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Our Mission

To provide excellent patient health services in a family-centered environment.
Dear Friends,

Recently it was estimated that in just one year, more than 500 people living in Onslow County will be diagnosed with some type of cancer. That’s about ten people each week. At Onslow Memorial Hospital, we are prepared, standing ready to help each and every one of these residents by providing the most experienced, caring medical staff and advanced medical technology available. The people of Onslow County deserve no less than the best effort possible to save their lives.

Our 2013-14 Oncology Annual Report reflects the past year accomplishments and continuing dedication of the passionate care team at Onslow Memorial Hospital and Onslow Radiation Oncology. Our oncology experts, led by Cancer Committee, remained steadfast in their commitment to cancer research and education. The year’s community outreach efforts included nearly 300 screenings along with Susan G. Komen and American Cancer society partnerships that raised money for cancer programs throughout Jacksonville, NC, and greater Onslow County. Look Good Feel Better and other support groups continued to provide confidence, courage and a sense of community for survivors and their loved ones.

Onslow Memorial Hospital’s cancer program has received Accreditation with Commendation from the Commission on Cancer. Less than 25 percent of hospitals have earned this distinction for level of care and patient outcomes. Having exceeded national standards for cancer service delivery, it’s just further proof that we are constantly working to improve quality and expand offerings for patients and families of Onslow and the surrounding communities.

At Onslow Memorial Hospital, we are dedicated to providing excellent patient services in a family-centered environment. We want our community to know that they don’t have to leave home to receive nationally accredited cancer treatment. We are right here to help them on their road to recovery, with quality and compassionate care.

Sincerely,

Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA
Chairman, Onslow Radiation Oncology
I try to make people healthier and more comfortable. It was nice Onslow Memorial was there to do the same for me.

My cancer diagnosis was devastating at first. But everyone at Onslow Memorial Hospital was so caring; we quickly began to see I was in good hands. Every step they kept us informed and constantly encouraged us. The physicians and staff were so warm and kind they felt like family. People say I don’t look like I’ve been through what I went through. And if it wasn’t for Onslow Memorial, I don’t think I would be this way.

~ Sonya Black
Natural Soap and Lotion Maker, Cancer Survivor
Cancer care doesn’t take just one healthcare provider, it takes a team. Onslow Memorial Hospital has assembled a group of oncologists, surgeons, nurses, technicians and staff, all passionate about providing the best possible cancer treatment, therapy and care, close to home.

From state-of-the-art diagnostics and imaging technology to the most advanced surgical equipment, Onslow is dedicated to offering oncologists and surgeons the very best tools to diagnose, treat and manage a wide range of cancer conditions. The recent addition of robotics technology means our surgeons have the ability to provide patients with minimally invasive surgery for intensive cancer procedures, helping them heal faster and get home more quickly.

At Onslow Memorial Hospital, our radiation oncology program, developed in partnership with Vidant Health, delivers excellent patient health services in a healing and family-centered environment. Here, our goal is to provide state-of-the-art cancer care close to home, so you and your family can focus on healing.

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ONSLOW RADIATION ONCOLOGY

Onslow Radiation Oncology (ORO) literally adopts patients into its family, surrounding them with the compassion, technology and staff necessary to battle their cancer.

Here, we understand that each patient is unique, having their own “arc” — an emotional voyage they must successfully navigate during the most challenging chapter of their life. And we believe a big part of our role is to support patients along this journey.

Onslow Radiation Oncology brings together the brightest professionals in oncology care with top cancer-fighting technology to fulfill our mission of providing area residents with state-of-the-art treatment conveniently located just minutes from their home. A partnership between Onslow Memorial Hospital and Vidant Health, ORO serves patients in Onslow, Craven, Carteret, Jones, Pender, Duplin and surrounding counties.

With the Onslow Radiation Oncology family at their side, our patients know they will not walk this journey alone.
CANCER COMMITTEE
Cancer Committee is the designated multidisciplinary body for the administrative oversight, development and review of oncology services at Onslow Memorial Hospital. The Committee communicates directly with the hospital’s medical board regarding activities and recommendations related to the cancer program. Members include physician representatives from medical oncology, pathology, primary care, radiation oncology, radiology, general surgery and its subspecialties, clinical areas as well as supporting services involved with the care of cancer patients.

Cancer Committee meets regarding cancer leadership, cancer quality service, tumor board, cancer conferences and community outreach. Committee leadership plan, initiate and assess Onslow’s cancer-related activities in accordance with Commission on Cancer requirements for cancer program accreditation. Under the leadership of the Cancer Committee, Onslow Memorial Hospital received Accreditation with Commendation from the Commission.
CANCER COMMITTEE

MEDICAL STAFF
Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA, Chairman, Onslow Radiation Oncology
John A. Westbrook, MD, Cancer Conference Coordinator, Onslow Surgical Specialists
Nagesh Jayaram, MD, Cancer Liaison, Southeastern Medical Oncology Center
Anuradha Arcot, MD, Pathology
Elizabeth D’Angelo, MD, Radiology

HOSPITAL STAFF & COMMUNITY
Amy Arnold, CTR, Cancer Registrar
Kimberly Batchelor, Dietitian
Penny Burlingame, DHA, Senior Vice President, Nursing and Clinical Services
Jessica Collins-Hansley, Patient Navigator
Rev. Bill Crane, Pastor
Cynthia Hodges, RN, Continuum Home Health
Anna Jurczynski-Martin, Rehabilitation Services

Vincent Lee, R Ph, Director of Pharmacy
Angie Lewis, RN, Clinical Research Coordinator, Southeastern Medical Oncology
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Josephine Malfitano, DNP, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Performance Improvement & Accreditation
Brenda Meredith, RN, Continuum Home Health
Betsy Roberts, RN, OCN
Tracy Sobiesienski, RN, Community Outreach Coordinator
Amy Sousa, Vice President, Public Relations
Rachel Urban, American Cancer Society Community Manager, Invited Guest
Samantha West, Psychosocial Services Coordinator, MSN, Discharge Planning
Zana Willis (end 8/13) & Shannon Rhodes (start 8/13), Palliative Care, Liberty Home Health
John Yoder, Chief Radiation Therapist

CANCER CONFERENCE/TUMOR BOARD
Patient cases are presented and discussed in an interdisciplinary cancer conference to determine the best treatment plan and ensure coordinated care. Also known as tumor board, this approach brings together experts in each discipline such as surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, hospitalists and primary care physicians.

Discussions include patient medical history, diagnostic testing, surgical procedures, disease stage, treatment options and outcomes. Cancer conference is certified for medical education credits by the Brody School of Medicine. In 2013, 54 cases were presented.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CANCER EXPERTS
Onslow Memorial’s multidisciplinary team of oncologists, surgeons, nurses and technicians deliver advanced cancer services using state-of-the-art diagnostic and imaging technologies—all while keeping care close to home in a healing, family-centered environment. Dedicated to providing the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer, Onslow Memorial Hospital has received Accreditation with Commendation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.
COMMUNITY CARING

- Cancer survivors’ dinner presentation (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), April 2013
- Hubert Breast Cancer Support Group presenter (Nagesh Jayaram, MD), June 2013
- Onslow Memorial Hospital employee survivors “Birthday Celebration” (Onslow Memorial Hospital), June 2013
- Prostate cancer awareness/screening event (Onslow Memorial Hospital), September 2013
- October Breast Cancer Awareness Month community presentation on prevention, screening & early detection (Onslow Memorial Hospital), October 2013
  A supporting campaign included print, radio, social media, etc.
- Women’s Expo breast cancer prevention, screening & genetic testing presentation (Debra Miller, MD), October 2013
- Alpha Delta Kappa breast cancer prevention & screening presentation (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), November 2013
- Bear Creek Methodist Church cancer education presentation (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), May 2014
- Prostate cancer awareness event, 53 screenings (Onslow Memorial Hospital), September 2014
- 273 Onslow Memorial Hospital employee cancer screenings (Onslow Memorial Hospital), FY 2013-14

LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION

- Camp Lejeune Tumor Board radiation oncology overview (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), April 2013
- Triangle to the Coast Susan G. Komen Foundation Board appointment (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), May 2013
- Susan G. Komen Raleigh Board meeting/activities (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), June 2013

RACE FOR THE CURE & RELAY FOR LIFE

- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure “Passing the Promise” grant (Onslow Memorial Hospital), March 2013
  This grant enabled breast cancer survivors and their families to attend the race for free. OMH also provided three breast cancer survivors with “goodies” swag bags and transported them and a family member to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure event in a limousine.
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure sponsor (Onslow Memorial Hospital), March 2013
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure team (Onslow Memorial Hospital Warriors in Pink), March 2013
  The largest team at the Wilmington event.
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life speaker & cancer survivors’ dinner sponsor (Nagesh Jayaram, MD), April 2013
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure participant (Randy Blackburn, DO, MBA), June 2013
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SURVIVOR PROGRAMS

- Look Good Feel Great Survivor Group (American Cancer Society, Onslow Memorial Hospital and area salons)
- Cancer/caregiver support groups (Onslow Memorial Hospital)
The day I never left the knitting circle.

When I was diagnosed with cancer it was traumatic to say the least. But it really was a blessing to get quality care so close to home. I had no idea I could get radiation therapy and great cancer care at Onslow Memorial, which made it easier for me, my children and grandchildren, who want to be with me for treatment. The nurses and doctors have given us so much courage and strength. But it also helps I never had to leave the support of my family and friends.

~ Betty Brittain
Cancer Survivor