



The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital: Where Hope Lives

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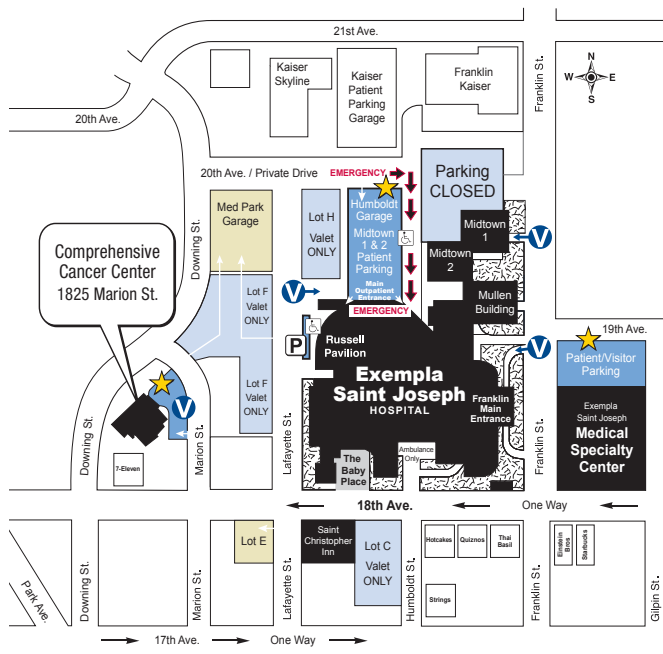
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Integrated Care

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital provides a new standard for integrated care offered by an eminently qualified team of physicians and staff, led by Medical Director **Richard Hesky, MD**.

What distinguishes the program is not just the services we provide but how we have put them together so that our cancer professionals – from oncologists to lab technicians to psychotherapists to infusion specialists to radiologists – can interact with one another to provide fully coordinated care to each patient. One key to the coordinated care is the “care conference” at which physicians and specialist teams outline treatment protocols for patients so that care is customized and complete – and so that treatment and diagnostic options are not duplicated.

Highest Caliber Physicians

Referring physicians and their patients can also be assured of the quality of care each patient will receive because of the caliber of physicians and staff assembled for the program.

Medical Oncology/Hematology

The board certified, fellowship trained physicians are **Richard Hesky, MD**, **Kerry Fisher, MD**, **Alice Luknic, MD**, **Deborah Cook, MD**, and **Sarah Conlon, MD**. We also have an oncology trained nurse practitioner, **Mary Jane LaRoche, ANP**.

Genetic Counseling

Genetic counseling is the process of using family history and personal history information to determine individual cancer risks and make appropriate cancer screening recommendations based on these risks. Often this process involves offering genetic testing to identify hereditary cancers that may be present in the family.

Breast Care Center

The Saint Joseph Breast Care Center provides a wide range of services from screening through treatment in order to meet all of a woman's breast care needs. Our philosophy is to provide a caring, comprehensive and thoughtful approach to breast health. The Breast Care Center team consists of a dedicated breast surgeon, accredited breast radiologist, caring technologists and a nurse educator.

The Breast Care Center offers:

- Dedicated mammography technologists
- Digital mammography
- Breast MRI and Ultrasound
- Breast biopsy under ultrasound, stereotactic and/or MRI guidance
- Breast Clinic and Risk Evaluation (C.A.R.E.) Program
- Genetic Counseling
- DXA Scan (bone density)
- Nursing and Psychosocial Patient Navigation



Jerome Schroeder, MD, is one of the few fellowship trained breast care radiologists in the state.

Our breast health nurse educator guides the newly diagnosed breast cancer patient through the labyrinth of medical care.

Breast Surgery

A Breast Surgeon is a surgeon who has completed

a residency in general surgery and chosen to limit his or her practice to breast surgery, usually as a result of a combination of interest, experience, and expertise. The medical director of the Breast Care Center is **Denise Norton, MD**, a breast surgeon with more than 20 years of experience in her specialty.

Surgical Oncology

Surgical oncology is a specialized area of oncology that engages surgeons in the care and management of cancer as a coequal partner with medical oncologists and radiation oncologists. The function of this multidisciplinary approach is to combine advanced surgical care with appropriate adjuncts including chemotherapy, radiotherapy and ablative therapy, among others. The surgical oncologist performs local tumor excision, regional lymph node removal, the handling of cancer recurrence (local or widespread) and in some cases, the surgical resection of metastases from the primary tumor. Primary malignancies such as esophageal, gastric, hepatobiliary, pancreatic, colorectal, sarcoma and melanoma are commonly treated. **Shawn E. Young, MD**, is a fellowship-trained surgical oncologist and serves as the medical director of surgical oncology.

Gynecological Oncology

Margrit Juretzka, MD, and **Ronald Kimball, MD**, are fellowship trained gynecological oncologists. A gynecologic oncologist is a specialized gynecologist who has had extensive training in providing care for women with reproductive or gynecological cancers. We also have Therese Ramirez, ANP, a nurse practitioner with an extensive background in women's health.

Infusion Center

The Infusion Center is staffed by registered nurses who have been specially trained in oncology, are certified in administering chemotherapy and have years of experience in caring for cancer patients. Our Infusion Center has 26 infusion treatment chairs as well as two private patient rooms.

Pharmacy

Mercedes Dombi, PharmD, manages the on-site cancer center pharmacy. In addition to all intravenous chemotherapies given in the Infusion Center, the pharmacy will soon be able to provide outpatient prescriptions. This will include oral chemotherapies and supportive therapies needed while in cancer treatment.

Psychosocial Oncology

The Comprehensive Cancer Center has an experienced, compassionate psychosocial staff ready to help the patient adjust to the changes this illness brings to your life. Director Jana Lomax, PsyD and her team assist with personal, relationship, emotional, financial and nutritional stressors associated with cancer. Our services are available individually or in support group formats.

Radiation Oncology

By combining the most advanced external beam and internal radiation technology with the a team of highly experienced physicians, Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital Radiation Oncology is Colorado's most active center for radiation therapy. **Mark Chidel, MD**, the department's medical director, leads the team of five board certified radiation oncologists which include, **Ari Ballonoff, MD**, **James Jacobs, MD**, **Michelle Klem, MD**, and **Christopher Sohayda, MD**. The center continues to add the latest cutting edge technology to its arsenal, recently demonstrated by the addition of Varian Medical System's latest linear accelerator – the Truebeam™. ESJH is the first community hospital in the world and the first hospital in the state of Colorado to acquire this technology.

Treatment therapies offered at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital include:

- External Beam Radiotherapy (XRT)
- 3-dimensional Conformal Radiotherapy (3D-CRT)
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT)
- Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)
- Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT)
- Partial Breast Irradiation (PBI)
- High Dose Rate Brachytherapy (HDR)
- Low Dose Rate Brachytherapy (LDR)

Inpatient Unit

The inpatient oncology unit recently expanded to 22 all private rooms and is located on the 10th floor of the hospital's north and south towers. 55.73% of our RNs are BSN prepared and 28.90% are Nationally certified. This location serves both surgical and medical oncology patients.