

HealthPartners Frauenshuh Cancer Center



The comfort and care patients and families need to face a cancer diagnosis go far beyond any treatment plan or medical intervention. It requires caring for the whole patient and their family by supporting the mind, body and spirit.

Frauenshuh Cancer Center's world-class treatment facility works to heal the body, mind and spirit through exceptional medical care, medical research and enhancements to care, including integrative therapies and patient special needs. Our patient model brings care and services directly to our patients in their own rooms, helping them to conserve energy to do the things that are important to them.

This vital integrative care is traditionally not covered through insurance. In 2022, the generosity of our donors and volunteers gave patients the care and support they needed to face the physical and emotional aspects of cancer.

Don Cherrey honors the memory of his wife, Judy, with a generous gift

After making countless visits to HealthPartners Frauenshuh Cancer Center, Don Cherrey thought providing funds to redesign the radiation patient waiting area—where he and his wife, Judy, spent so many hours—was the perfect way to honor her memory.



"Judy battled triple negative breast cancer for 9-1/2 years," Don said. "Through all those years, she had met many cancer patients and she really enjoyed talking with them while waiting for her treatments. She'd always come home uplifted by the other patients. When I met with people from the Park Nicollet Foundation we decided that redesigning the patient waiting area would be a perfect way to honor Judy."

The Frauenshuh Cancer Center is staffed with a comprehensive team of specialists who work together on the physical and emotional effects of cancer. Treatments include a combination of different therapies, which results in a personalized plan for every patient.

"Judy's breast cancer was caught early. But three years after her initial treatments, we were shocked and disappointed to learn the cancer had returned. We greatly appreciated the personal care and compassion the doctors and nurses provided our family for all those years," Don stated.

Don feels it's important to give back, and was proud to make a significant contribution to fund the project. "Judy always had a good experience when she went to the Radiation Department so that's why it made so much sense to give the money to that area. I hope my contribution inspires others to do the same. After all, you can't take it with you," Don added.

81,512

Clinic & infusion
patient visits

3,267

New patients



1,749

Integrative therapy
visits supported

1,702

hours of
volunteer support

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers in 2022, HealthPartners Frauenshuh Cancer Center patients and families had the comfort and care they needed to face the physical and emotional aspects of cancer. Our team continues to thoughtfully reimagine our services to provide high-quality personal care while minimizing patient exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

2022 Impact Report of Generosity

Patient & Family Experience

Nurse Navigator program

Supported an expansion of the Nurse Navigator program. The addition of a colorectal cancer care navigator provides personalized one-to-one care coordination, appointment scheduling, support and information to help patients make the best decisions about their medical options.

Integrative therapies

Sponsored more than 1,749 integrative therapy appointments in person and virtually, including massage, music therapy, acupuncture, Healing Touch and spiritual care to help patients manage pain, nausea, depression and anxiety associated with cancer and treatment.

- Reintroduced Healing Touch/massage "rounding", a brief one-to-one visit to patients during their chemotherapy treatments.
- Six music therapists and interns provided 979 in-person and virtual music therapy sessions to help 1,267 cancer patients.
- Provided *Your Care Guide for Living with Cancer*, a resource book collaboratively developed by our Frauenshuh Cancer Center Patient Advisory Board and cancer center leaders to give patients the resources to support them throughout treatment.
- Our Patient Special Needs Fund supported more than 81 patients with vouchers for wigs, personal care items, specialized equipment, taxi rides, vouchers or gas cards for transportation to appointments.
- Awakenings, a four-week class exploring core values, relationships and the creative self was offered to cancer patients currently in treatment. Through conversation, expressive arts, life practices, guided meditation and music, patients increased self-understanding and self-care practices towards health and wellness.
- New patient chemotherapy education video covering what to expect during treatment, symptoms, etc., offered to all new patients.

Research & Innovation

Ensuring our patients receive the best care experience

HealthPartners Cancer Research Center benefits patients through innovative cancer care that seamlessly integrates clinical research and quality improvement into routine care close to home. The purchase of a software platform that uses natural language processing and artificial intelligence will help us better match patients to our available trials. Our goal is to have this software implemented by summer of 2023.

Advancing quality measurement with patient-reported outcomes

The collection of patient symptoms and quality-of-life measures in patient-reported outcomes (PROs) is becoming increasingly common in cancer care. In collaboration with UNC Chapel Hill, we are conducting a study to evaluate the feasibility of collecting and adjusting symptom questionnaires as quality metrics for patients undergoing chemotherapy and immunotherapy. Study results will help inform the use of PRO measures as metrics for future quality of care.

Volunteers and In-Kind Support

Volunteers supported patients and families

17 volunteers gave 951 hours of support to Frauenshuh Cancer Center patients and their families. Volunteers room patients and maintain our cancer resource library.

In-kind gifts brightened the days of our teams and patients: meals, snacks and candies, crafted items like knockers, walker bags, chemo caps, prayer shawls and lap blankets, gift baskets filled with care items, inspirational notes and cards.



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