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# CANCER FACTS

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## The National Cancer Institute Cancer Centers Program

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Centers Program comprises more than 50 NCI-designated cancer centers engaged in multidisciplinary research to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality. Through Cancer Center Support grants, this program supports three types of centers:

- **Comprehensive Cancer Centers** conduct programs in all three areas of research—basic research, clinical research, and prevention and control research—as well as programs in community outreach and education;
- **Clinical Cancer Centers** conduct programs in clinical research, and may also have programs in other research areas;
- **Cancer Centers** (formerly called Basic Science Cancer Centers) focus on basic research or cancer control research, but do not have clinical oncology programs.

Several cancer centers existed in the late 1960s, but it was the National Cancer Act of 1971 that strengthened the program by authorizing the establishment of 15 new cancer centers and the continued support for existing ones. The passage of the Act also dramatically transformed the centers' structure and broadened the scope of their mission to include all aspects of basic, clinical, and cancer control research. In 1990, there were 19 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the Nation. Today, more than 40 cancer centers meet the NCI criteria for comprehensive status.

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Each type of cancer center has special characteristics and capabilities for organizing new programs of research that can exploit important new findings and address timely research questions. All NCI-designated cancer centers are reevaluated each time their Cancer Center Support grant comes up for renewal (generally every 3 to 5 years).

To attain recognition from NCI as a **Comprehensive Cancer Center**, an institution must pass rigorous peer review. Under guidelines revised in 1997, a Comprehensive Cancer Center must perform research in three major areas: basic research; clinical research; and cancer prevention, control, and population-based research. It must also have a strong body of interactive research that bridges these research areas. In addition, a Comprehensive Cancer Center must conduct activities in outreach, education, and information provision, which are directed toward and accessible to both health care professionals and the lay community.

**Clinical Cancer Centers** have active programs in clinical research, and may also have programs in another area (such as basic research; or prevention, control, and population-based research). Clinical Cancer Centers focus on both laboratory research and clinical research within the same institutional framework. This interaction of research and clinical activities is a distinguishing characteristic of many Clinical Cancer Centers.

The general term **Cancer Center** refers to an organization with scientific disciplines outside the specific qualifications for a comprehensive or clinical center. Such centers may, for example, concentrate on basic research, epidemiology and cancer control research, or other areas of research.

Since the passage of the National Cancer Act of 1971, the Cancer Centers Program has continued to expand. Today NCI-designated cancer centers continue to work toward creating new and innovative approaches to cancer research. Through interdisciplinary efforts, cancer centers can effectively move this research from the laboratory into clinical trials and into clinical practice.

Patients seeking clinical oncology services (screening, diagnosis, or treatment) can obtain those services at **Clinical Cancer Centers** or **Comprehensive Cancer Centers**. They can also participate in clinical trials (research studies involving people) at these types of cancer centers. Most **Cancer Centers** are engaged almost entirely in basic research and do not provide patient care.

Below is a list of the NCI-designated cancer centers. Additional information about the Cancer Centers Program can be found on the Cancer Centers Branch Web site at <http://www3.cancer.gov/cancercenters/> on the Internet.

### **Comprehensive\* and Clinical\*\* Cancer Centers Supported by NCI**

Information about referral procedures, treatment costs, and services available to patients can be obtained from the individual cancer centers listed below.

#### **ALABAMA**

##### **University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: 1824 Sixth Avenue South  
Birmingham, AL 35294-3300  
Telephone: 205-975-8222  
1-800-822-0933 (1-800-UAB-0933)  
Internet Web site: <http://www3.ccc.uab.edu/>

#### **ARIZONA**

##### **Arizona Cancer Center\***

Address: The University of Arizona  
1515 North Campbell Avenue  
Post Office Box 245024  
Tucson, AZ 85724  
Telephone: 520-626-2900 (New Patient Registration Line)  
1-800-622-2673 (1-800-622-COPE)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/>  
E-mail: [copeline@azcc.arizona.edu](mailto:copeline@azcc.arizona.edu)

##### **Mayo Clinic Cancer Center—Scottsdale\***

Address: 13400 East Shea Boulevard  
Scottsdale, AZ 85259  
Telephone: 480-301-8484 (Appointment Office)

## CALIFORNIA

### **Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: University of California, Irvine  
Building 23, Route 81  
101 The City Drive  
Orange, CA 92868  
Telephone: 714-456-8200  
Internet Web site: <http://www.ucihs.uci.edu/cancer/>

### **City of Hope\***

Address: Cancer Center and Beckman Research Institute  
1500 East Duarte Road  
Duarte, CA 91010-3000  
Telephone: 626-359-8111  
1-800-826-4673 (1-800-826-HOPE)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.cityofhope.org/>  
E-mail: [becomingapatient@coh.org](mailto:becomingapatient@coh.org)

### **Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA\***

Address: 8-684 Factor Building  
UCLA Box 951781  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1781  
Telephone: 310-825-5268  
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.mednet.ucla.edu/>  
E-mail: [jccinfo@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:jccinfo@mednet.ucla.edu)

### **UC Davis Cancer Center\*\***

Address: University of California, Davis  
4501 X Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
Telephone: 1-800-362-5566 (Patient Referral)  
916-734-5900  
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/>  
E-mail: [cancer.center@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:cancer.center@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu)

### **University of California, San Diego Cancer Center\***

Address: 9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, CA 92093-0658  
Telephone: 858-534-7600  
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.ucsd.edu>

**CALIFORNIA**  
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**University of California, San Francisco Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: Box 0128, UCSF  
2340 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94143-0128  
Telephone: 415-476-2201 (For general information)  
1-800-888-8664 (Cancer referral line)  
Internet Web site: <http://cc.ucsf.edu/>  
E-mail: [cceditor@cc.ucsf.edu](mailto:cceditor@cc.ucsf.edu)

**USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital\***

Address: 1441 Eastlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90033-0804  
Telephone: 323-865-3000  
1-800-872-2273 (1-800-USC-CARE)  
Internet Web site: <http://ccnt.hsc.usc.edu/>  
E-mail: [cainfo@ccnt.hsc.usc.edu](mailto:cainfo@ccnt.hsc.usc.edu) (For general information)

**COLORADO**

**University of Colorado Cancer Center\***

Address: Box F-704  
1665 North Ursula Street  
Aurora, CO 80010  
Telephone: 720-848-0300  
1-800-473-2288 (Cancer referral line)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.uccc.info/>

**CONNECTICUT**

**Yale Cancer Center\***

Address: Yale University School of Medicine  
333 Cedar Street  
Post Office Box 208028  
New Haven, CT 06520-8028  
Telephone: 203-785-4095 (Administrative Offices)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.info.med.yale.edu/ycc/>

**DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA**

**Lombardi Cancer Center\***

Address: Georgetown University Medical Center  
3800 Reservoir Road, NW.  
Washington, DC 20007  
Telephone: 202-444-4000  
Internet Web site: <http://lombardi.georgetown.edu/>

**FLORIDA****H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute at the University of South Florida\***

Address: 12902 Magnolia Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612-9497  
Telephone: 813-972-4673 (813-972-HOPE)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.moffitt.usf.edu/>

**Mayo Clinic Cancer Center—Jacksonville\***

Address: 4500 San Pablo Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32224  
Telephone: 904-953-2272  
904-953-2300 (TTD hearing-impaired line)

**HAWAII****Cancer Research Center of Hawaii\*\***

Address: 1236 Lauhala Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Telephone: 808-586-3010  
Internet Web site: <http://www.crch.org>

**ILLINOIS****The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: Northwestern University  
Olson Pavilion 8250  
710 North Fairbanks Court  
Chicago, IL 60611-3013  
Telephone: 312-908-5250  
Internet Web site: <http://www.lurie.nwu.edu/>  
E-mail: [s-markman@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-markman@northwestern.edu)

**University of Chicago Cancer Research Center\*\***

Address: Mail Code 9015  
5758 South Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60637-1470  
Telephone: 773-702-9200  
1-888-824-0200 (For new patients)  
Internet Web site: <http://www-uccrc.uchicago.edu/>  
E-mail: [aholub@mcis.bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:aholub@mcis.bsd.uchicago.edu)

**INDIANA****Indiana University Cancer Center\*\***

Address: 535 Barnhill Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5289  
Telephone: 317-278-4822  
1-888-600-4822  
Internet Web site: <http://iucc.iu.edu>

**IOWA****The Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at The University of Iowa\***

Address: 5970-Z JPP  
200 Hawkins Drive  
Iowa City, IA 52242-1009

Telephone: 1-800-777-8442 (Patient referral)  
1-800-237-1225 (For general information)

Internet Web site: <http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/cancercenter/>  
E-mail: [Cancer-Center@uiowa.edu](mailto:Cancer-Center@uiowa.edu)

**MARYLAND****Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins\***

Address: Weinberg Building  
401 North Broadway  
Baltimore, MD 21231-2410

Telephone: 410-955-8964 (Patient referral)  
410-955-8804 (Clinical trials)

Internet Web site: <http://www.hopkinskimmeltcancercenter.org>

**MASSACHUSETTS****Dana-Farber Cancer Institute\***

Address: 44 Binney Street  
Boston, MA 02115

Telephone: 617-632-3000 (Ask for patient information)

Internet Web site: <http://www.dana-farber.org/>

**MICHIGAN****Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute\***

Operating the Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit

Address: Wertz Clinical Center  
4100 John R Street  
Detroit, MI 48201-1379

Telephone: 1-800-527-6266 (1-800-KARMANOS)

Internet Web site: <http://www.karmanos.org/>  
E-mail: [info@karmanos.org](mailto:info@karmanos.org)

**University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: 1500 East Medical Center Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Telephone: 1-800-865-1125

Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/>  
E-mail: [wwwcancer@umich.edu](mailto:wwwcancer@umich.edu)

**MINNESOTA****Mayo Clinic Cancer Center\***

Address: 200 First Street, SW.  
Rochester, MN 55905  
Telephone: 507-284-2111 (Appointment Information Desk)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/cancercenter/>

**University of Minnesota Cancer Center\***

Address: Box 806 Mayo  
420 Delaware Street, SE.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
Telephone: 612-624-8484  
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.umn.edu/>

**MISSOURI****Siteman Cancer Center\*\***

Address: Barnes-Jewish Hospital and  
Washington University School of Medicine  
Box 8100  
660 South Euclid  
St. Louis, MO 63110-1093  
Telephone: 314-747-7222  
1-800-600-3606  
Internet Web site: <http://www.siteman.wustl.edu/>  
E-mail: [info@ccadmin.wustl.edu](mailto:info@ccadmin.wustl.edu)

**NEBRASKA****UNMC Eppley Cancer Center\*\***

Address: University of Nebraska Medical Center  
986805 Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha, NE 68198-6805  
Telephone: 402-559-4238  
Internet Web site: <http://www.unmc.edu/cancercenter/>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE****Norris Cotton Cancer Center\***

Address: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
One Medical Center Drive  
Lebanon, NH 03756-0002  
Telephone: 603-653-9000 (Administration)  
1-800-639-6918 (Cancer Help Line)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.dartmouth.edu/index.shtml>  
E-mail: [cancerhelp@dartmouth.edu](mailto:cancerhelp@dartmouth.edu)

**NEW JERSEY****The Cancer Institute of New Jersey\***

Address: Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
195 Little Albany Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
Telephone: 732-235-2465 (732-235-CINJ)  
Internet Web site: <http://cinj.umdnj.edu>

## **NEW YORK**

### **Cancer Research Center\*\***

Address: Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
1300 Morris Park Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10461  
Telephone: 718-430-2302  
Internet Web site: <http://www.aecom.yu.edu/cancer>  
E-mail: [aeccc@aecom.yu.edu](mailto:aeccc@aecom.yu.edu)

### **Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: Columbia Presbyterian Center  
New York-Presbyterian Hospital  
PH 18, Room 200  
622 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10032  
Telephone: 1-877-697-9355 (1-877- NYP-WELL)  
1-800-227-2762 (Physician Referral)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.ccc.columbia.edu/>

### **Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center\***

Address: 1275 York Avenue  
New York, NY 10021  
Telephone: 1-800-525-2225  
Internet Web site: <http://www.mskcc.org/>

### **NYU Cancer Institute\*\***

Address: New York University Cancer Institute  
550 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10016  
Telephone: 212-263-6485  
Internet Web site: <http://www.nyucancerinstitute.org>

### **Roswell Park Cancer Institute\***

Address: Elm and Carlton Streets  
Buffalo, NY 14263-0001  
Telephone: 1-800-767-9355 (1-800-ROSWELL)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.roswellpark.org/>

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University\***

Address: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Medical Center Boulevard  
Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1082  
Telephone: 336-716-4464  
Internet Web site: <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/cancer>

**NORTH  
CAROLINA**  
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**Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: Duke University Medical Center  
Box 3843  
301 MSRB  
Durham, NC 27710  
Telephone: 919-684-3377  
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.duke.edu>

**UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: School of Medicine  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Campus Box 7295  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7295  
Telephone: 919-966-3036  
Internet Web site: <http://cancer.med.unc.edu/>  
E-mail: [dgs@med.unc.edu](mailto:dgs@med.unc.edu)

**OHIO**

**Ireland Cancer Center\***

Address: University Hospitals of Cleveland  
11100 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44106-5065  
Telephone: 216-844-5432  
1-800-641-2422  
Internet Web site: <http://www.irelandcancercenter.org>  
E-mail: [info@irelandcancercenter.org](mailto:info@irelandcancercenter.org)

**The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard  
J. Solove Research Institute  
Suite 519  
300 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43210-1240  
Telephone: 1-800-293-5066 (The James Line)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.jamesline.com>  
E-mail: [cancerinfo@jamesline.com](mailto:cancerinfo@jamesline.com)

**OREGON**

**OHSU Cancer Institute\*\***

Address: The Oregon Health Sciences University Cancer  
Institute  
CR145  
3181 Southwest Sam Jackson Park Road  
Portland, OR 97239-3098  
Telephone: 503-494-1617  
Internet Web site: <http://www.ohsucancer.com/>

**PENNSYLVANIA****Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania\***

Address: 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Penn Tower  
3400 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-4283  
Telephone: 215-662-4000 (Main number)  
1-800-789-7366 (Referral and to schedule an  
appointment) (1-800-789-PENN)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu/>

**Fox Chase Cancer Center\***

Address: 7701 Burholme Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19111  
Telephone: 215-728-2570 (To schedule an appointment)  
1-888-369-2427 (1-888-FOX CHASE)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.fccc.edu/>  
E-mail: [info@fccc.edu](mailto:info@fccc.edu)

**Kimmel Cancer Center\*\***

Address: Thomas Jefferson University  
Bluemle Life Sciences Building  
233 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5541  
Telephone: 215-503-4500  
1-800-533-3669 (Jefferson Cancer Network)  
(1-800-JEFF-NOW)  
1-800-654-5984 (Jefferson Cancer Network  
toll-free number for deaf and hard of hearing  
callers)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.kcc.tju.edu/>

**University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute\***

Address: Suite 206  
Iroquois Building  
3600 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3489  
Telephone: 1-800-237-4724 (1-800-237-4PCI)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.upci.upmc.edu/>  
E-mail: [PCI-INFO@msx.upmc.edu](mailto:PCI-INFO@msx.upmc.edu)

**TENNESSEE****St. Jude Children's Research Hospital\*\***

Address: 332 North Lauderdale Street  
Memphis, TN 38105-2794  
Telephone: 901-495-3300  
Internet Web site: <http://www.stjude.org>

**TENNESSEE**  
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**The Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center\***

Address: Vanderbilt University  
649 The Preston Building  
Nashville, TN 37232-6838  
Telephone: 615-936-1782  
615-936-5847 or 1-800-811-8480 (Clinical trial  
or treatment option information)  
1-888-488-4089 (All other calls)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.vicc.org/>

**TEXAS**

**San Antonio Cancer Institute\*\***

Address: 8122 Datapoint Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78229-3264  
Telephone: 210-616-5590  
Internet Web site: <http://saci.uthscsa.edu>

**The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center\***

Address: 1515 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77030  
Telephone: 713-792-6161  
1-800-392-1611  
Internet Web site: <http://www.mdanderson.org/>

**UTAH**

**Huntsman Cancer Institute\*\***

Address: University of Utah  
2000 Circle of Hope  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112  
Telephone: 801-585-0303  
1-877-585-0303  
Internet Web site: <http://www.hci.utah.edu/>

**VERMONT**

**Vermont Cancer Center\***

Address: University of Vermont  
Medical Alumni Building  
Burlington, VT 05401  
Telephone: 802-656-4414  
Internet Web site: <http://www.vermontcancer.org>  
E-mail: [vcc@uvm.edu](mailto:vcc@uvm.edu)

**VIRGINIA**

**Massey Cancer Center\*\***

Address: Virginia Commonwealth University  
401 College Street  
Post Office Box 980037  
Richmond, VA 23298-0037  
Telephone: 804-828-0450  
Internet Web site: <http://www.vcu.edu/mcc/>

**VIRGINIA**  
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**The Cancer Center at The University of Virginia\*\***

Address: University of Virginia Health System  
Box 800334  
Charlottesville, VA 22908  
Telephone: 804-924-9333  
1-800-223-9173  
Internet Web site: <http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/cancer/>

**WASHINGTON**

**Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center\***

Address: LA-205  
Post Office Box 19024  
1100 Fairview Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98109-1024  
Telephone: 206-288-1024 or 1-800-804-8824 (Appointments  
and medical referral—Seattle Cancer Care Alliance)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.fhcrc.org/>  
E-mail: [hutchdoc@seattlecca.org](mailto:hutchdoc@seattlecca.org) (Patient information)

**WISCONSIN**

**University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center\***

Address: 600 Highland Avenue, K5/601  
Madison, WI 53792-6164  
Telephone: 608-263-8600  
608-262-5223 (Cancer Connect)  
1-800-622-8922 (Cancer Connect)  
Internet Web site: <http://www.cancer.wisc.edu>  
E-mail: [uwccc@uwcc.wisc.edu/](mailto:uwccc@uwcc.wisc.edu)

**Cancer Centers Supported by the National Cancer Institute**

**The Burnham Institute**

La Jolla, California

**The Salk Institute for Biological Studies**

La Jolla, California

**Purdue Cancer Center, Purdue University**

West Lafayette, Indiana

**The Jackson Laboratory**

Bar Harbor, Maine

**Center for Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory**  
Cold Spring Harbor, New York

**Institute for Cancer Prevention**  
New York, New York

**Wistar Institute**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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### **Related Resources**

#### **Publications (available at <http://www.cancer.gov/publications>)**

- Cancer Facts 1.3, *Community Clinical Oncology Program: Questions and Answers*
- Cancer Facts 1.4, *NCI's Clinical Trials Cooperative Group Program*
- Cancer Facts 1.22, *Cancer Studies at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center: Questions and Answers*
- Cancer Facts 2.11, *Clinical Trials: Questions and Answers*
- Cancer Facts 7.47, *How To Find a Doctor or Treatment Facility If You Have Cancer*
- *Taking Part in Clinical Trials: What Cancer Patients Need To Know*

### **National Cancer Institute (NCI) Resources**

#### **Cancer Information Service (toll-free)**

Telephone: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)  
TTY: 1-800-332-8615

#### **Online**

NCI's Web site: <http://www.cancer.gov>  
*LiveHelp*, NCI's live online assistance:  
<https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/livehelp/welcome.asp>

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