

# OSF HEALTHCARE SAINT ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER



2020

## Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care ANNUAL REPORT



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## Strength, Courage and Love

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### Dear Members of Our Community,

It is with great pleasure that we present our 2020 annual report for the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center. We continue to make great strides in clinical research, quality initiatives, survivorship, patient navigation and cancer screening. We are committed to delivering the highest level of care with compassion for our patients and their families.

2020 was like no other as we were faced with the COVID-19 pandemic. This created challenges for our team, but we worked to implement new procedures in order to continue providing the best care to our patients. We instituted mask policies and placed increased emphasis on hand hygiene along with patient and visitor screening. Our team also took special precautions, including temperature and symptom checks prior to every shift.

As a part of our history, legacy and community commitment, weekly multidisciplinary tumor and breast cancer-specific conferences provide a systematic and multidisciplinary approach to personalized cancer care.

Along with the work of our oncology nurse navigators, this reduces time to specialized care and provides an integrated approach incorporating the latest technology, established best practices and evidence-based guidelines to maximize survival and quality of care. And having the entire team available on one campus improves convenience for patients.

Our quality improvement goals for 2020 involved breast cancer patients. We worked to standardize the biopsy process for patients to minimize complications and discomfort. We also worked to increase breast MRI compliance for those whom our genetics team identified would benefit the most.

We provide our patients access to the latest therapeutics and research available. We have a strong collaborative relationship with the University of Illinois Cancer Center, which allows us to offer National Cancer Institute (NCI) trials for eligible patients. In 2020, 91 of our patients participated in clinical trials, and we maintain American College of Surgeons (ACOS) Commission on Cancer commendation status (15% clinical trial enrollment). As we work

toward standardizing clinical research throughout OSF, we plan to maintain a strong commitment to providing cutting edge research to benefit those we serve. We also strive to be on the cutting edge of technology. We recently started the installation of our second TrueBeam linear accelerator in radiation oncology. This will allow us to offer single treatment radiosurgery to patients, along with improvements in treatment accuracy and a reduction in side effects.

Reducing the incidence of cancer in our community remains a fundamental goal for us. Though the COVID-19 pandemic limited in-person activities, we continue to maintain strong relationships with several community organizations, such as the American Cancer Society and the Live Strong Program through the YMCA. Some events where screening and prevention are highlighted include Winnebago County Relay for Life, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the Great American Smoke-Out.

We were happy to add a dedicated financial navigator to our cancer program in 2020 to help remove financial barriers to care for our patients. Financial distress can significantly affect treatment adherence among people with cancer.

From the moment you walk into our facility you are treated with kindness and respect. The dedication of the people who work here is second to none. Our patients demonstrate to us what strength, courage and love can do on a daily basis. Looking forward, we hope to keep improving the health and quality of life of our patients. We wish to thank the OSF Mission Partners, supporters, volunteers and donors who make our achievements possible.

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# COVID-19

There were some unique challenges in how we provided high quality and safe care to our patients in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic caused stress for everyone, especially those who were already receiving treatment for cancer. We were very aware that because cancer doesn't stop, neither could we. We offered telephone and telehealth visits when appropriate, and our clinics and treatment areas took extra steps to keep infected or potentially infected patients separate from those at risk for complications from COVID-19. We asked some patients to wait in a separate room or to reschedule until they were feeling better if they had symptoms. We limited visitors to our cancer center and screened some greater risk patients by phone prior to their visit. On arrival to the cancer center all



team members, patients and visitors were screened for travel, exposure and symptoms. We required everyone entering the cancer center to wear a face mask. We encouraged physical distancing, and we also took extra steps to clean and disinfect surfaces throughout our clinics and treatment

areas more frequently. Keeping our patients safe is our highest priority. At the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care, our providers and nurses worked together to ensure our patients' treatments stayed on track and their risks for contracting COVID-19 were minimized.



## Accreditations

We are honored to be the region's only cancer center to be triple accredited in oncology practice for overall cancer care, medical oncology and radiation oncology. Because it is a Commission on Cancer (CoC) accredited cancer center, The Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care. The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework to improve quality of patient care through programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer care, including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease and end-of-life care. When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling and patient-centered services, including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors' quality of life. OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center has been accredited by the CoC since 1942.



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We also have held Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI) certification since 2012. QOPI provides a three-year certification for outpatient hematology-oncology practices, and the process creates a culture of excellence and self-examination that helps practices deliver the best care to their patients. By electing to go through the certification process, we have demonstrated our commitment to providing the highest-quality oncology care to our patients and community.

We are proud to have achieved our first American College of Radiology (ACR) Radiation Accreditation in 2020. We are the first cancer program in the Rockford area to obtain ACR certification in radiation oncology. ACR accreditation is recognized as the gold standard in radiation oncology. It helps assure our patients that we provide the highest level of radiation quality and safety in equipment, medical personnel and quality assurance.



## Screening for Cancer

Because cancer doesn't stop for COVID-19, neither should your preventive care. Early detection makes a difference. Generally, cancer screenings include mammogram, colonoscopy, Pap smear, human papillomavirus (HPV) testing, prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing and lung cancer screening. Catching cancer at an earlier stage may make cancer easier to treat and improves outcomes.



# Cancer Registry

## OSF HEALTHCARE SAINT ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER

Quality cancer data is central to the nation's fight against cancer and cancer registrars are the first link in capturing that data. Cancer registry professionals collect, manage and analyze clinical cancer information on all inpatients and outpatients diagnosed or treated for cancer at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center. The collected data on all cases maintained in the cancer registry is available for the purposes of research, special studies, monitoring patient outcomes, cancer program development, cancer prevention and education. Each patient entered in the registry database is followed for life, providing accurate survival, recurrence and outcomes information. Only aggregate information is analyzed and published. Patient confidentiality is strictly maintained.

The data collected by the cancer registry is submitted and utilized by state and national cancer registries including:

- Illinois State Cancer Registry, which is a part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR).
- National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint program of the American College of Surgeons, Commission on Cancer (CoC) and the American Cancer Society.

The data is also included in the prestigious Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, a collaboration of the ACS, the CDC, the National Cancer Institute and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

The cancer registry is overseen by three certified tumor registrars (CTRs) who are responsible for coordinating cancer conferences, cancer committee meetings and the survey process with the CoC, ensuring that standards are met. The registry also assists with

quality studies and production and publication of the annual report. The CTRs are members of the Cancer Registrars of Illinois and the National Cancer Registrars Association. They participate in educational events to maintain certification status.



## Cancer Conferences

Cancer conferences provide an open forum for multidisciplinary discussions regarding treatment options and the most appropriate care plan for cancer cases. National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines are reviewed and discussed at cancer conferences, along with AJCC staging.

Weekly cancer conferences continued in 2020 despite COVID-19 severely limiting in-person meetings. With patience and the teamwork of multiple departments, we moved to virtual conferences. There were 44 well-attended Wednesday morning conferences, which are approved and certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

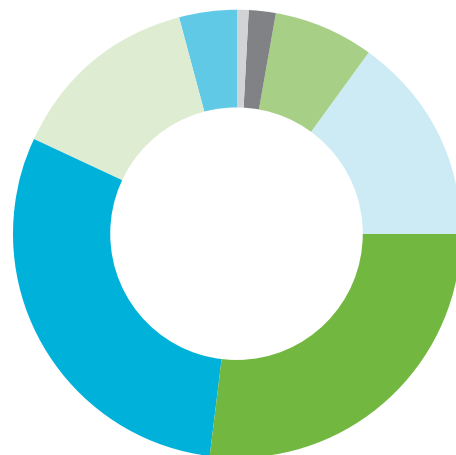
These convenient on-site educational opportunities for the medical staff included diagnostic, pathologic and treatment overviews on 250 cases. The most commonly presented primary cancers were breast, lung, lymphoma, esophagus and bladder. Physicians and health care professionals are welcome to attend these meetings, which enhance patient care.

# Cancer Registry Review 2019 Data

In 2019, the cancer registry accessioned 789 cases, 755 of which were analytic (diagnosed or treated at this facility). The data in this report reflects only analytic cases.

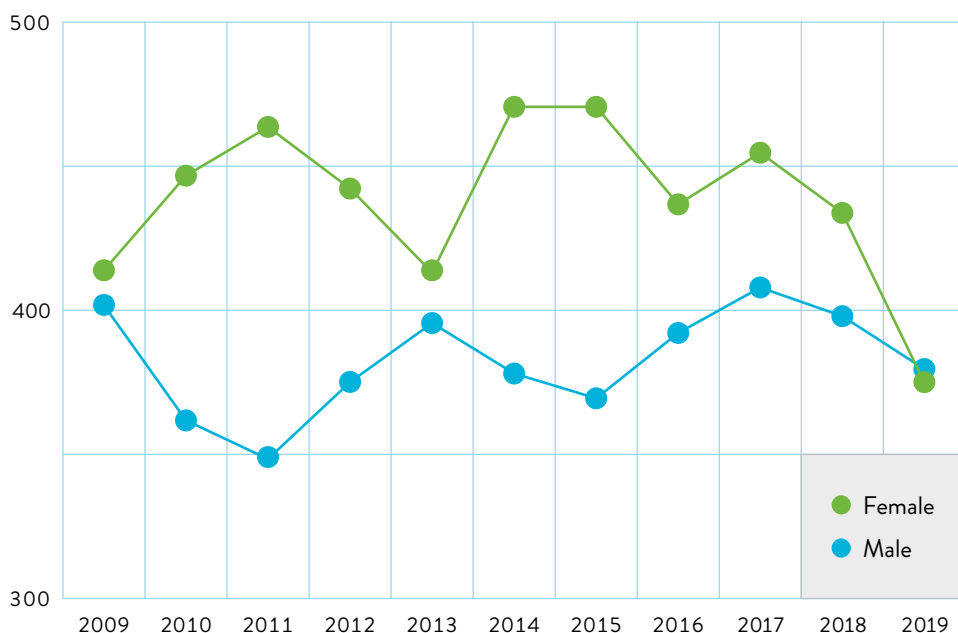
In 2019, lung cancer was the number one cancer reported with 117 cases. Breast cancer followed with 107 cases reported. The top 10 most frequent cancer sites account for 72% of the total case volume. OSF lung cases exceeded both the state and national lung rates, driving our efforts to reach out to the community and raise awareness by offering education and screening opportunities.

## AGE AT DIAGNOSIS – OSF (2019)

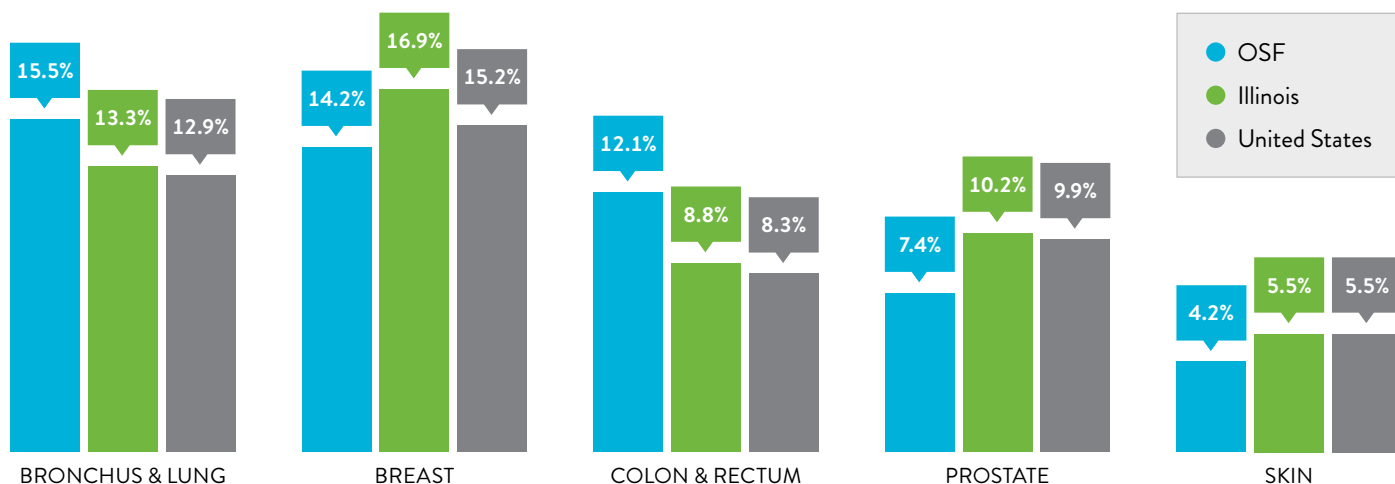


AGE	PERCENT
0-29	0.79%
30-39	1.85%
40-49	6.75%
50-59	15.50%
60-69	26.49%
70-79	30.46%
80-89	14.44%
90+	3.71%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## SEX AT DIAGNOSIS TRENDS – OSF (2009–2019)



## COMPARISON OF MAJOR SITES – OSF VS. STATE & NATIONAL (2019)



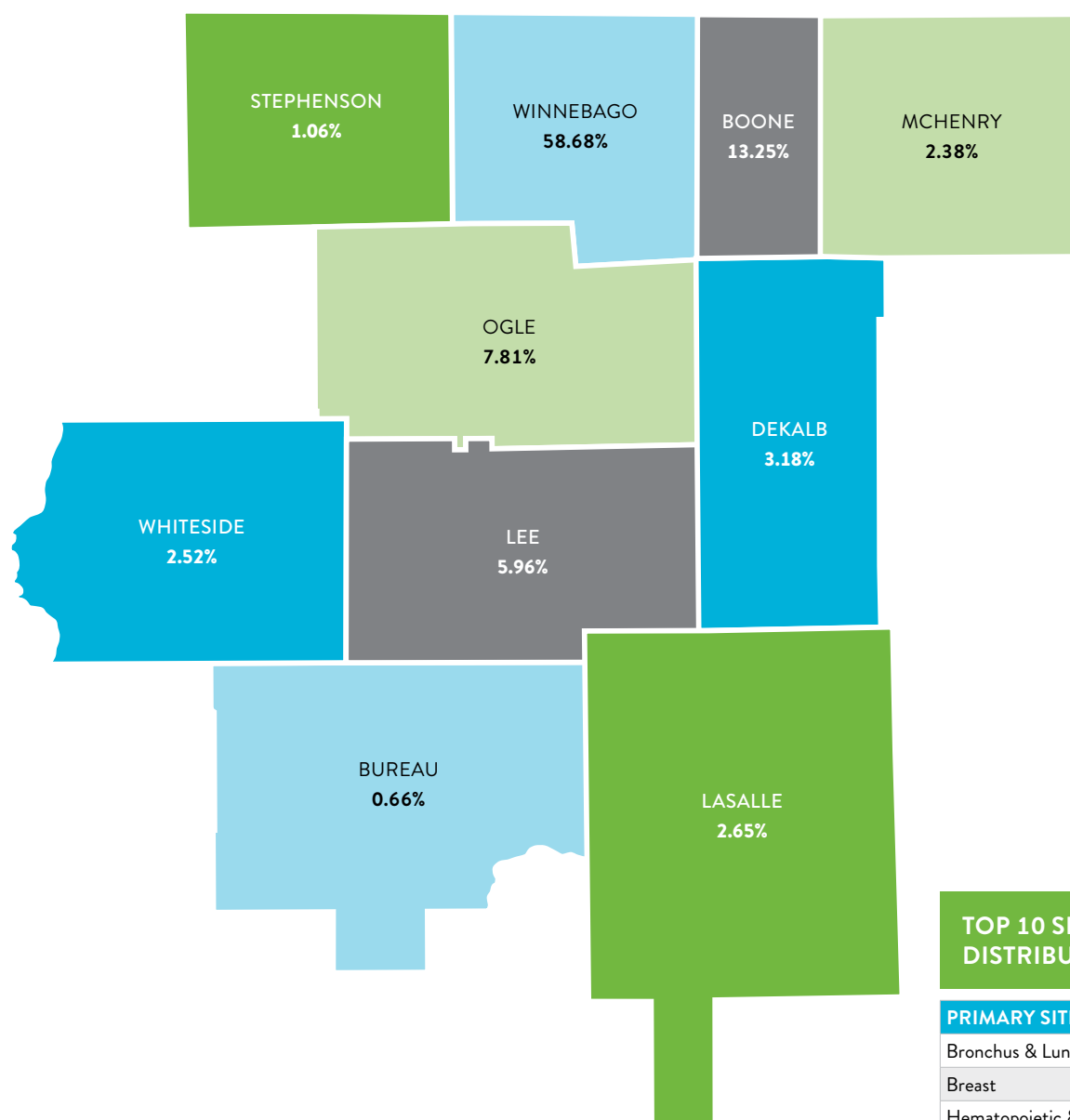
## ANALYTIC INCIDENCE BY BODY SYSTEM – OSF (2019)

PRIMARY SITE	COUNT (N)	PERCENT
<b>ORAL CAVITY &amp; PHARYNX</b>		
Tongue	5	0.66%
Salivary Glands	1	0.13%
Floor of Mouth, Gum & Other	4	0.53%
Nasopharynx	1	0.13%
Tonsil	6	0.79%
Oropharynx	4	0.53%
<b>DIGESTIVE SYSTEM</b>		
Esophagus	11	1.46%
Stomach	12	1.59%
Small Intestine	6	0.79%
Colon Excluding Rectum		
Cecum	14	1.85%
Appendix	4	0.53%
Ascending Colon	11	1.46%
Hepatic Flexure	3	0.39%
Transverse Colon	6	0.79%
Splenic Flexure	2	0.26%
Descending Colon	1	0.13%
Sigmoid Colon	16	2.12%
Large Intestine, NOS	2	0.26%
Rectum & Rectosigmoid		
Rectosigmoid Junction	3	0.39%
Rectum	23	3.05%
Anus, Anal Canal & Anorectum	6	0.79%
Liver & Intrahepatic Bile Duct	14	1.85%
Other Biliary	3	0.39%
Pancreas	32	4.24%
<b>RESPIRATORY SYSTEM</b>		
Larynx	6	0.79%
Lung & Bronchus	117	15.50%
<b>SOFT TISSUE</b>		
Soft Tissue (including Heart)	4	0.53%
<b>SKIN EXCLUDING BASAL &amp; SQUAMOUS</b>		
Melanoma – Skin	32	4.24%
<b>BREAST</b>		
Breast	107	14.17%
<b>FEMALE GENITAL SYSTEM</b>		
Cervix Uteri	1	0.13%
Corpus & Uterus, NOS	10	1.32%
Ovary	10	1.32%
Vagina	1	0.13%
Vulva	2	0.26%
<b>MALE GENITAL SYSTEM</b>		
Prostate	56	7.42%
Testis	2	0.26%

PRIMARY SITE	COUNT (N)	PERCENT
<b>URINARY SYSTEM</b>		
Urinary Bladder	20	2.65%
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	22	2.91%
<b>BRAIN &amp; OTHER NERVOUS SYSTEM</b>		
Brain	8	1.06%
Cranial Nerves Other Nervous System	22	2.91%
<b>ENDOCRINE SYSTEM</b>		
Thyroid	12	1.59%
Other Endocrine including Thymus	7	0.93%
<b>LYMPHOMA</b>		
Hodgkin Lymphoma	1	0.13%
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	38	5.03%
<b>MYELOMA</b>		
Myeloma	18	2.38%
<b>LEUKEMIA</b>		
Lymphocytic Leukemia	15	1.99%
Myeloid & Monocytic Leukemia	11	1.46%
Other Leukemia	2	0.26%
<b>MESOTHELIOMA</b>		
Mesothelioma	4	0.53%
<b>KAPOSI SARCOMA</b>		
Kaposi Sarcoma	1	0.13%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Miscellaneous	36	4.77%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100%</b>



## COUNTY OF RESIDENCE AT DIAGNOSIS – OSF (2019)



## TOP 10 SITES BY SEX DISTRIBUTION – OSF (2019)

PRIMARY SITE	MALE	FEMALE
Bronchus & Lung	58	60
Breast	3	105
Hematopoietic & Reticuloendo System	42	37
Colon	34	26
Prostate Gland	56	0
Skin	18	15
Pancreas	17	15
Rectum	16	7
Kidney	14	7
Meninges	6	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>287</b>







## Oncology Nurse Navigation

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An oncology nurse navigator is clinically trained and is responsible for identifying and addressing barriers to timely and appropriate cancer treatment. The navigator guides patients throughout their care, from diagnosis through survivorship or end-of-life care. The navigator acts as a central point of contact for a patient. Patients take comfort in the knowledge that navigators are readily available by phone or for a face-to-face meeting. The

navigator coordinates all components of cancer care, including surgical, medical and radiation oncologists, social workers, patient education, community support, financial and insurance assistance.

The navigators at OSF have clinical backgrounds in medical and radiation oncology and have vast experience in oncology, including specialized certification. The patient populations who used our navigation services



most in 2020 were breast, lung, colon, prostate and head and neck. The navigators are involved with the cancer conferences, process improvement projects, networking with OSF navigators across the state and community outreach. While 2020 presented unique challenges and additional barriers, these challenges reinforced how important it is provide a connection for the patient and to individualize oncology care.

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## Financial Navigation

MARIA RODRIGUEZ – FINANCIAL NAVIGATOR

Financial barriers to care are detrimental to patients receiving access to cancer care, clinical trials and support during cancer treatment. We recognize that no one should choose not to seek treatment because they cannot afford it. OSF Saint Anthony welcomed Maria Rodriguez to our program in 2020 as a dedicated financial navigator. She is part of a team of financial navigators dedicated to providing financial resources to cancer patients throughout OSF cancer programs. Having a financial advocate on staff helps improve patient satisfaction and decreases patient anxiety.

# Clinical Trials for Breast Cancer

KAREN BLATTER, RN, BSN, OCN – CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR



Through clinical trials, the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care team provides patients more treatment options. The cancer center currently has 17 clinical trials open for new patient enrollment. These trials include new treatments for breast, colon, and lung cancers and new ways to prevent and manage the side effects of chemotherapy. There are also non-intervention studies that examine blood and tissue samples in hopes of developing new targeted therapies. These clinical trials are sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, pharmaceutical partners and scientists who are looking for better ways to diagnose and treat cancer.

The research team screens all patients who come to the cancer center to see if they qualify for participation in a clinical trial. The team uses this data to analyze features and commonalities among cancers and pursue specific trials that fit the needs of our patients. It is our goal to offer a wide variety of clinical trials so that as many patients as possible can benefit. In 2020, nearly 100 of our patients chose to participate in a clinical trial. Patients can obtain information about clinical trials from their treating oncologist and surgeon, their nurse navigator, the research team, educational brochures, flyers and the OSF website.

## STUDIES OPEN TO ACCRUAL

Treatment Trials	(12)
Breast	4
Colon	2
Lung	5
Symptom Management	1
Supportive Care Trials	(1)
Cancer-Specific Biorepositories	(4)
Lung	2
Prostate	1
Solid Tumors	1
TOTAL	17

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# Genetic Counseling

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2020 presented unique challenges and opportunities for the High-Risk Genetics Program. With the rollout of telehealth and video appointments, the program was able to serve patients from around the region during the pandemic and reach patients who otherwise may have declined an appointment due to the distance to the office. For the period of January – December 2020, 257 patients received genetic counseling. Of the 257 patients seen, 231 (90%) proceeded with genetic testing.

The High-Risk Genetics Program completed its third year utilizing a tracking tool called CancerIQ, which is used for all patients referred to the genetics department. This program was also implemented in the women's health center to screen patients at the time of their mammogram. Eight questions are asked about family history by the mammography tech, which can trigger a

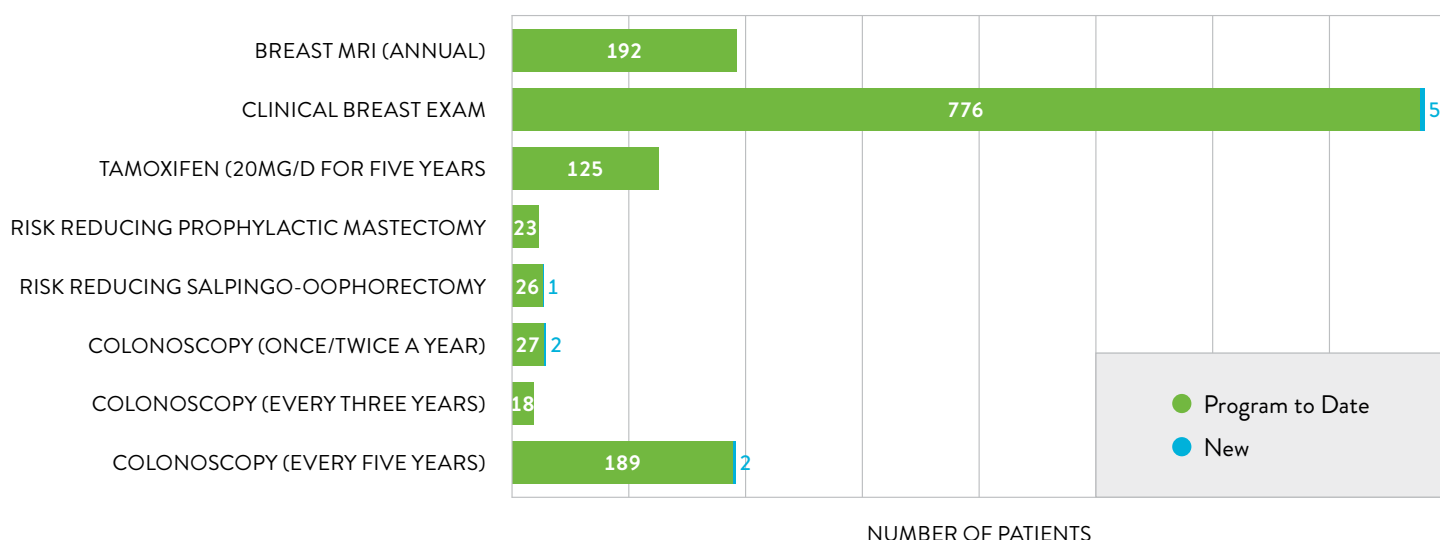


high-risk referral. Utilizing the CancerIQ program, patients are then contacted to schedule a genetic risk assessment appointment and undergo genetic counseling and testing if appropriate. They receive an individualized plan of care with recommendations for

heightened surveillance, if applicable, or general screening guidelines and healthy lifestyle recommendations. The following table shows the number of recommended changes in medical management in the program to date (2017-2020) and new (2021).

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

### BREAKDOWN OF MEDICAL MANAGEMENT CHANGES RECOMMENDED





## Standard 7.3 Quality Improvement Initiative

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### Head and Neck Cancer

Head and neck cancer is a complex disease requiring multiple therapies. It occurs most often in people who tend to have limited social support and nutrition challenges. Quality oncology care for head and neck cancer patients requires access to a multidisciplinary team, including otolaryngology, radiation oncology, medical oncology, nutrition services, social services and feeding tube education specialists.

A study of head and neck cancer patients was completed by the team at the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer

Care in 2019 and 2020. We identified gaps in the timeliness of feeding tube placement for nutritional management and referrals to support services. A task force was formed to develop an action plan to standardize and improve access for head and neck cancer patients to feeding tube education specialists, dietitian services and social services. As a result of the project, all head and neck cancer patients are now prioritized by the oncology nurse navigator for immediate referral to the social services team for evaluation. A dedicated gastrointestinal practitioner



educates and coordinates feeding tube placement and referrals to nutrition services, and provides ongoing management. These changes in practice have improved the quality of care for head and neck cancer patients.



### Surgical Oncology

EILEEN O'HALLORAN, MD

Dr. Eileen O'Halloran joined OSF Medical Group – General Surgery in 2020. She specializes in surgical oncology, caring for patients with cancers, including pancreas, liver, stomach, skin and soft tissues, breast and colon. Dr. O'Halloran received her Bachelor of Science from Vanderbilt University and medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. She spent time as a research fellow for the Burn and Shock Trauma Research Institute at Loyola University Medical Center and worked as the complex general surgical oncology fellow for the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Pennsylvania.

# Connected to the Community We Serve

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Inspired by the OSF Mission of serving in the Spirit of Christ, the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care team participates in community outreach efforts. We serve people with the greatest care and love in a community that celebrates the gift of life. We embrace God's great gift of life and are "One OSF Ministry," transforming health care to improve the lives of those we serve. Providing education on cancer prevention and screening to

the community is done in the hopes of positively impacting the outcomes of those diagnosed with cancer or to prevent cancer itself. We ensure that the prevention and screening activities we participate in follow nationally accepted, evidence-based guidelines and interventions.

Many of the community events were cancelled this past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However,

our patients and the community we serve are at the heart of all we do. We partnered with national and community organizations in 2020 to offer support and education about cancer to the greater Rockford community. Our partners included the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, Coronado Haskell Community Association, University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford and local churches. Events we participated in included:



**World Cancer Day**  
4 February

### Cancer Signs and Symptoms

Detecting cancer early is one of the most powerful ways we can help save lives. With so many different types of cancers, the symptoms are varied. Yet, there are key signs and symptoms to look out for.



 <p>Unusual lumps or swelling, which are often painless and may increase in size</p>	 <p>Fatigue, extreme tiredness and a severe lack of energy</p>
 <p>Persistent coughing, breathlessness or difficulty swallowing</p>	 <p>New mole or changes to a mole in terms of size, shape, or colour and if it becomes crusty or bleeds or oozes</p>
 <p>Changes in bowel habits e.g. constipation, diarrhoea and/or blood found in the stools</p>	 <p>Unexplained or ongoing pain or pain that comes and goes</p>
 <p>Needing to urinate urgently, more frequently, or being unable to go when you need to or experiencing pain</p>	 <p>Unusual breast changes in size, shape or feel, skin changes or pain</p>
 <p>Unexpected bleeding including from the vagina, anal passage, or while urinating or when coughing</p>	 <p>Feeling less hungry than usual for a prolonged period of time</p>
 <p>Unexplained and unintentional weight loss over a short period</p>	 <p>A spot, sore, wound or mouth ulcer that won't heal</p>
	 <p>Persistent or painful heartburn or indigestion</p>
	 <p>Heavy, drenching night sweats</p>



If you experience any of the signs and symptoms, don't be afraid to seek medical advice urgently.

[worldcancerday.org](http://worldcancerday.org)





## World Cancer Day

2020 marked the 20th anniversary of World Cancer Day. It was a chance to look back and celebrate the progress made in cancer control and a clear opportunity to look forward to the next decade and beyond. In 2020, we saw supporters and leaders around the world reflecting on the brave and bold actions needed to accelerate progress for a world without cancer. We recognized World Cancer Day on February 4 and provided education to patients and visitors.

## Survivorship Day

June 7, 2020, marked the 33rd Annual National Cancer Survivorship Day, celebrating cancer survivors and those recently diagnosed, raising awareness of the challenges of cancer survivorship. We observed Survivorship Day by recognizing our patients with a creative celebration held in June.

## Relay for Life Boone & Winnebago Counties

OSF HealthCare was a sponsor for the 2020 Stateline Relay for Life, which was a virtual 1.5 hour web event on June 6. The event included a drive-through luminaria ceremony and a survivor's drive-through luncheon.



## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

This American Cancer Society event is committed to raising breast cancer awareness and funding research and resources that lead to finding better ways to prevent, detect and treat breast cancer. The event was held virtually on Saturday, October 17. There was also a Pinwheel Tribute Garden at Rock Valley College on October 9 and 10. OSF was a proud flagship sponsor again this year in this powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors and raise awareness on how to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer.



## Real Men Wear Pink

Dr. George Bryan, OSF radiation oncology provider, participated in the American Cancer Society's "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign in October. Community leaders around the nation use the power of pink to raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society's breast cancer initiatives.







## Great American Smokeout

The 45th annual Great American Smokeout was celebrated on November 19, 2020. The event is an opportunity for everyone to commit to healthy, smoke-free lives. Lung cancer is the most diagnosed cancer at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center. Earlier stage diagnosis results in decreased mortality for the cancer,

which is why low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) is recommended for all patients at risk for lung cancer (adults aged 55 to 80 years who have a 30 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years). Our team partnered with the American Cancer Society and hosted an educational booth in the front lobby of the hospital. We offered people information on the importance of lung screening and the opportunity to be assessed to determine their eligibility for LDCT.

## Back to School Event

The Coronado Haskell Community Association hosted a back-to-school event at the Coronado Haskell School, and we had the opportunity to participate in this event to provide information on cancer prevention and screening. We provided flyers, answered questions and provided education on COVID-19 risk levels, vaping risks and misperceptions, Illinois Quit Now Smoking Cessation information and HPV vaccination. We also offered information on lung cancer screening.



## Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care ACCREDITATIONS



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# 2020 Cancer Committee

*A special thank you to the  
Cancer Committee members  
for their dedicated leadership  
and tireless effort.*

The Cancer Committee is a multidisciplinary group composed of physicians from various specialties, as well as representatives from departments and community partners that provide support and management of cancer care. This committee guides cancer studies, quality improvement and cancer-related policies and programs for the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center. In order to maintain social distancing, the committee utilized virtual meetings to continue to improve our cancer program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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For more information about cancer services and programs or to refer a patient to the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center, call (815) 227-2273 or visit [osfsaintanthony.org](http://osfsaintanthony.org).

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