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Our vision is to
 forge extraordinary connections
 with our community that
 support health
 at every stage of life.

Our Message to the Community

Before South County Health began to design its new Cancer Center, the community was asked what was needed, and we received an outpouring of responses.

We knew that those who have traveled the cancer journey would be the best people to ask how to improve that experience. In 2014, the Patient and Family Advisory Council on Cancer Care (PFAC-CC) was created, made up of current and former patients, their family members, and others who truly understood what it meant to be diagnosed with cancer. They provided insights, critiques, suggestions, and at times demands, so that the South County Health Cancer Center would not only provide the technology, treatments, and expertise to treat a variety of cancers close to home, but to also satisfy the non-medical needs that patients and families experience during the cancer journey.

Over the past four years, South County Health has seen a 50 percent increase in the number of patients diagnosed and/or treated here. Our goal has always been to provide the most effective cancer treatments available without patients having to travel a great distance to get that treatment. Our motivation is to help cancer patients enjoy the highest quality of life possible throughout their journey.



Pictured left to right: Medical Oncology Director, Gerald Colvin, DO, Tina Rizack, MD, and James Smythe, MD

SOUTH COUNTY HEALTH CANCER CENTER

Cancer Care at South County Health

At the South County Health Cancer Center, we understand that taking care of the patient means much more than treating the cancer. Our Cancer Program is accredited by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons, a reflection of our commitment to meet rigorous standards and offer high quality, patient-centered care.

- Patient-centered care with a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment.
- A multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate the best cancer treatment options available.
- Access to cancer-related information and education.
- Access to patient-centered services such as psychosocial distress screening and navigation.
- Options for genetic assessment and counseling, and palliative care services.
- Assessment of treatment planning based on evidence-based national treatment guidelines.
- Information about clinical trials and new treatment options.
- Follow-up care at the completion of treatment, including a survivorship care plan.
- A cancer registry that collects data on cancer type, stage, diagnostic and treatment information and results, and offers lifelong patient follow-up to further research into cancer trends and comparative effectiveness research.

We are a community cancer center that participates in the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a resource sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society. Collectively the data represent approximately 70 percent of newly diagnosed cancer cases nationwide.



PATIENT NAVIGATION

South County Health's Nurse Navigators have one goal - to guide patients from diagnosis through treatment and recovery. Nurse Navigators are an integral part of the cancer journey, from primary point of contact, overseeing each aspect of patient care, to scheduling the initial consultation through each ensuing phase of the diagnostic and treatment process.

Oncology Nurse Navigator



Leah Arsenault, RN, BSN, OCN

An oncology nurse since 2001, Leah is chemotherapy/biotherapy-certified and received national certification in oncology nursing in 2004. Leah has worked as a chemo nurse, clinical leader of the infusion department, and now as oncology nurse navigator.

In this role Leah provides support and coordinates care for cancer patients throughout their cancer continuum. Leah provides the highest quality professional care with compassion.

Breast Health Nurse Navigator



Sue Hall, RNP

Sue has been a registered nurse since 1982, bringing a combination of knowledge and compassion to patients in her care. She has extensive experience in the coordination of oncology care.

As Breast Health Coordinator, Sue supports and guides patients through their treatment and recovery. She is the primary point of contact, overseeing the scheduling of initial surgical consultations through each ensuing phase of the diagnostic and treatment process.

Radiation Oncology Nurse Navigator



Patti Cafaro, RN

In June 2017, Patti joined the care team at South County Radiation. Throughout her career, Patti has served the oncology patient population with passion and commitment. She provides guidance and support to patients through their radiation experience and assists in managing any side effects, concerns or problems they may encounter.

Working closely with members of the multidisciplinary team, Patti provides patients with a seamless journey through their cancer experience.



Cancer care is rapidly evolving to include targeted and immune-based therapy. Our team makes a commitment to evaluate molecular and receptor studies in order to incorporate the new novel, targeted agents into treatment.

The South County Health Cancer Center is dedicated to providing patients with the most current, evidence-based chemotherapies, biotherapies, and immunotherapies on the market.

Literature that demonstrates the benefit and superiority of immunotherapy and biotherapy compared to traditional chemotherapy continues to progress and revolutionize treatment for patients including those at our Cancer Center.



Joshua Guerin, PharmD, MBA
Director of Pharmacy Services



Michelle Fishburn, PharmD
Oncology Pharmacist

The Pharmacy Department at South County Hospital is a vital resource in the treatment and care of cancer patients. South County Health's ongoing effort to deliver the most effective treatments and utilize best practices in patient care resulted in the following improvements to the pharmacy's practices and protocols:

Implementation of the Baxter IV Smart Pumps with dose-error reduction software

Implementation of Meditech Oncology EMR

- Fully electronic ordering of chemotherapeutic treatments deployed (200 electronic order sets were developed in concert with national guidelines)
- Implementation of Bedside Medication Verification (BMV) in the Infusion Center

Upgrade to the Pharmacy IV Sterile Compounding Room to fully comply with USP <797> Sterile Compounding Guidelines

Pharmacy & Professional Development developed Pharmacology Training Course for SCMG Medical Assistants

Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Participating in the state's Antimicrobial Stewardship Taskforce
- Implementation of restricted antimicrobial protocol
- Implementation of intravenous to oral therapy protocol
- Removal of proton pump inhibitors of provider order sets hospital-wide
- Implementation of daily microbiology culture review by pharmacy with appropriate follow-up interventions as required
- Implementation of pharmacist-authorized review of C. difficile cultures obtained by nursing
- Developed automatic data feed from Meditech to ICNet for the purposes of tracking prescribing and resistance patterns of antimicrobial agents
- Reduction of Doxycycline utilization by 37% in the second half of 2017
- Reduction of Azithromycin utilization by 48% in the second half of 2017
- Reduction of Fluoroquinolone utilization by 38% in the second half of 2017

BREAST HEALTH

The Breast Health Program (BHP) offers advanced diagnostic, surgical, and treatment options for all breast disease. Our Breast Health Navigator offers guidance at every stage to ensure that all breast patients receive the optimal medical, emotional, and educational support while providing a comfortable, single point of contact for our patients and their referring physicians.

Our team consists of comprehensive and collaborative expertise:

- Breast Health Navigator
- Expert Surgeons and Physicians
- Board Certified Radiologists
- Highly experienced mammography technologists with advanced certification, utilizing the latest 3-D mammography tomosynthesis to support early detection and positive outcomes

Cancer Conference

The South County Health Cancer Center assembles a weekly Cancer Conference that brings together a team of experts to review specific cancer cases.

The Conference consists of:

- Surgeons
- Radiation Oncologists
- Medical Oncologists
- Radiologists
- Pathologists
- Oncology Pharmacist
- Nurses
- Nurse Navigators
- Nutritionist

Each plays a significant and unique role in the coordination of treatment and follow-up care, ensuring that each patient is provided the best care plan possible.

Breast Health Team

Number of cases managed

2016	2017
241	328

Cancer Conference

Number of cases reviewed

2016	2017
168	187

The Cancer Conference at South County Health is made up of surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, nurses and nurse navigators who meet weekly to discuss a variety of cases being treated at the Cancer Center.



South County Health Cancer Conference



Dr. Timothy Shafman



Dr. Angela DeRobertis

South County Radiation Therapy (SCRT), a joint venture of South County Hospital and 21st Century Oncology, is an integral part of the South County Health cancer program.

SCRT was established in August 2005 to provide superior radiation therapy services to local patients and provides the latest in radiation technologies. The center is staffed by two highly qualified Radiation Oncologists, Dr. Angela DeRobertis and Dr. Timothy Shafman.

SCRT utilizes intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) for optimal sparing of normal tissues and cone beam CT scan localization for the highest quality image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT).

Through our 21st Century Oncology of Rhode Island affiliates, local patients also have access to High Dose Rate (HDR) brachytherapy for both breast and gynecologic cancer treatment, as well as Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy for treatment of early stage lung cancer.

Treating hundreds of new patients each year, South County Radiation Therapy has become a fixture in the cancer care community, networking with specialty providers across the state to make sure patients receive the best possible care.

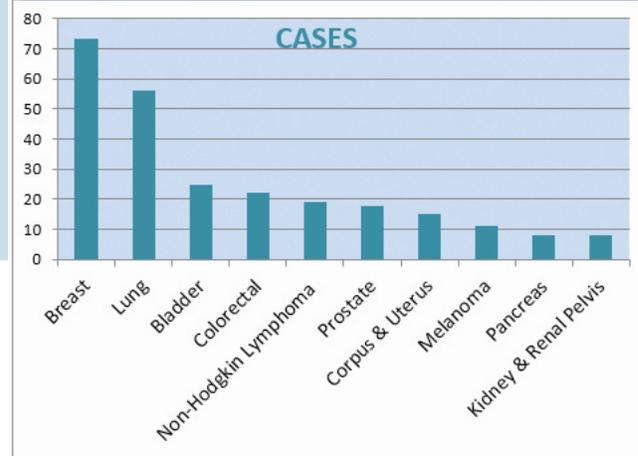


CANCER PROGRAM DATA

The data reported here reflects “analytic” cases, patients who were diagnosed with or treated for, cancer at South County Health. Patients presenting with recurrence or progression of disease are not considered “analytic” cases.

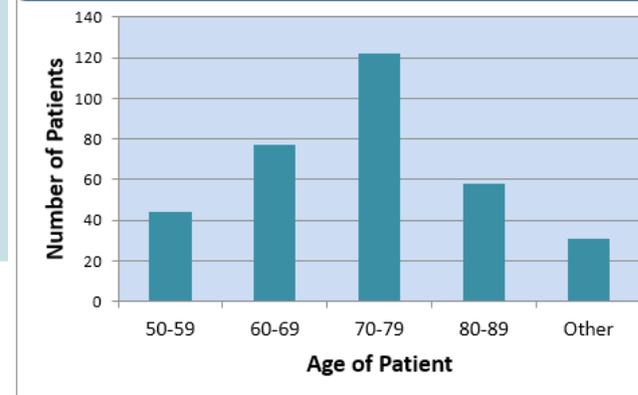
Based on our 2016 analytic data, our top 10 cancer sites are: breast, lung & bronchus, bladder, colon & rectum, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, prostate, corpus & uterus, melanoma, pancreas, and kidney & renal pelvis.

Top 10 Sites



For our 2016 analytic cancer cases, the age group with the most patients was 70-79 year olds, followed by those aged 60-69. The third largest patient group was made up of those aged 80-89, followed by the 50-59 year-old age group.

Age Distribution



Between three and four of every 10 cancer cases diagnosed and/or treated at South County Health were early stage cancers (Stages 0 and 1). Stages II and III accounted for approximately 25% of cases, and were likely to have advanced locally, in close proximity to the cancer’s origin. About 22% were considered metastatic, where cancer has spread to distant areas from the original site.

Stage Distribution



CANCER PROGRAM PRACTICE PROFILE (CP3R)

Quality Measures, Accountability, Surveillance

The Cancer Program measures that are followed for every Commission on Cancer facility encourage quality improvement. These have demonstrated that improvements in data quality and patient care are possible when the entire cancer committee supports system level enhancements.

The measures shown in the following table summarize 2015 CP3R rates, the most recent year available. Sites with sufficient cases eligible for the measures are displayed.

	2015 CP3R Rates	CoC Compliance Standard	South County Health
BREAST	Radiation is administered within 1 year of diagnosis for women under age 70 receiving breast conserving surgery for breast cancer (BCS/RT)	90%	92.9%
	Tamoxifen or 3rd generation aromatase inhibitor is recommended or administered within 1 year of diagnosis for women with AJCC T1c or stage IB-III hormone receptor positive breast cancer (HT)	90%	94.4%
	Radiation therapy is recommended or administered following any mastectomy within 1 year of diagnosis of breast cancer for women with >=4 positive regional lymph nodes (MASTRT)	90%	100%
	Image or palpation-guided needle biopsy to the primary site is performed to establish diagnosis of breast cancer (nBx)	80%	91.1%
COLON	At least 12 regional lymph nodes are removed and pathologically examined for resected colon cancer (12RLN)	85%	100%
	Adjuvant chemotherapy is recommended, or administered within 4 months (120 days) of diagnosis for patients under the age of 80 with AJCC stage III (lymph node positive) colon cancer (ACT)	No applicable standard	100%
RECTUM	Preoperative chemo and radiation are administered for clinical AJCC T3N0, T4N0, or Stage III; or Postoperative chemo and radiation are administered within 180 days of diagnosis for clinical AJCC T1-2N0 with pathologic AJCC T3N0, T4N0, or Stage III; or treatment is recommended for patients under the age of 80 receiving resection for rectal cancer. (RECRTCT)	85%	100%
LUNG	Surgery is not the first course of treatment for cN2, M0 lung cases (LNoSurg)	No applicable standard	100%

Behavioral Health

Research has shown that approximately 35% of cancer patients experience significant distress and would benefit from psychological intervention. The Cancer Center at South County Health has provided psychological services for patients and their families since 2013. These services, which include supportive psychotherapy and counseling, are available free of charge and are offered through the Oncology Rehabilitation & Wellness Program (formerly the STAR—Survivor Training and Rehabilitation Program). The services are provided by Dr. Lawrence Grebstein, a retired licensed and board certified clinical psychologist, and advanced doctoral students from the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Rhode Island. The students are at the Cancer Center as part of their clinical training. Dr. Grebstein serves as their site supervisor and closely oversees their work.

In 2016 and 2017, the counseling team held between 20-25 counseling sessions each month, totaling nearly 275 sessions annually. The hospital social worker has also provided psychological support to patients. One former student, Dr. Miryam Yusofov, completed a research project at the hospital and wrote an article for publication; she is currently in a postdoctoral fellowship in Psychology and Oncology at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Oncology Rehab & Wellness

In 2017, South County Health offered a number of services to our patients under the Oncology Rehabilitation & Wellness Services program. South County Health is dedicated to the critical component of oncology care and survivorship. We offer a broad range of rehabilitation services in the outpatient setting. Patients are scheduled for the appropriate services once an order is completed. Services and referral specialists include:

- Nurse Navigator
- Physical Therapy Lymphedema specialist
- Physical Therapist
- Nutritionist
- Occupational Health
- Exercise Physiologist
- Massage Therapist
- Behavioral Health
- Pet Therapy



Oncology/Cardio Rehab Team



Reiki & Massage

Certified volunteer Reiki practitioners and massage therapists offer patients complimentary sessions to reduce stress on the body and mind.



Nutrition Services

In 2017, the South County Health Cancer Center continued to offer consultations with a Registered Dietitian who is a Certified Specialist in Oncology. Patients (with their families if desired) can meet with our dietitian during their infusion or clinic visit, making it a convenient support service at our multi-disciplinary clinic. Last year, our dietitian provided expertise to over 165 new patients, with over 1,100 patient encounters. This represents a 10% increase from the previous year.

Circle of Friends Support Group



Support groups are a welcome resource for people with oral, head & neck, esophageal, breast and other cancers. Scheduled meetings offer information, support and encouragement to patients, survivors, family members and friends. Many support group meetings take place in the relaxing environment of the patient lounge at the Cancer Center.

Therapy Pets

South County Health's volunteers whose pets have received their Canine Good Citizen Evaluation certificate, are popular resources for patients. The friendly pets help patients relieve stress and anxiety during their hospital visits.

Pictured from left to right are Darby, pet therapy volunteers Betty Sue Reed and Joanne Labelle, and Holly.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Date	Community Activity	Results
January 10, 2017	Radon lecture held at South County Health Medical & Wellness Center in Westerly, RI. Presented by Gerald Colvin, DO, with Michael J. Weydt, RIDOH radon control coordinator	30 in attendance. Free radon kits supplied to attendees. Several elevated readings returned indicating need for mitigation.
January 25, 2017	Schwartz Center Rounds Topic: "CANCER" When above and beyond is not enough	South County Health staff and medical staff participate in a national initiative that provides a forum to discuss the clinical and emotional aspects of select cases.
January 28, 2017	URI Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game	The South County Health Cancer Center is a sponsor of the event. The Cancer Center co-marketed its services with URI through event advertisements using print, radio, TV, on-campus marketing, scoreboard display, in-game mentions, and on court ball presentation.
February 1, 2017	Smoking Cessation free lecture	8 people attended an informational session that presented South County Health's Fit-to-Quit smoking cessation program.
February 6, 15, 22, 28, 2017	Open Houses to introduce new oncologist, Tina Rizack, MD.	Introduced South County Health's newly onboarded hematologist/oncologist to medical professionals in Wakefield, East Greenwich, Narragansett and Westerly.
April 5, 6, 2017	Electric Boat Health Fair, Quonset	A representative from South County Health presented a booth to educate and inform thousands of Electric Boat employees of the services and programs offered at the South County Health Cancer Center.
May 6, 2017	Our Heroes Fashion Show	The South County Health Cancer Center sponsored an inspiring evening where breast cancer survivors, patients currently in treatment, and family members model fashion trends with clothing provided by local boutiques.
June 6, 2017	Hosted annual event to recognize National Cancer Survivors' Day	83 people attended an annual event held in the South County Hospital main lobby where cancer survivors and their families were recognized and supported.
June 15, 2017	Rhode Island Cancer Summit Crowne Plaza, Warwick	250-300 people attended The Partnership to Reduce Cance Annual Summit, an awareness and educational conference designed for healthcare professionals, survivors, caregivers, advocates, business and community organizations, and cancer registrars. South County Health sponsored the event, with oncologist/hematologist, Tina Rizack, MD, presenting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Date	Community Activity	Results
June 24, 2017	ACS Relay For Life South Kingstown & Westerly	Over 70 participants and spectators attended the charity event where SCH Cancer Services were promoted.
July 15, 2017	Radio guest on Patricia Raskin Show (WPRO-AM)	Oncologist/hematologist Tina Rizack, MD, appeared as a guest on a 30 minute interview on talk radio where she discussed the importance of preventative cancer screenings and the services offered through South County Health to prevent cancer or detect the disease early.
September 21, 2017	Skin Cancer Screening	19 people attended a free cancer screening at the South County Health Medical & Wellness Center in Westerly to be screened by a physician and physician's assistant. Of those who were screened, two (2) basal cell cases were identified and four (4) biopsies were recommended.
September 30, 2017	Gloria Gemma Flames of Hope Providence	Annual sponsorship and calendar support for annual promotional and educational event to assist those who are dealing with or caring for someone with cancer. Thousands of people in attendance.
October 3, 2017	Cancer Conference presentation given by Marcelo DaSilva, MD, thoracic surgeon	Information on the topic of Staging & Biomarkers in Lung Cancer was presented to medical staff.
October 16, 2017	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer	Sponsored (\$1,000) and participated in annual fundraising event.
October 17, 2017	An Evening With South County Home Health held at Matunuck Oyster Bar	Networking event to educate referrers about the services offered through South County Home Health and the South County Health Cancer Center.
October 27, 2017	Cocktail reception and discussion with oncologist/hematologist Tina Rizack, MD Ocean House, Watch Hill	Dr. Tina Rizack engaged a group of 15-20 women in discussion about the importance of cancer screening and the services offered at the South County Health Cancer Center. The event was held in conjunction with the annual Women's Wellness Day event.
October 28, 2017	11th Annual South County Health Women's Wellness Day at Ocean House, Watch Hill	Approximately 200 women attended this annual event that featured a presentation by guest speaker, Tina Rizack, MD, on the topic of Breast Cancer Prevalence, Risk Factors, Prevention, and Early Detection.
October 28, 2017	Free community lecture on Radon Gas, presented by medical director, oncology/ hematology Gerald Colvin, DO	30 people attended the community lecture to learn about the carcinogenic effects of radon gas, how it gets into homes, and how to mitigate the risks associated with radon gas. Attendees received free radon test kits.
October 28, 2017	Lose Dose Cat Scanning (LDCT) and Lung Cancer screening	In 2015, South County Health Diagnostic Center became an ACR accredited LDCT center. As of August 3, 2017, 69 cases were completed and categorized.

South County Health has a vibrant community outreach program and several community partners to help impact the Washington County community. The preceding summary illustrates the prevention and screening activities offered in 2017. (Standard 1.8, Standard 4.1, Standard 4.2)

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Outpatient Palliative Care Clinic

In July 2017 our Palliative Care Clinic was introduced to provide patients with relief from symptoms and stress of serious illnesses. The goal of palliative care is to improve quality of life for patients and their families at any point in the course of their illness, including while curative treatments are underway.

Care is provided by a team of palliative specialists – physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, and a chaplain. The palliative care team was led by M. Catherine Trimbur, MD, a board certified physician with expertise in internal medicine, hospice and palliative medicine.



M. Catherine Trimbur, MD
Palliative Care Specialist

Improved Diagnostic Imaging Capabilities

South County Health upgraded its diagnostic imaging capabilities with a Siemens Magnetom Aera 1.5 MRI. The high resolution scans taken with the new MRI produce images in greater detail.

The technology upgrade benefits the Cancer Center where high resolution imaging is necessary for breast MRI, biopsy imaging, and prostate scans. In addition, the 1.5 MRI scans images faster and patients who are uncomfortable with the traditional head first scan can enter the machine feet first. The unit is quieter than earlier MRI versions and can accommodate patients who weigh up to 500 pounds. In addition, patients with compatible, MRI conditional cardiac pacemakers will be able to have MRI exams when needed.



South County Health Talks

South County Health's free community lecture series, *South County Health Talks*, provides an opportunity for medical professionals to present informational and educational topics to promote good health.

Among the presenters, Gerald Colvin, DO, medical director oncology/hematology, conducts several educational presentations throughout the year to discuss the dangers of radon gas in homes and suggest methods to test and mitigate to minimize the risk of developing lung cancer.

Multidisciplinary Clinics

In order to provide comprehensive care to our cancer patients, the Cancer Center developed two multidisciplinary clinics to include Thoracic Surgery and Gastrointestinal Surgery.

GASTROINTESTINAL/SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

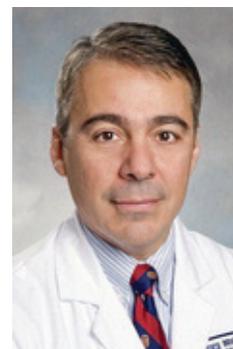
Dr. N. Joseph Espat is our G.I. surgeon who leads our gastrointestinal clinic. A Professor of Surgery and Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs at Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Espat focuses his practice on hepatobiliary and surgical oncology. He received his fellowship training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and completed residency and medical school at University of Florida College of Medicine. His clinical expertise is in the areas of liver surgery, pancreatic surgery, abdominal wall reconstruction, HIPEC, radiofrequency and microwave ablation. This multidisciplinary clinic meets weekly with the medical oncologists.



Dr. N. Joseph Espat

THORACIC/ESOPHAGEAL

Our thoracic surgery clinic is led by Dr. Marcello DaSilva. Dr. DaSilva is an Associate Surgeon in the Division of Thoracic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Chief of Thoracic surgery at Care New England, and lecturer in surgery at Harvard Medical School. Dr. DaSilva is a member of the International Mesothelioma Program, the most comprehensive treatment program for patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma. Our thoracic multidisciplinary clinic meets twice each month with the medical oncologists.



Dr. Marcello DaSilva

THORACIC/ESOPHAGEAL

Dr. Abby White is a board certified surgeon with expertise in esophageal, lung, thymoma, and thymic cancer. A member of the Brigham and Women's Thoracic Surgery Associates, Dr. White joined the South County Health medical staff in June 2017, providing consult as part of the interdisciplinary team of physicians and clinicians. She received her medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed residencies in general surgery at Christiana Care Health Systems in Wilmington, DE, and thoracic surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA. She is part of our multidisciplinary clinic.



Dr. Abby White

THE CANCER CARE TEAM

The Cancer Care Team at the South County Health Cancer Center is made up of interdisciplinary professionals whose expertise in patient care complement each other to provide an extraordinary patient experience and positive outcomes. From office staff to the surgical team, each member plays a key role in our mission to provide exceptional care.

Below are some of the people who make a difference in the lives of others every day.



The Cancer Care Team at the South County Health Cancer Center is led by board-certified oncologists/hematologists who are well established and respected among their peers.

Pictured left to right: Medical oncology director, Gerald Colvin, DO; Tina Rizack, MD; and James Smythe, MD.



Infusion Therapy Team



IV Nurses



*3D Mammography
Medical & Wellness Center, Westerly*



Oncology Nurse Team

Evidence-based guidelines for cancer care

what cancer cannot do

It cannot cripple love

It cannot shatter hope

It cannot corrode faith

It cannot destroy peace

It cannot kill friendship

It cannot suppress memories

It cannot silence courage

It cannot invade the soul

It cannot steal eternal life

It cannot conquer the spirit

SOURCE UNKNOWN

A physician member of the cancer committee is selected to conduct an in-depth analysis to ensure that evaluation and treatment provided to patients is compliant with evidence-based national treatment guidelines and is appropriate for AJCC stage or other appropriate staging system, including prognostic indicators.

Tina Rizack, MD,
Oncologist/Hematologist

2017 Evaluation of Compliance with NCCN Guidelines for Patients with Hormone Positive HER2 Negative Early Stage Breast Cancer

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) is a not for profit alliance dedicated to improving the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of cancer care. They create guidelines and provide recommendations based on available evidence. For 2017 our study monitoring compliance with an NCCN evidence-based guideline was conducted by Tina Rizack, MD, MPH.

One of the NCCN recommendations is to consider a 21 gene assay for early stage breast cancer for patients with hormone positive, HER2 negative, tumors that met size guidelines. Dr. Rizack reviewed compliance with gene testing, and examined the use of the 21 gene testing by cancer stage and by age and stage.

Overall, the majority of patients eligible had the testing done. In addition, our overall rates were approximately 75 percent higher than what was recently reported for other cancer (SEER) data (Petkov et al., 2016). In our study, testing was more likely in patients younger than age 65, and in earlier stage cancer.

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In 2017, South County Hospital received two 5-Star ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid - Hospital Quality & Patient Experience.

South County Hospital was one of only 19 hospitals nationwide, and the only hospital in New England, to earn a 5-Star Rating in two categories.

The inspirational bookmark was given to attendees of the Cancer Survivors' Reception.

A CULTURE OF CARING



Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Members of South County Health's Cardiopulmonary Wellness & Fitness Center recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Day in October by going pink. Pink T-shirts were sold, raising \$1,415 that was donated to the South County Health Cancer Center.



Cancer Survivors' Day

The Main Lobby at South County Hospital was filled with cancer survivors and their loved ones on June 6, 2017. Each year the South County Health Cancer Center hosts a reception to recognize those who have faced cancer and won the battle.



Women's Wellness Day

Oncologist/hematologist Tina Rizack, MD, spoke at Women's Wellness Day, an annual event hosted by South County Health to promote and encourage healthy lifestyles for women.



Flagship Society

Some may give from their heart, but Joseph and Barbara Beaudoin gave from their home - literally. While Joseph Beaudoin underwent treatment for leukemia, he was so impressed by the hope he was given through treatment, and by the care he experienced from staff throughout the Cancer Center that he decided to leave the proceeds from the sale of his North Kingstown home and its contents to the South County Health Cancer Center.

"It's the only hospital I've ever gone to. Dr. Colvin has kept me alive."

- Joseph Beaudoin

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CANCER CARE

The Patient and Family Advisory Council on Cancer Care (PFAC-CC) was formed in 2014 at the recommendation of the South County Health Board of Trustees to provide a forum in which cancer survivors, family members, and SCH staff could provide input and suggestions on plans for the proposed Cancer Center.



In November 2017 the Patient and Family Advisory Council on Cancer Care elected Matt Callaghan and Lisa Diebold as co-chairs. Their two-year term began in January 2018.

Guided by the leadership of co-chairs Leah Arsenault and Rachel Craven, 2017 was a productive year for the PFAC-CC. The group welcomed three new members and thanked two retiring members for their dedication and service.

Early in 2017, members identified three main areas of focus - video project, survivorship support and cancer center enhancements - and formed subcommittees to work on each project.

- The Video Project Group, with funding from the Development Office, worked with Marketing to film four videos aimed at educating current cancer patients about services that are available at the Cancer Center. The topics of the videos are Communications, Nutrition, Counseling, and Reiki. The video project is complete and videos are available for viewing at www.southcountyhealth.org.
- The Survivorship Group, with Matt Callaghan as the conduit, worked on the revision and printing of a Survivorship Guidebook. This project is in progress.
- The Cancer Center Enhancement Group has identified ways to make the Cancer Center environment more welcoming and healing for patients. The group is exploring funding for enhancement projects.

In March of 2017, the PFAC-CC celebrated its third anniversary. The magical ingredient in the Council's longevity and success are its members - each of whom is remarkable in his/her dedication to South County Health, the Cancer Center, and its patients. The Council looks forward to continuing its work on the projects in process and identifying new opportunities to fulfill its mission: *To advocate for the highest quality of care for cancer patients and their families with an emphasis on wellness at every stage of the cancer care continuum.*

CANCER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2017

Cancer Program Leadership

“Cancer program success depends on an effective multidisciplinary cancer committee. The cancer committee is responsible for goal setting, planning, initiating, implementing, evaluating, and improving all cancer-related activities in the program. The cancer committee responsible for program leadership represents the full scope of cancer care and services.”

- The Commission on Cancer

We thank the 2017 Cancer Committee members for their program leadership and service.

Co-Chairs: James Smythe, MD, and Tina Rizack, MD

Leah Arsenault, RN, OCN	Oncology Nurse Navigator	South County Health
Michelle Bailey, MS	Physician & Hospital Liaison	South County Health
James Blechman, MD	Chief of Radiology	South County Health
Umberto Capuano, MD	General Surgeon	South County Health
Kim Carlson, RN, OCN, CHPN	Clinical Nurse Leader	South County Health
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South County Health is equipped with state-of-the-art technologies and employs advanced methods to provide high-quality care. As a community hospital, we are patient-centric, ensuring that the needs of patients and their families are part of the care plan. While our efforts are designed for the good of the patient, our quality of care has earned us some notable awards.

South County Hospital is accredited by the Commission on Cancer



Orthopedics Center Quality Recognition

- Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Distinction Center for Knee and Hip Replacement
- UnitedHealth Premium® Total Joint Replacement Specialty Center



South County Hospital Quality Recognition

- South County Hospital earns “A” safety rating for five consecutive years
- Five-star rating by HCAHPS
- Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®
- Performance on Core Measures
- American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines® Program
- American Nurses Association National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators®
- NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders)
- Pathway to Excellence™
- South County Hospital recognized for stroke care
- Women’s Choice Award® 2015-2017 – Obstetrics, Stroke Care, and Patient Safety
- Providence Business News names South County Health one of its Healthiest Employers of 2016
- Wound Care Center Receives Center of Excellence and Center of Distinction Awards
- Blue Distinction Center+ for Maternity Care





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CANCER CENTER

South County Hospital

Inpatient and outpatient services, emergency department,
education, community health and support services

South County Home Health

Visiting nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists,
speech therapists, telemonitoring, wound care and other health care services

South County Medical Group

Expert specialists and primary care healthcare providers

South County Surgical Supply

Home healthcare equipment and supplies, including supplemental oxygen and
a full line of respiratory products, delivery and 24-hour emergency services

Our vision:

To forge extraordinary connections
with our community
that support health at every stage of life.



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