

Silver Cross Hospital 2019 Cancer Program Outcomes Report



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The Commission on Cancer (CoC) is a nationally recognized multidisciplinary accreditation program. Through collaboration with several national partners, the CoC has developed comprehensive, patient-centered standards for cancer programs. Programs, including Silver Cross, seeking accreditation from the CoC are committed to providing high quality cancer care and demonstrate their compliance with a rigorous evaluation and review of cancer care performance including diagnostic, treatment and supportive services. There are currently more than 1,700 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the United States and Puerto Rico, representing 20 percent of all hospitals that provide care to more than 70 percent of newly diagnosed patients annually.

With strong physician and administrative support, Silver Cross Hospital continually prepares for CoC-accreditation. Silver Cross Hospital's Cancer Program was surveyed by the CoC in October 2017 resulting in a three-year Accreditation as a Comprehensive Community Hospital Cancer Program. The program also received five CoC commendations in: Clinical Research; Cancer Registrar Education; Public Reporting of Outcomes; Oncology Nursing Care; and Data Submission and Accuracy of Data.

Cancer Committee

In 2019, the Silver Cross Cancer Committee established specific goals and provided oversight to the cancer program. Key areas of the program were monitored including prevention and screening programs, accountability and quality improvement measures, compliance with evidence-based guidelines, studies of quality, and achievement of patient care quality improvements. The Committee met quarterly with specific committee members appointed to aid in the coordination of important aspects of the cancer program.

These members are to be recognized for their time and effort to the cancer program and include:

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Cancer Committee Chair

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Committee Members

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Neda Zelehovitis, R.N., *Certified Breast Nurse Navigator/Oncology Nurse*



Cancer Program Experience

During 2019, 887 new cases were abstracted by the Silver Cross Hospital Cancer Registry staff. Breast cancer is the number one primary site of cancers with 231 cases reported. There were 80 non-small cell lung cancer cases and 70 colon cancer cases reported during this same period.

These cases are reviewed at the various cancer conferences at Silver Cross Hospital.



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Multi-Disciplinary Cancer Conferences

Multi-disciplinary cancer conferences are meetings where specialists from various departments come together to discuss cancer cases in a timely manner so patients can begin treatment as soon as possible. Discussion points for cases include, but are not limited to, input regarding diagnostic work-up, prognostic factors, treatment planning, national treatment guidelines, available clinical trials, and patient follow-up options.

Radiographic imaging and pathology slides are reviewed for each case presented.

Dr. Shayan Rayani served as the Cancer Conference Coordinator and provided regular reports to the cancer committee on conference activities.

During 2019, a total of **135** cancer conferences were conducted and **627** cancer cases were presented for review.



	Breast Cancer	Lung Cancer	Other Cancer
When:	Every Tuesday @ 7:30 a.m.	Every Tuesday @ 12:30 p.m.	Every Monday @ Noon
Where:	Cancer Center Conference Room	Cancer Center Conference Room	Cancer Center Conference Room
Chairs:	Laura Ragauskaitė, M.D.	Sunil Narula, M.D.	Shayan Rayani, M.D.
Specialists Involved:	General Surgery Radiology Medical Oncology Pathology Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery Radiation Oncology Nurse Navigator	Interventional Radiology Medical Oncology Pulmonology Radiation Oncology Thoracic Surgery Nurse Navigator	Diagnostic Radiology General Surgery Medical Oncology Pathology Radiation Oncology
Follow-up:	You are welcome to join the conference or will be notified with the consensus recommendations to facilitate the coordination of care within 24 hours of the Conference. Ultimately, you and your patient will decide in the best course of action.		
Cancer Conferences	92		43
Cancer Cases	430		197
Refer a Case/ Patient:	(815) 300-6364	(815) 300-LUNG	Gabriela.Rodriguez@uchospitals.edu

Prevention and Screening Programs

Based on the needs of the communities served by Silver Cross Hospital, the Cancer Committee designed its 2019 prevention and screening programs to help reduce certain kinds of cancer and to decrease the number of patients with late-stage disease.

According to the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment for the County of Will Report, **cancer** is the second leading cause of death in Will County. **Lung cancer** is the most common cause among both females and males accounting for approximately 27% of all cancer deaths in Will County.

Silver Cross offers a Lung Cancer Screening which is a quick, painless, and non-invasive low-dose CT scan. Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening can reduce the lung cancer death rate by 20%. At this time, only low dose CT scans are recommended for screening; chest X-rays are not effective. The screening can detect nodules or spots on your lung which might be early indicators of lung cancer. It takes only a few minutes to have a scan which can potentially save your life. Our Lung Cancer Screening Program went live in November 2017. In 2018, 121 low-dose CT exams were performed. In 2019, 194 scans were completed representing a 64% increase in one year. In 2019, eight individuals were diagnosed with lung cancer.

Smoking is a major risk factor for developing lung cancer. Silver Cross Hospital continues to offer, quick painless non-invasive low dose CT scans which can detect nodules or spots on the lung which may be early detectors of lung cancer. It takes just one-minute to have a scan which can potentially save a life. This screening is covered by Medicare and most insurance plans.

In addition, to address this risk factor [Silver Cross Hospital](#) offers the [American Lung Association's Proven Freedom from Smoking](#) program. This seven-week class is taught by Silver Cross exercise physiologist and health coach, Charles Murray. For the inaugural class, seven out of 19 (37%) participants completed the course. On average, the attendees had smoked 17 years, had 19 cigarettes per day, and attempted to quit six times previously. Fifty-seven percent of individuals who completed the class quit smoking (five out of seven).

All participants provided positive feedback and 100% of attendees recommended the program to others. Silver Cross Hospital looks forward to continuously providing this program.

Freedom from Smoking



Millions have quit smoking, chewing, vaping and stopped using e-cigarettes, and you can quit too.

Quitting cold turkey on the spur of the moment may work for some people, but you'll improve your chances of success by participating in a smoking cessation class taught by healthcare providers.



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Silver Cross Hospital is committed to bringing patients the latest in cancer research through groundbreaking clinical trials. In addition, our team recognizes and appreciates the invaluable contribution of clinical trial participants in cancer research and treatment efforts.

Patients are routinely screened and consented to trials involving behavioral modifications, surgical interventions, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, adjustments to radiation dosing, and novel treatment agents. Patients are also offered participation in registry, correlative, and biorepository studies. During 2019, there were 107 clinical research studies for Silver Cross Cancer program patients.

National Accreditation Program for Breast Center

The Silver Cross Center for Women's Health and Breast Center brings together specialized services by providing comprehensive healthcare. The Breast Center is located within the Center for Women's Health for added convenience and smooth continuity of care.

In October 2019, Silver Cross Hospital's Women's Health and Breast Center achieved 3-year accreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Center (NAPBC), which is a quality program of the American College of Surgeon (ACS). To achieve voluntary NAPBC accreditation, a breast center must demonstrate compliance with NAPBC standards that look at a center's leadership, clinical services, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement.

The highly skilled surgeons in the Breast Center have specialized training to evaluate breast pain, benign lumps and cysts, abnormal mammograms and breast cancer. They look at the stage of cancer, its characteristics, and what is the best individual treatment for the patient. All breast cancer cases are reviewed by a team of specialists at Silver Cross Hospital's weekly multi-disciplinary breast conference to expedite diagnosis and treatment.

As a NAPBC-accredited center, the Center for Women's Health and Breast Center is committed to maintaining levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive, patient-centered, multidisciplinary care resulting in high-quality care for patients with breast disease. Patients receiving care at Silver Cross Hospital's NAPBC-accredited center have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psycho-social support, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivor's quality of life.

