



UPMC Cancer Center at UPMC St. Margaret offers cancer patients exceptional care and innovative treatments at a location close to home. Working in tandem with the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, the region's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, UPMC Cancer Center at UPMC St. Margaret provides the latest advances in cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging, treatment, and access to experimental treatment options at a convenient, community-based location.

Medical Oncology

Committed to advancing cancer care, our oncologists work closely with specialists from other UPMC Cancer Centers. Through weekly tumor boards and patient conferences, our dedicated physicians strive to develop individualized, comprehensive treatment plans for each cancer patient.

In recognition of our program's success, UPMC Cancer Center at UPMC St. Margaret was approved as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.

Services at this full-service oncology office include outpatient chemotherapy and a complete line of educational resources.

Treatment

Lung and esophageal cancer are the primary malignancies evaluated, diagnosed, and treated by medical oncologists at the Lung and Thoracic Diseases Center.

Patients who present with early stage lung or esophageal cancer are most appropriately treated with surgical resection. Those with certain adverse reactions during surgery are often advised to receive post-operative chemotherapy to lower the risk of cancer reoccurrence.

For many patients, once the cancer is diagnosed, the disease is too advanced to use traditional treatment methods. If the cancer has not spread to distant sites, a combination of treatments may be advised

in fighting the disease. Examples include chemotherapy plus radiation therapy, or chemotherapy (with or without radiation therapy) followed by surgical resection.

Since these combination treatments are often rigorous and multi-faceted, the Lung and Thoracic Diseases Center is the perfect forum for offering such treatments. The center's physicians meet regularly and work in close cooperation to review individual patient needs and to design a treatment plan best suited to the patient's particular case.

A Team of Specialists

Our board-certified cancer specialists, available for both inpatient and outpatient consultations, are supported by a team of dedicated nurses who specialize in oncology. These women and men make up the staff at the UPMC Cancer Center at UPMC St. Margaret.

Treating More than Just the Disease

Our program includes a monthly cancer support group. This group provides an outlet for patients and their families to share experiences, concerns, and emotional support. Additionally, through a close association with the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Caring Center, we offer several support programs such as "Look Good, Feel Better" to our patients.