



St. Luke's Center for Cancer Care Annual Report 2013

We are proud to bring you the 2013 Annual Report

highlighting some of the work and accomplishments at the St. Luke's Center for Cancer Care. Our newly-renovated Center has now been completed and from what we hear from patients, families and physicians, it offers what we hoped - a place of healing where patient convenience and comfort is our main focus. We would also like to extend deep gratitude to our dedicated colleagues whose hard work and caring transforms the lives of those in our community every day.

Over the past couple of years, unprecedented progress has been made at our Center. Our new 30,000 square-foot, \$6.2 million Center now includes:

- Warm and inviting patient environment
- Improved access for patients and their families
- Streamlined patient registration process
- Convenient laboratory draw area
- Comfortable infusion area offering the latest in technology
- Modern and expanded medical oncology office space
- Remodeled dressing and waiting areas in the Radiation Oncology Department
- Healing Garden to promote healing and reduce stress
- Spacious multi-purpose room for support groups
- Informative cancer resource library
- Electronic Medical Record (EMR) to facilitate coordination of patient care between healthcare providers

In addition to these enhancements, the Center was also proud to earn CoC accreditation with numerous accommodations this year. The CoC provides hospitals with standards for quality and multidisciplinary cancer care, and verifies the delivery of these principles at accredited facilities. One area of focus for the CoC in 2014 is on survivorship plans for all cancer patients. In preparation for this added resource, the Center has purchased additional software which will produce these documents for our patients. The CoC also requires that every cancer patient have a psycho-social assessment performed in the Center. St. Luke's Social Services Department has re-focused staffing in the Cancer Resource Center in order to provide this service. All of these activities continue to improve the support we provide to our cancer patients.

We take great pride in delivering exceptional care to people who are newly-diagnosed or living with cancer because we know they are with us at a time when they need us most. It's our privilege to walk with them on their journey, and we are grateful they entrust their care to us. Enjoy our report as we continue to work on what we can achieve, together, in 2014.



Albert Van Amburg III, MD, Chair
2013 Oncology Steering Committee

Services at St. Luke's Center for Cancer Care

St. Luke's Center for Cancer Care's new facility enables us to continue offering world-class cancer care and treatment. With our medical expertise, unsurpassed technology and comprehensive support programs, we're proud to offer the full spectrum of cancer care to our patients. Our recent investment to bring new cancer-fighting facilities, technologies and distinguished oncology specialists to our region has allowed us to continue to offer the following services to our community.

American Cancer Society services

Diagnostic imaging

Digital breast imaging

Genetic counseling services

High-dose radiation (HDR) – MammoSite®

Hospice

Image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT)

Infusion therapy/targeted therapy

Integrative therapies

Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)

Low-dose radiation (LDR) – prostate seed implants

Medical oncology

Minimally-invasive and robotic surgery

Nuclear medicine

Oncology surgery

Pain management/palliative care

Patient navigation services

PET/CT Scanner

Psychosocial and supportive services

Radiation oncology

Radioimmunotherapy

Rehabilitation

Research

Stereotactic radiation therapy (SRT)

Cancer Center renovation brings hope to patients and staff



St. Luke's Center for Cancer Care celebrated the opening of its renovated facility on October 1, 2013 with a grand opening reception and a ribbon cutting at the new waiting and registration area on the first floor of the East Medical Building. A \$6.2 million, two-year project that encompassed over 30,000 square-feet of enhancements brought dignitaries from the hospital, members of the community and patients who received treatment at the Center.

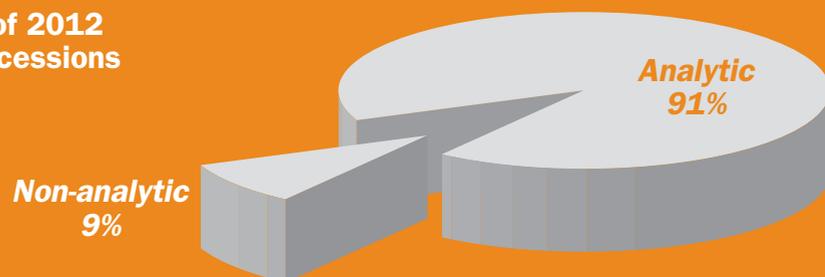
“The newly-renovated Center will be more accessible to the community and will allow patients to receive care close to home,” says Albert Van Amburg III, MD. “We are truly honored to have this opportunity to broaden our services in St. Louis and help the people in this region achieve their healthcare goals in this new facility. We hope this expanded facility will be a place of healing, not just physically, but also spiritually and emotionally.”

The Cancer Registry of St. Luke's Hospital is staffed by four certified tumor registrars (CTRs). All staff members participate in on-going oncology related continuing education annually by attending local and regional association meetings, as well as State Cancer Registry sponsored meetings and others sponsored by the Commission on Cancer.

Registry Statistics

In 2012, there were 1,312 cases accessioned to the St. Luke's Hospital Cancer Registry. Of this number, 1,192 were analytic incidences of cancer with initial diagnosis and/or first-course treatment at St. Luke's Hospital, and 120 were cases considered non-analytic or cases of recurrent/persistent disease.

Summary of 2012 Cancer Accessions



The chart below reflects the top five primary sites seen at St. Luke's Hospital in 2012. Based on 1,192 analytic primary cancers accessioned into the Cancer Registry's database, the top five primary sites represent 60 percent of the overall total number of cases that were treated at St. Luke's Hospital.

Primary Site	Total Number of Cases	St. Luke's Hospital 2012	National 2012	
			Male	Female
Breast	287	24%	-	29%
Lung	161	14%	14%	14%
Colorectal	99	8%	9%	9%
Prostate	88	7%	29%	-
Melanoma Skin	78	7%	5%	4%
Total	713	60%	29%	27%

Monitoring Patient Outcomes: Follow-Up

Lifetime follow-up is performed on every cancer patient that is diagnosed and treated at St. Luke's Hospital. Follow-up information provides documentation of residual disease or its spread, recurrences, subsequent therapy and vital status of the patient. Follow-up information is comprehensive and must be maintained to produce survival data. Outcomes are compared with national, regional and state statistics.

The Commission on Cancer requires accredited cancer programs meet two standards in regard to follow-up:

- Maintain an 80 percent follow-up rate for all eligible analytic patients from the cancer registry reference date, and
- Maintain a 90 percent follow-up rate for all eligible analytic patients diagnosed within the last five years or from the cancer registry reference date, whichever is shorter.

In 2012, the Cancer Registry consistently met and exceeded the requirements of the Commission on Cancer for following cancer patients.

Cancer Registry of St. Luke's Hospital monitors patient outcomes



Expanded radiation oncology department brings upgrades

The newly-renovated radiation oncology department, completed in April 2013, is one example of our commitment to providing high quality healthcare to our patients. We have improved our ability to deliver treatment in an environment that is comfortable, safe and efficient and truly designed to put the needs of the patient and their loved ones first.

Waiting Areas

Reflecting the needs and concerns for our patients, the renovated Center now offers private waiting areas for both men and women. The distinctly separate atmospheres help our patients feel more at ease when they come for routine screenings, testing or follow-up visits.

Nursing Care Area

With spaciousness and a centralized location in mind, the new nursing care area includes patient bays and a triage room to allow for better responsiveness for the needs of both our patients and staff.

Registration

Patients and visitors will see a vastly different registration area to welcome patients checking in for their appointments. A spacious new waiting area and better navigation signage are designed to make visits easier and more comfortable for patients and family members.

Exam Rooms

The department's interior layout and design allows for more space for testing, bringing our total number of exam rooms to six.

Physician Workroom

The new physician workroom gives our physicians a conveniently located space near the treatment planning room and treatment technology. Physicians are able to collaborate together to leverage their years of clinical experience to observe and review different images depicted through our state-of-the-art imaging and diagnostic technologies and tests.

Treatment Planning Room

Our new area is a more efficiently-designed space located closer to the physician workroom and treatment technology. Our experienced team constructs personalized treatment plans for our patients, including radiation dosage and the total number of treatment days depending on the size and location of the cancer.

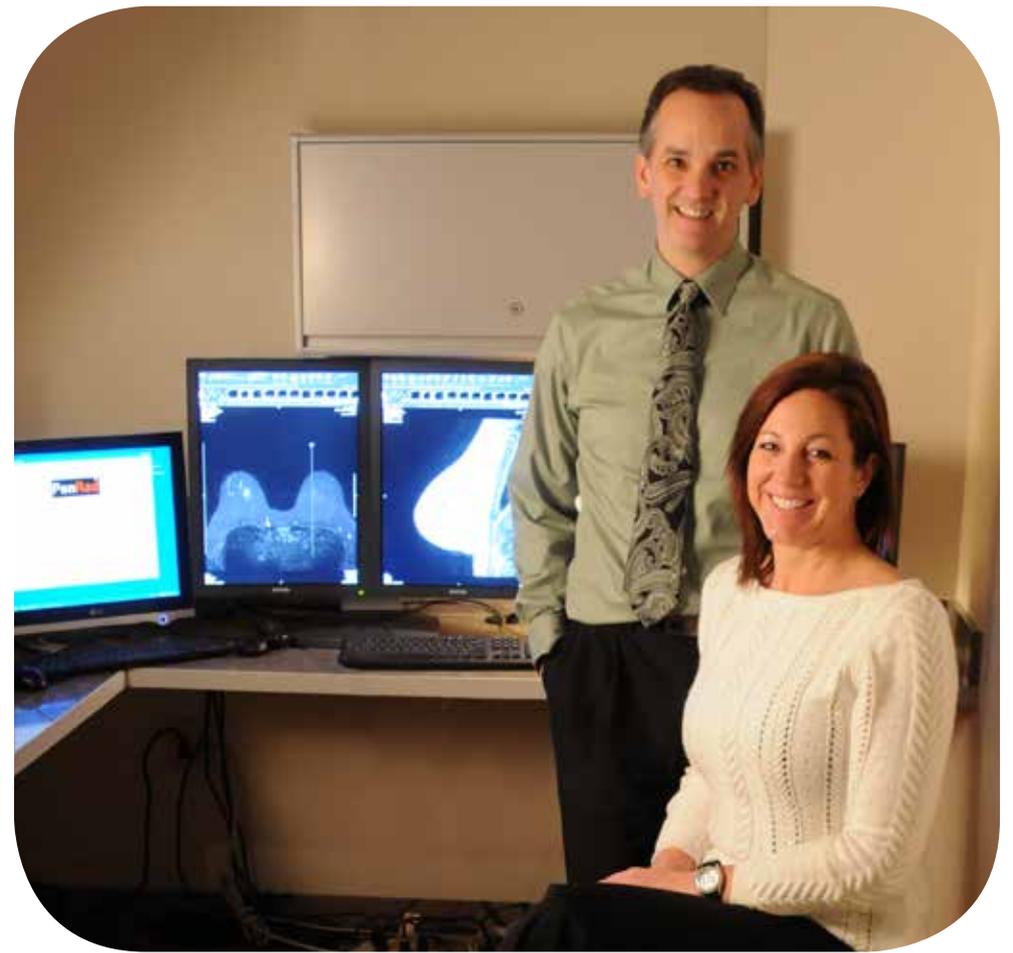
High-dose Radiation Room

The new room allows for more efficient workflow for the physicians and staff when treating high-dose radiation patients. This, in turn, creates a better experience for the patient.

Conference Room

The conference room is specially-designed to accommodate the needs of not only staff, but patients and family members, as well. Whether it is needed for educational programs, teleconferences or meetings, the room offers space and comfort for all attendees.

New mammography reporting and tracking systems optimize patient care



At St. Luke's Hospital, quality patient care depends on the efficient management and availability of accurate information. As our systems become more complex and the amount of available data increase, a comprehensive information management system which helps patient communication and tracking for the department is crucial.

PenRad, launched in June 2013, allows our team to manage more images, data and protocols on a daily basis within our women's imaging program. The PenRad system also enhances reporting and management of clinical data which ultimately optimizes patient care. In addition, the PenRad system facilitates the tracking and printing of exams, the management of patient reminder letters, the production of audit reports, the flagging of unresolved exams and helps with

pathology correlation. It also allows for patient demographics, appointments and order information to be automatically maintained, eliminating the need for manual patient data entry. Finally, and most importantly, this advanced management tool provides our radiologists with the time-sensitive information needed to maximize productivity when interpreting and reporting complex studies. The key is quantifiable data. This unique design feature allows our team to automatically flag high-risk patients for additional screening or follow-up based on collected data. This is extremely important for women in high-risk groups so we can improve the overall quality of care to that group of patients.

Another technological advance the cancer team now utilizes is called Volpara. Volpara is a program that analyzes the digital breast images and provides both a breast density measurement and category automatically. This allows us to provide a breast density score while the patient is still present and gives our radiologists another important diagnostic tool when analyzing exams. All data captured by Volpara is also stored with the patient record and can be further analyzed, as well.

Research cures cancer



Research is the foundation for progress in cancer care. Our cancer clinical research team strives to understand the complexities of various forms of cancer in the effort to help develop new, viable treatment options. Promising new therapies or diagnostic approaches must be validated in real world conditions before they can be approved for general use.

Patients who participate in clinical trials are among the first to receive novel treatments before they become commonly available. As part of the process, patients are carefully screened for eligibility, including type of disease and its stage, as well as the participant's age and general health. Accepted eligibility criteria help assure trial results accurately answer the research question and identify individuals who will benefit from the approach studied. In addition, the clinical research team follows enrolled patients for up to 20 years after their treatment is complete. This allows researchers to assess both the short

and long-term risks and benefits of the new therapy.

St. Luke's is proud to partner with well-respected local and national clinical trial groups including the National Cancer Institute (NCI). St. Luke's broad-based program of clinical research includes about 20 trials at any given time. We are an active participant in the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology through our affiliation with Washington University School of Medicine. We are able to access trials from the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, the Southwest Oncology Group and NRG Oncology (formerly known as the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project) through our participation in the NCI Clinical Trial Support Unit. Currently, our medical oncologists, breast surgeons and radiation oncologists are active participants in this effort.

In addition to overseeing patients on protocol, we are responsible for

complying with federal guidelines regarding patient safety, efficacy and privacy. This regulatory function involves the oversight of the St. Luke's Institutional Review Board during the initial protocol review, annual review and amendment process.

The St. Luke's oncology program was reviewed by the Commission on Cancer in 2013. Our cancer clinical research team was commended by the Commission for its outstanding number of clinical trial accruals.

"It is our hope that this team-based approach will accelerate the pace of medical progress against cancer," says Donald Busiek, MD, who serves as St. Luke's Oncology Principal Investigator responsible for overseeing the oncology research program. "Each patient's contribution will lead to better outcomes in the future."

For information regarding available clinical trials (including eligibility and treatment), call the Oncology Research Office at 314-205-6936.



**The Cancer
Resource
Center:**

**Meeting the
needs of our
patients and
the community**

The Cancer Resource Center at St. Luke's Hospital welcomes anyone whose life has been impacted by cancer. Experienced clinical staff is available to listen and help in finding answers to questions and decisions about care. Below is an overview of our services.

On-staff oncology nurse:

- Education about cancer, treatments and managing side effects in all phases of diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.
- Collaboration with doctors and other healthcare professionals to provide care specific to your diagnosis and needs.
- Coordination of referrals to St. Luke's Cancer Rehabilitation Program, an outpatient, multi-disciplinary approach to minimizing or eliminating the physical and emotional symptoms of cancer or treatment.

A licensed clinical social worker on-site:

- Psychosocial counseling to patients with cancer and their loved ones as they face the impact of cancer-related challenges throughout diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.
- Support in problem-solving and strengthening coping skills.
- Guidance regarding ongoing care needs and options to support those needs.
- Advance directive counseling.
- End of life planning and supportive counseling.
- Assistance in communicating with healthcare team members.
- Information and referral to hospital and community resources.

Nutritional counseling:

- Registered dietitians provide information and practical strategies to meet the specific nutritional needs of patients with cancer.
- Nutritional history and assessment for dietary counseling and nutrition education.

Pastoral care:

- Chaplains are available to discuss religious and spiritual needs during cancer treatment and survivorship.
- Support patients with cancer and their loved ones with referrals to religious and spiritual resources in the community.

Volunteers:

- Provide tours of the Center for Cancer Care to newly-diagnosed patients and family.
- Assist patients in selecting wigs (gently-used), turbans and caps.
- Support a healing environment by attending to the comfort needs of patients and companions through the lending library (music, movies, DVD players, books and articles).

Groups:

- Look Good...Feel Better: an ACS-sponsored program for women in active treatment that teaches beauty techniques for appearance-related side effects.
- Focus Support Group for Survivors of Breast Cancer
- Weekly yoga classes at St. Luke's in partnership with the Cancer Support Community
- Educational programs throughout the year specific to patients with cancer and their loved ones.

Resource Center Agency Days:

- Meet with representatives from area agencies to learn about the services offered to persons with cancer and their loved ones.

Cancer Resource Center Presents:

- Each month, a topic of interest to patients with a diagnosis of cancer and/or their loved ones will be highlighted in the Cancer Resource Center. Reading material, professional consultation and resource information will be available.

Contact the Cancer Resource Center at 314-205-6055 for information about any of these services.



Cancer can be a life-changing diagnosis as treatment can take a great toll on an individual both physically and emotionally. At St. Luke's Hospital, we understand the feelings and emotions that come with a cancer diagnosis and want to help you return to a fulfilling and high-functioning quality of life.

St. Luke's Cancer Rehabilitation Program offers patients compassionate and customized programs that can help minimize or eliminate symptoms such as pain, fatigue, loss of strength, cognitive impairment, sleep difficulties, nutrition problems, depression and anxiety that may come with treatment. This program is appropriate for anyone who has the potential to improve their physical and emotional well-being.

Each member of our rehabilitation staff has specialized training through the STAR Program™ (Survivorship, Training and Rehab) to help patients reach their goals.

STAR training covers essential topics for survivor care, including evaluating and treating cancer survivors for pain, fatigue, de-conditioning and a host of other problems that may be due to the cancer itself or the treatments that patients may have to undergo. STAR-certified staff are also required to keep up on the latest oncology rehabilitation research and clinical care. St. Luke's Hospital Center for Cancer Care is the first facility in the St. Louis area to be certified by the STAR Program. We are proud of this designation as we continue our mission of offering one of the most comprehensive cancer programs in the region.

Compassionate care and treatment during and after your cancer diagnosis

The first STAR-certified rehabilitation program in the St. Louis area

Oncology conferences promote knowledge and learning in the St. Louis community



Throughout the years, St. Luke's Hospital has hosted cancer-specific conferences to help bring together researchers, clinicians and caregivers to learn about the latest developments in diagnosis, treatment and quality of life. During 2013, our Continuing Medical Education (CME) committee organized three important programs.

The Annual American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Cancer Staging Conference for physicians and other clinicians covered esophageal cancer and was presented by Dr. Amit Bhatt from the St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Department. The goals for the conference were to describe how to appropriately stage esophageal cancer patients, identify patients that would benefit from a combined modality approach (surgery and radiation) and to identify patients that can receive surgery alone.

The "Hematology for the Non-Hematologist: Anticoagulation and Operative Bleeding Issues" conference allowed participants to discuss the risks and benefits of hormone therapy in patients with prior clots and/or hypercoagulable states, describe a structured approach to the evaluation and treatment of surgical bleeding and discuss the role of new anticoagulants. Drs. Donald Busiek and David Kuperman presented at the conference.

The "31st Annual Oncology Update: Promises and Difficulties of Genomic Based Therapy in Hematologic Malignancies and Solid Tumor" conference allowed attendees to identify known genomic alterations in hematologic malignancies, classify "actionable" mutations and current therapies, discuss new areas of research and experimental therapies, categorize genomic alterations in solid tumors, describe current status of clinical treatments and trials and talk about future areas of research and experimental therapies. Dr. Albert Van Amburg, III was the conference director and moderator for the conference. Planning committee members included Dr. David Krajcovic and Dr. David Butler.

St. Luke's Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. St. Luke's Hospital is also an approved provider of continuing nursing education by Missouri Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

St. Luke's Hospital 2013 Community Screening, Prevention and Education Programs

Screenings

Each year, the cancer committee provides at least one cancer screening program that is targeted at decreasing the number of patients with late-stage disease. The screening program is based on community needs and is consistent with evidence-based national guidelines and interventions. A process is developed to follow-up on all positive findings.

Program	Total Participants	Number of Abnormal Results
Skin Cancer Screening	119	15
PSA Screening	153	2
Lung Cancer Screening	32	8

Education and Prevention

Each year, the cancer committee provides at least one cancer prevention program that is targeted to meet the needs of the community and designed to reduce the incidence of a specific type of cancer.

Program	Total Participants
Indicators and Implications of Hereditary Cancer Disorders	12
Updates in Breast Cancer	100
Girl Talk (skin, cervical & breast cancer)	175
8-week Freedom From Smoking Course	6
Day of Dance (information booths on colon cancer/screenings, lung cancer screenings, breast health/mammograms, pelvic health)	1500
Outpatient Smoking Cessation Counseling	14
Inpatient Smoking Cessation Counseling	505

Patient and Family Support Services

Program	Total Participants
Fit for Recovery	6
Yoga for Cancer Patients	498
FOCUS Breast Cancer Support Group	69
Look Good...Feel Better	9
Weight Management and Supermarket Tours	196
Skin Analyzer/sun protection/skin cancer prevention and awareness	299
Women's and Men's health tip cards with preventive health and screening guidelines distributed at screenings and events	1155 men 3223 women
Nutrition and Cancer Prevention	160
Holiday Program for St. Luke's Cancer Patients and Families	22
Stress Management	63



Focus on Quality: Gastrointestinal Cancer Treatment at St. Luke's Hospital

A 2013 Outcome Study on Esophageal, GE Junction and Gastric Carcinomas

By: Albert Van Amburg, MD, Physician Members of the Oncology Steering Committee
Study Assistants: Julia Kang, CTR, Madonna Henning, RN

Since the St. Luke's Hospital reference date of January 1, 2004, there have been a total of 84 analytic esophageal cancers and 119 stomach cancers. A sharp increase of 38 percent from 2011 to 2012 was noted in the number of esophageal cancers diagnosed and/or treated at St. Luke's Hospital. This increase prompted the recommendation to review our experience with the treatment of esophageal cancer.

The average number of cases for esophageal cancer is 9.3 cases per year and the average number of cases for stomach cancer is 12.2 cases per year. The highest volume of esophageal cancer was noted in 2012 with 13 cases, which is an increase from the five cases diagnosed and treated in 2011.

The demographic profile of cases shows 73 percent of patients coming from Missouri and 27 percent coming from Illinois. Comparison of distribution between the sexes revealed a higher number of male patients having GI cancers over females. This same distribution pattern is reflected in the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) population as well. The average age for GI cancers at St. Luke's Hospital is 74. NCDB comparisons are similar with the St. Luke's Hospital age groups, however, the overall patient population at St. Luke's Hospital is significantly higher for the 80-89 age group when compared to the NCDB. Longevity is apparent in the St. Luke's Hospital data group.

Table 1: Comparison of St. Luke's Hospital demographics at diagnosis to NCDB Benchmark data

Sex	2006		2011		Total		NCDB
Male	13	72%	11	73%	24	73%	78.47%
Female	5	28%	4	27%	9	27%	21.53%
Total	18		15		33		

Age	2006		2011		Total		NCDB
40-49							6.74%
50-59	2	11%	2	13%	4	12%	20.78%
60-69	6	33%	2	13%	8	24%	29.03%
70-79	6	33%	3	20%	9	27%	27.26%
80-89	4	22%	6	40%	10	30%	13.43%
90+	0	0%	2	13%	2	6%	1.69%
Average Age	71		77		74		
Total	18		15		33		

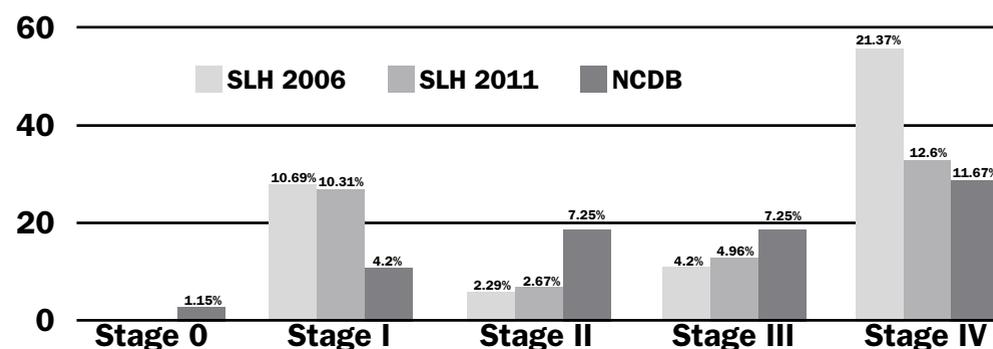
Stage at Diagnosis

Stage at diagnosis used the Collaborative Derived AJCC Stage for comparison purposes. A significant number of the St. Luke's Hospital cases were diagnosed at Stage I and Stage IV, which exceeded the percentages identified by the NCDB. Improvement was noted in the diagnosis of Stage IV from 56 percent of the cases in 2006 to 33 percent of the cases in 2011. This reflects an improvement in the diagnosis of earlier stage cancers from 2006 to 2011.

Table 2: Comparison of St. Luke's Hospital stage at diagnosis to NCDB Benchmark data

Stage	2006		2011		Total		NCDB
Stage 0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2.62%
Stage I	5	28%	4	27%	9	27%	11.12%
Stage II	1	6%	1	7%	2	6%	19.46%
Stage III	2	11%	2	13%	4	12%	19.09%
Stage IV	10	56%	5	33%	15	45%	29.06%
Stage 99	0	0%	3	20%	3	9%	18.44%
Total	18		15		33		

Figure 1: Stage distribution of 2006, 2011 and NCDB 2000 to 2010 comparison data.



Treatment at Diagnosis

According to current National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) treatment guidelines for esophageal/GE Junction tumors, patients who are determined to be medically fit, T1-T3 tumors are resectable even with regional nodal metastases (N+). T4b tumors with involvement of the heart, great vessels, trachea or adjacent organs including liver, pancreas, lung and spleen are unresectable. Surgery is the most common treatment for esophageal cancer.

Initial treatment choice is a decision shared between the clinician and patient, taking into consideration adverse effects of treatment and other factors. Quality of life and life expectancy is the foremost component of this discussion.

In both 2006 and 2011, 50 percent of the Stage I cases were treated with surgery. Remaining patients were treated with combination therapies of radiation and/or chemotherapy. Optimal treatment was performed in all cases based on comorbid conditions and according to NCCN guidelines.

The treatment of esophageal cancer is currently evolving as new molecular information becomes available. In light of our experience with this study, a clinical trial was opened to accommodate enrollments for patients with esophageal adenocarcinoma. All physicians are encouraged to consider placing esophageal patients on this trial: RTOG 1010 A Phase III Trial Evaluating the Addition of Trastuzumab to Trimodality Treatment of Her2-Overexpressing Esophageal Adenocarcinoma.

Survival by Stage

Observed survival is not adjusted for age or other causes of death. St. Luke's Hospital has a 50 percent five-year survival of the Stage I cases and 14 percent overall five-year survival for all stages combined. According to the NCDB, five-year survival for Stage I cases is 48 percent. Overall, NCDB five-year survival for all stages combined is 18 percent.

“This feels like home. It feels like they care and they want you to get better.”

Thomas was the first guy you would reach out to if you needed something moved. “I was the guy you called,” says Thomas. That changed in April 2011.

All he knew, in that moment, was that he probably needed to see his primary care physician at St. Luke’s because of a sharp pain in his ribs following a momentary snuffle and impromptu sneeze. As he would soon find out, the full-body bone scan and X-rays would show that he had a fractured rib - and cancer.

Thomas was referred to Dr. Elliott Abbey, a medical oncologist at St. Luke’s Center for Cancer Care, who diagnosed his multiple myeloma, a type of bone cancer present in bone marrow. Dr. Abbey started Thomas on a regimen of chemotherapy and radiation therapy, which he still follows today. And in between those treatments came a feeling of needing to send a message to all those battling this disease.

“One of the reasons I decided to share my story is to tell people how well I have been treated at St. Luke’s,” says Thomas. “I’ve never seen anything but smiling faces. Dr. Abbey and his nurses are wonderful, as are the staff in the Infusion Center. They know you by name when you come in. It sounds too good to be true, but it is.”

“I’ve been to a couple of different facilities and, for the most part, everybody has been good. But this feels like home. It feels like they care and they want you to get better. They make you feel like you’re getting the best treatment you can.”



“I was not treated like a number, a case, a tumor. I was treated as a person who happened to have cancer.”

As Jan describes it, she was on a quest in January of 2010 to find the right doctors to treat her newly-diagnosed breast cancer that had already spread to her liver. That journey began where she and her family have been going for decades.

“St. Luke’s had been our family’s healthcare home since we moved here 20 years ago, so we knew we wanted to stay here,” says Jan. “As soon as I saw Dr. Julie Gill I knew this was the woman I was going to entrust my life to. She had a smile and a winning way which made me feel like I needed to be treated by her.”

“From the beginning, I was not treated like a number, a case, a tumor. I was treated as a person who happened to have cancer,” says Jan. “I appreciated that personal approach to me as a person and to my family who came with me to my appointments. They were always welcome, their questions were always answered. That warm and welcoming approach of Dr. Gill and her staff meant a lot to me.”

For Jan, that left an impact. Her greatest concern was not just her health, but the needs of her family, which includes her husband Dan, her eldest son Nick and her twins Katie and Tommy. “I wanted to be helpful and ‘mom-like’, says Jan. “I wanted them to have a normal life.

We traveled to Europe this past summer and it was wonderful. If you were to tell me when I was diagnosed that I would be going to Europe with my family a few years later, I probably wouldn’t have believed it.”

Jan’s fighting spirit shines through. “The attitude that I have tried to maintain throughout this whole process is one of hope and one of gratitude; that each day is wonderful; each moment is wonderful; each experience is wonderful.”

It’s patients like Jan that motivate our team and other cancer patients to continue the fight and the work needed to prevent and cure all forms of cancer. We’re honored that Jan and her family entrusted their care with us.

Oncology Steering Committee

CORE PHYSICIAN MEMBERS

Albert Van Amburg, MD,

Chairperson

David Bryan, MD

John Buettner, MD

Donald Busiek, MD

David Butler, MD

Ronald DeGuerre, MD

Mari Fahrner, MD

Barbra Horn, MD

Robert Kanterman, MD

David Krajcovic, MD

Madeleine Kraus, MD

Patricia Limpert, MD

Jill Oberle, MD

Peter Weiss, MD

Francisco Xynos, MD

Andrew Youkilis, MD

Robert Young, MD

EX OFFICIO PHYSICIAN MEMBERS

Todd Arends, MD

Amit Bhatt, MD

David Kuperman, MD

Alan Lyss, MD

Jeffrey Melnick, MD

John Meyer, MD

Carrie Morrison, MD

Barbara O'Brien, DO

Thomas Scully, MD

Michael Stadnyk, MD

Sid Devarakonda, MD

ANCILLARY MEMBERS

Heidi Beaver, CGC

Ashley Bell, RN

Mary Ellen Bruenderman, RN

Sue Bunch, RN

Traci Burcham, RRA

Mari Chollet

Maria Cuccio, RD

Dinah Witherspoon

Lisa Heisserer, LCSW

Rod Henning, RN

Christine Hinden, RN

Diane Jorgenson, LCSW

Julia Kang, CTR

Vicki Kinahan, RN

Peggy Kurlandski, RN

Valerie Raney, Pharm D

Carolyn Rehder, RN

Jason Stacey, RN

Kim Thorwegen

Michelle Warmbrodt



Our specialty is you.

232 S. Woods Mill Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017
stlukes-stl.com