

# Richmond University Medical Center Center for Cancer Care



*Hope Begins Here.*



# THE MOST ADVANCED CANCER CARE

*is here on Staten Island.*

You do not need to leave Staten Island to receive the latest medically proven effective cancer care available. Richmond University Medical Center's cancer care program has been accredited by the following:



For over 80 consecutive years, Richmond University Medical Center has been accredited by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer, one of the most prestigious national accreditations in the field of cancer. This makes our care program the longest consecutively accredited cancer program on Staten Island.



Awarded by the American College of Radiology for providing the highest level of image quality and patient safety using Positron Emission Tomography (PET). It is only awarded to facilities meeting ACR practice parameters and technical standards after a peer-review evaluation by board certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field.



Awarded by the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) for providing a continuous, exceptional standard of patient care across all forms of radiation therapy.



## COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO TREAT THE CANCER THAT MATTERS MOST...YOURS!

Home to the most advanced tools and technologies available to diagnose and treat cancer, our 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 cancer specialists will assess your unique situation before developing the best course of treatment for the only cancer that matters...yours.

# THE CENTER FOR CANCER CARE SERVICES 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.
<b>Chemotherapy</b>	One of the most common forms of treatment, “chemo” utilizes powerful medications to prevent cancer cells from growing and spreading. 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 destroy cancer cells while lessening harm to normal cells.
<b>Linear Accelerator (LINAC) Therapy</b>	High energy x-rays are customized to the size and shape of a tumor. This spares damage to healthy cells while delivering a direct dose of radiation to the tumor.
<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.
<b>Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy</b>	Concentrated beams of high dose radiation are delivered from different directions to more precisely target the tumor and destroy cancerous cells.



## PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES AVAILABLE

We have assembled a team of compassionate, highly skilled specialists to provide unmatched patient-centered palliative care. Our team includes specially trained physicians, nurses, social workers, pastoral care providers, and additional specialists, all of whom provide the following services:

**Care coordination:** We ensure the seamless delivery of services and support in coordination with your primary care provider.

**Behavioral health counseling:** We are here to help with stress, anxiety, and emotional needs.

**Pain management:** In consultation with your medical providers, we provide additional relief and improve comfort.

**Spiritual care:** We provide religious services, faith-based guidance, and comfort from clergy of all faiths.

**Social service referrals:** We identify and connect patients with community resources that further expand needed services.

**Home/facility care management:** We coordinate services either in a facility or at home to ensure comfort and ease.

**End-of-life planning:** We provide discreet and respectful assistance with 'do not resuscitate' orders and advanced directives.

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**For more information about our palliative care services, call 718-818-4101.**



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**MEDICAL ONCOLOGY**  
Monday–Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

**RADIATION ONCOLOGY**  
Monday–Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

**Richmond University**  
 **Medical Center**  

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