  
PROGRAM

# ADVANCED CANCER CARE *is here on Staten Island.*

You do not need to leave Staten Island to receive the latest in cancer care. Richmond University Medical Center's cancer program has been accredited for **over 80 consecutive years** by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer, one of the most prestigious national accreditations in the field of cancer. Our program also recently earned five commendations for exceeding their standard requirements in areas of cancer care.

## 5 COMMENDATIONS AWARDED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS:

**3** in Program  
Management

**1** in Clinical  
Services

**1** in Data  
Quality





## ADVANCED SERVICES TO TREAT ONE KIND OF CANCER... YOURS

Home to the most sophisticated tools and technologies available to diagnose and treat cancer, the Center for Cancer Care has both **medical oncologists** — doctors who specialize in the treatment of cancer, and **radiation oncologists** — who target cancer cells using therapeutic radiation. Our team of oncologists will assess your unique situation before developing the best course of treatment for the only cancer that matters...yours.

## TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CENTER FOR CANCER CARE INCLUDE:

<b>Immunotherapy</b>	Also known as “biological therapy,” the patient’s immune system is enhanced using substances made by the body or artificially to better recognize cancer cells from healthy cells. This strengthens the body’s ability to target and fight the cancer. Immunotherapy is less likely to cause side effects, and can effectively treat more advanced forms of cancer.
<b>Chemotherapy</b>	One of the most common forms of treatment, “chemo” utilizes powerful medications to prevent cancer cells from growing and spreading. The types of drugs used may differ depending on the form of cancer. Chemotherapy can be used alone or in combination with additional forms of cancer treatment.
<b>Targeted Therapy</b>	Chemical signals that cause cancer to grow are blocked through the use of drugs focused on proteins and activity on the cellular level that indicate cancer growth. They may also carry medication to cancer cells to kill them while lessening harm to normal cells.
<b>Linear Accelerator (LINAC) Therapy</b>	High energy x-rays are customized to the size and shape of the tumor. This spares damage to healthy cells while delivering a direct dose of radiation to the tumor to destroy the cancerous cells.
<b>High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy</b>	Radioactive implants or material are placed inside the patient’s body close to or inside the cancerous tumor to deliver treatment. This maximizes the dose directed to the cancer cells while minimizing exposure to nearby healthy cells.
<b>Image Guided Radiotherapy (IGRT):</b>	A picture of the cancerous tumor is created through frequent imaging of the area using equipment such as CT scans and ultrasound. This increases the precision and accuracy of radiation delivered during therapy.
<b>Stereotactic Radiosurgery</b>	Special equipment is used to position the patient so radiation can be delivered more precisely to a tumor. The total amount of radiation is delivered over one to five days, and is often used for brain and spine tumors.
<b>Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy</b>	Concentrated beams of high dose radiation are delivered from different directions to more precisely target the tumor and destroy the cancerous cells.



## **SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

When you have cancer it affects you, your family, and your friends. You can depend on us for comfort and support from diagnosis through treatment, making sure that you and your loved ones are cared for every step of the way. We have available for you:

- Behavioral health services
- Counseling
- Cancer education materials and resources
- Discharge planning
- Home care
- Pastoral care
- Referrals to hospice and community agencies

**For more information on these services call 718-818-3000.**





## **CENTER FOR CANCER CARE**

**1000 South Avenue**

**Staten Island, NY 10314**

**The Center for Cancer Care is open  
weekdays, 8:00am to 5:00pm.**

## **MEDICAL ONCOLOGISTS**

**Dr. Thomas Forlenza**

**Dr. Maxim Shulimovich**

**Monday 9:00am to 5:00pm**

**Tuesday–Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm**

## **RADIATION ONCOLOGISTS**

**Dr. Marc Adams**

**Dr. Hoon Lee**

**Monday–Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm**

**Evening hours are available;  
please call for an appointment.**

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