

2017 CANCER CARE ANNUAL REPORT



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

As chairman of the Doctors Hospital Cancer Committee, I am pleased to present this annual report to the medical staff and the community. Our Committee of cancer specialists, physicians, navigators, nurses and other professionals is committed to ensure that our patients receive quality care. Here are some of our accomplishments over the last year:

Colorectal Cancer Screening: Colon cancer diagnoses in the region are consistently higher than the national average, according to statistics by the National Cancer Database (NCDB). To address this statistic, Doctors Hospital of Augusta, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, committed to the 80/20 initiative for colon cancer patients.

We dedicated March to focus on the 80/20 initiative, as it is national colorectal cancer awareness month. WJBF, a local television station, partnered with our facility to promote the importance of colorectal screenings. Doctors Hospital held a large community event at the news station, where colorectal screening kits were provided to attendees. Kits were also available for pick up anytime during the a month of March at Doctors Hospital. Participants were instructed to return their kits to the Doctors Hospital lab at their convenience.

There were 285 participants for the colorectal cancer screening event. Of the kits that were returned to the lab, there were 8 positive findings for cancer. Each individual with positive findings received a personalized letter with their results, a

phone call and referral to the oncology nurse navigator to assist

CT Lung Cancer Screening Program:

Through careful analysis of the annual Community Needs Assessment, Doctors Hospital identified the need to address lung cancer rates in our community. Customized mailers were provided to patients and physicians to educate them on the importance of early detection and about Medicare's updated approval guidance for CT lung screenings.

In 2016, there were 274 participants in the CT lung screening program which included 195 occupational medicine and 79 community patients. The CT lung screening program has proven effective.

- 256 patients had normal findings
- 15 patients were found to have abnormal findings and referred for follow-up
- 3 patients had positive findings for cancer

Patients with normal findings or no evidence of disease were recommended to follow up in 6-12 months. Patients with abnormal findings and requiring further follow up were referred to the oncology nurse navigator. The occupational medicine patients were referred to their own physician for follow up care. The community patients are followed by the oncology nurse navigator and referred back to their primary care physician for further follow up. All recommendations are based on guidelines set forth by the American College of Radiology.

Breast Cancer Navigator: We have seen an increase in breast cancer patients and

know the recovery and healing process is impacted by having a support in the hospital to connect them with appointments, help answer questions and get them connected with support groups. That's why Doctors Hospital hired a Breast Cancer Nurse Navigator, Carolyn Byrd, to work with patients from the time of diagnosis. Carolyn has been a tremendous asset to our patients and has helped improve our services, care and treatment for breast cancer patients and their families.



Relay for Life: This event is a large community prevention and education activity. We were able to link the nearly 3500 people in attendance with our website to health risk assessments for lung and breast cancers.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the medical staff, healthcare professionals and volunteers for their commitment to deliver high quality health care and services to our cancer patients and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Blake Walker
Chairman



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CANCER PROGRAM at DOCTORS HOSPITAL:

The hospital and physician specialists work with each patient to create and follow optimal, individualized treatment plans. Many of our affiliated physicians are experienced in the most advanced cancer treatment options, which helps make our multidisciplinary program one of the most recognized in the area.

Our accreditations from the

American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the American College of Radiology show our commitment to excellence.

Meet Our Breast Health Navigator



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2017 CANCER CONFERENCE SITE DISTRIBUTION



Every other week surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, our nurse navigator and other specialists meet to review clinical and diagnostic information. They discuss current research, clinical trial eligibility and nationally accepted therapeutic treatment guidelines. This team approach provides patients with the best possible care.

The conferences provide Continuing Medical Education

(CME) credit and are open to all medical staff as well as outside physicians. They are also open to the hundreds of employees that are involved in the care of our cancer patients. Any Doctors Hospital physician may submit a patient's case for a team review.

We encourage our primary care physicians and specialists to submit cases for review at cancer conferences.

