

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CANCER CENTER AT PHOENIX



- The only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center headquartered in Arizona
- Main campuses in Phoenix and Tucson and a statewide affiliation network
- Multidisciplinary, inter-professional, research-driven, evidence-based, patient-centric care

## Our Heritage

**The University of Arizona Cancer Center is one of only 40 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the nation.**

- Comprehensive Cancer Centers, recognized for their scientific excellence, are focused on patient care as well as basic and clinical research, prevention, education, outreach and training.
- Research, treatment and educational programs at these centers have undergone extensive peer review, met rigorous national standards and made significant contributions to reducing the cancer burden overall.
- In studies, longer survival rates for cancer patients have been linked to place of service, with a mortality risk reduction and a significant survival benefit being associated with treatment at an National Cancer Institute (NCI) cancer center.

## Transformational Cancer Care

**The University of Arizona Cancer Center delivers the latest medical advances and the most advanced care available to patients and their families, to medical professionals and personnel, to the community at large and to underserved populations throughout Arizona.**

- Patients are treated by health professionals in multidisciplinary care teams including medical, surgical and radiation oncologists, pathologists, psychiatrists, nurses, physician assistants, nutritionists, pharmacists, genetic counselors, social workers, patient advocates and complementary-therapy providers.
- The University of Arizona Cancer Center is set apart as one of only six centers in the nation with a prestigious NCI Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant for gastrointestinal cancers. It is also one of only six centers in the nation with an NCI SPORE grant for lymphatic cancers.
- The University of Arizona Cancer Center has distinguished itself among the nation's Comprehensive Cancer Centers as home to one of the largest and most effective Cancer Prevention and Control Programs in the United States with leading prevention and research in breast, colon, lung, prostate and skin cancers.

## The University of Arizona Cancer Center at a Glance

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- Our clinics offer state-of-the-art equipment and the most advanced treatment available, and our physician-scientists translate the latest therapeutic discoveries into patient care plans through clinical trials. The University of Arizona Cancer Center offers more than 200 clinical trials moving research forward, while providing hope and the latest life-saving treatments to cancer patients across Arizona and the Southwestern United States.
- Our physicians conduct more than 60,000 patient visits a year.

**Established in 1976, The University of Arizona Cancer Center is home to more than 300 physician and scientist members with national and international reputations working in 73 research labs, guided by a single mission: To prevent and cure cancer.**

- Multidisciplinary patient care teams include internationally renowned medical hematological, radiation oncology and research specialists, psychiatrists, social workers, patient advocates, nutritionists, pharmacists and genetic counselors. This multidisciplinary team approach results in comprehensive treatment planning, coordinated and accurate management and care, and overall improved outcomes for our patients.
- Life-saving research at the University of Arizona Cancer Center is funded through a combination of federal grants from the NCI and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), state support (less than 3 percent of our annual budget) and through private philanthropy.
- Including more than \$42 million in NCI and NIH funding, the Cancer Center received more than \$52 million in overall cancer-research project funding in 2010.
- Philanthropic investment has also played a critical role allowing the Cancer Center to build and maintain state-of-the-art facilities, seed our most innovative and most promising research and establish eight endowed chairs, which enable the Cancer Center to recruit and retain the best and the brightest researchers and physicians, and provide important outreach and education to Arizona's communities.
- Through world-class research and discovery, the Cancer Center fuels Arizona's economy with a \$1 billion impact annually. Over the past 10 years the University of Arizona Cancer Center has served as a launch pad for 16 biotechnology and pharmaceutical spinoff companies including Ventana Medical Systems in Tucson, which was recently purchased by Roche, the Swiss pharmaceutical giant, for \$3.4 billion. The economic impact we make is unparalleled.
- The world-class research and comprehensive patient care is complimented by the comfortable environment of our clinic. Our Tucson clinic offers a spa-like setting with healing gardens, complementary on-site support through classes and workshops, massage and touch therapies, yoga and tai chi classes, an expansive lending library and a comfortable lounge for consultations or gatherings of family and friends. A high-risk clinic provides an exclusive opportunity for screening, genetic counseling, prevention and treatment for those at high risk for developing cancer.

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