Before, you were focused on where you would go, what you would do, who you would see. Today, you’re waking up to cancer — and you just want to be.

You’re facing a life-threatening foe. And from the first diagnosis, Via Christi Cancer Services is in your corner.

A nationwide leader in cancer care

Choose Via Christi and you’re putting your trust in one of the most advanced cancer care centers in the nation. Every visit, you’ll receive the undivided attention of certified oncology experts. Every procedure will be administered using the latest in cancer technology. And through it all, you’ll experience the compassionate care that has defined Via Christi for more than 100 years.

Accreditations

- The Joint Commission
- The region’s only cancer center accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
- The only facility in the region accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy for stem cell transplant

Comprehensive cancer services

- Outreach and prevention
- Risk assessment and genetic testing
- Screenings and diagnosis
- Inpatient and outpatient treatment
- Apheresis services
- Bone marrow transplant
- Clinical trials sponsored by the NCI
- Palliative care
- Cancer navigation
- Cancer rehabilitation
- Recovery and support
- Cancer registry
Learning to live: Via Christi Cancer Resource Center

The Via Christi Cancer Resource Center is a welcoming environment for preparing for the road ahead. A caring clinician provides support and helps you understand your diagnosis. You can explore a vast library of cancer research and information. Discover ways to manage your disease. Keep up to date on the latest advances in treatment. Share tips with friends and family to reduce their risk for cancer. Find comfort through cancer support groups and classes. And more.

Shock gives way to uncertainty. Questions abound. Via Christi’s extensive research and educational resources are a haven of clinical information and caring support. As your knowledge grows, possibilities emerge and hope blooms. You’re determined to live.

Want to know more about how your type of cancer can affect other organs? Disease-site specific educational materials are available for free at the Via Christi Cancer Resource Center.
When your life is at risk, you want every advantage you can find. That means an accurate diagnosis and the best cancer technology available. Fortunately, Via Christi Cancer Services gives you both.

Accurate detection: A life-or-death difference

Having a clear picture of what you’re facing is key in defeating cancer. From simple X-rays to sophisticated PET CT scans, Via Christi’s skilled technologists are trained to capture the best image possible of your cancer. Once your results have been interpreted, a multidisciplinary team of treatment specialists works together to formulate the ideal treatment plan for you.

Advanced diagnostic technology

- CT scanners with dual-source 128-slice technology
- Breast MRI and MRI-guided biopsy
- Stereotactic biopsy
- Low-dose CT scanning for lung cancer
Where new discoveries happen

Cancer research never stops. As headquarters for the Wichita NCI Community Oncology Research Program* (Wichita NCORP), Via Christi is a place where new discoveries happen. Since 1983, more than 14,000 patients have participated in clinical trials. We’re helping bring patients the most current cancer research in detection, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, control and quality of life.

*Previously the Wichita Community Clinical Oncology Program

About Wichita NCORP

- Closely connected with such national programs as: SWOG; the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology; ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group; NRG Oncology; Wake Forest Cancer Center; and University of Rochester Cancer Center
- Conducts approximately 100 research studies for more than a dozen types of cancer
- 17 Wichita NCORP physicians have received awards from the National Cancer Institute for their high accrual to clinical trials
- One of just 46 community-based programs sponsored and funded by the National Cancer Institute
The newest technology — the best possible treatment

Via Christi CyberKnife® Center: A completely noninvasive treatment, the CyberKnife can target tumors with beams of radiation from more than 1,300 different angles. This reduces the amount of exposure to healthy tissue and makes treatment of previously inoperable tumors possible.

Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT): Like the CyberKnife, these external beam therapies allow for precise treatment of deadly tumors with less damage to healthy tissue.

da Vinci® Robotic Surgery: Traditional surgery incisions are 8–10 inches long and can take weeks to heal. da Vinci surgery involves multiple tiny, minimally invasive entry points that can heal in mere days. The result: less pain, fewer complications and a quicker return to your normal life.

High-dose-rate brachytherapy: This precise treatment places a source of radiation in close proximity to the tumor, allowing the delivery of high doses of radiation while sparing healthy tissue.

Chemotherapy: Thanks to its leadership role in clinical trials, Via Christi Cancer Services is constantly investigating new drug therapies and alternatives.

Biotherapy: Also known as immunotherapy, this treatment stimulates the body’s immune defense system to fight disease and infection.

- The Via Christi CyberKnife Center treats an average of 19.8 patients per month, leading U.S. community centers.
- In 2013, the Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas completed 36 transplants.

*Source: Via Christi Cancer Center 2014 Annual Report*

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Via Christi Cancer Center Radiation Oncology
As you begin your treatment, you want powerful solutions without major side effects. Patient-friendly therapy options continue to evolve — and Via Christi Cancer Services is keeping pace.

Jon Anders, MD,
Radiation Oncologist, Medical Director,
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**Via Christi Cancer Institute: A truly healing environment**

For those who need more in-depth care, the Via Christi Cancer Institute was designed from the ground up to provide the ideal inpatient experience. Care specialists have everything they need within 50 steps of the patient’s bedside. Private rooms provide you with personal space to cope and heal. Integrative therapies offer you creative outlets for your emotional well-being. And family gathering spaces allow you to share the support of your loved ones.
From the moment you walk in the door of the Via Christi Cancer Institute, you know you're in the right place to heal. If your treatment requires long-term care, you need a warm and inviting space designed to give you comfort.

Via Christi Cancer Institute features

- 40 spacious, private patient rooms with private bathrooms
- Two radiation therapy rooms
- Six private bone marrow transplant treatment rooms
- Six bariatric rooms
- Ambulatory infusion center with four private and three community treatment bays
- Media room with movie projector
- Integrated therapies with dedicated space for yoga and massage therapy
- Two family gathering rooms, temporary family sleep quarters and a family laundry center
- Education resource room with Internet access
- Spiritual reflection center
- Exercise room
Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas

For cancers that are carried in the blood stream, bone marrow and stem cell transplants are becoming first-choice treatments. The Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas is among the nation’s leading providers.

Located in the Via Christi Cancer Institute, this cooperative effort of Via Christi Hospitals, Cancer Center of Kansas and the American Red Cross offers both autologous and allogeneic transplant services as well as photopheresis services in a dedicated six-bed blood and marrow transplant unit.

The Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas was the 11th program in the nation to be accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy. It is accredited by the SWOG to participate in national clinical trials, and is certified as a regional apheresis center by The National Marrow Donor Program.

Diseases that can be treated by transplants:

- Acute and chronic leukemia
- Bone marrow failure
- Hodgkin’s disease
- Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Sickle cell disease
- Testicular cancers
Infusion therapy

Cancer treatment takes many forms. Infusion therapy is an intravenous method that can be used to supply your body with needed chemotherapy, blood or IV fluid. In the infusion room at the Via Christi Cancer Institute, you'll find a less-taxing treatment experience. Each infusion chair has its own television to help you pass the time. Private cubicles are available for those seeking a little personal time. Or you can choose a group seating arrangement if you prefer to be a little more social.

“I couldn’t have asked for better information and treatment. Everyone was upbeat ... they took me through treatments and explained everything.”

— Dr. Bill LaRue
Prostate cancer survivor
Your battle against cancer is not just a metaphor. Even as you’re gaining the upper hand, treatment can take a toll on your body, mind and spirit.

Guided by a survivorship care plan and the compassion of our rehabilitation experts, you begin the next arduous step in your journey: restoring your health.

Via Christi care coordination teams consider your total well-being. Occupational and physical therapists help you regain strength and movement. Dietitians work with you to ensure that your nutritional goals are met. Spiritual support and guidance are available through Via Christi Chaplain Services.

When you’re ready to continue your care at home, Via Christi Home Health can ease the transition. With proper training, you and your family can manage many of your medical needs. A registered nurse is on call around the clock. And in-home therapeutic services are available:

- Intravenous therapy
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Dietary consultation
- Exercise therapy
- Nurse navigation services

“I’m just so thankful to have discovered it in time so I could be around to watch my four beautiful grandchildren grow up.”

— Kelly Edwards
Breast cancer survivor

The road to recovery
Risk assessment and genetic testing

Statistically, 5 to 10 percent of all cancers are related to hereditary factors. If you haven’t been diagnosed but have a family history of cancer, you might be curious what your chances are. Via Christi offers screening, counseling and genetic testing for those who want to be proactive about their future health.

High-risk pre-screening can let you know if you are a good candidate for genetic testing. If you are identified as potentially high risk, a Via Christi clinical nurse specialist who is board-certified in genetics will meet with you to discuss more specifics.

If, after screening and counseling, you choose to undergo genetic testing, Via Christi will guide you through the process and help you with a plan of action going forward.

To learn more about genetic testing for cancer, visit viachristi.org/cora or 316.268.5890.
Further resources

Via Christi Cancer Services offers individualized care plans that are built around the cancer care guidelines set forth by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Information about NCCN Guidelines™ can be found at nccn.org.

Comfort in numbers

Via Christi Cancer Services can connect you with a number of cancer organizations and support groups:

- American Cancer Society
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- Leukemia and Lymphedema Society
- Us-Too prostate cancer support group
- Victory in the Valley
- Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice

Join the battle against cancer

The fight against cancer continues, and you can help. Your generosity helps us keep pace with advancements in the field of oncology and provide hope to future generations. If you’d like to learn more about tax-deductible donor opportunities, please contact the Via Christi Foundation at 316.946.5020, or log on to viachristi.org.

“Via Christi has always been dedicated to quality cancer care. They have the best physicians and the best nursing staff, and now they have the best facilities in the region for caring for patients with cancer.”

— Shaker Dakhil, MD
President, Cancer Center of Kansas
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Principal Investigator, Wichita NCORP

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Via Christi Cancer Institute
floor map

1. Family laundry room and temporary sleep quarters
2. Family room
3. Radiation therapy
4. Bone marrow transplant
5. Resource education room
6. Ambulatory infusion
7. Vending and water fountain
8. Reflection room
9. Yoga and crafts room
10. Media room
11. Massage therapy
12. Conference room
13. Exercise room
14. Wichita NCORP support
15. Bone marrow transplant support
16. Oncology service line administration

Nurses station
Public restrooms
Elevators
Via Christi offers a continuum of care from the birth of a child to enhancing the lives of older adults. This program or service is part of Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc.

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