On the cover: Treatha Brown-Foster wasn’t worried when her doctor scheduled her annual mammogram in May 2012. “I expected it to come back normal because I have no family history of cancer whatsoever,” Treatha says.

So when her mammogram showed a suspicious spot that a biopsy confirmed as stage 1 breast cancer, Treatha was beside herself.

“Everyone — from the receptionist to Dr. Jon Anders, who was my radiation oncologist — was so good to me, holding and hugging me when I needed it,” says Treatha. “I was never a number to any of them. I was a human being. I can’t tell you how much that helped.”

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Wichita, KS 67235

Via Christi Hospital St. Teresa
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Wichita, KS 67235

Via Christi Cancer Center
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Wichita, KS 67214
316.268.5927
Satellite office of Cancer Center of Kansas; outpatient radiation and chemotherapy; Via Christi Cancer Resource Center (patient library and classes).

Via Christi Cancer Institute
929 N. St. Francis, seventh floor
Wichita, KS 67214
Inpatient cancer care; on-site Cancer Resource Center; home to many clinical trials.

Via Christi CyberKnife Center
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Wichita, KS 67214
316.268.3200

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Wichita, KS 67214
316.268.5784 or 800.362.5784
Funded by the National Institute for Health, headquartered at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis. Local partner for national clinical trials and preventive studies.

Winfield Cancer Center
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Winfield, KS 67156
620.221.2400
Outpatient medical and radiation therapy services, provided in partnership with William Newton Memorial Hospital and Cancer Center of Kansas.

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The 2015 Via Christi Oncology Services annual report highlights the clinical and technological advancements made during the 2014 year while emphasizing the American College of Surgeons (ACOS) Commission on Cancer (CoC) programmatic growth of oncology services.

- CoC partnership with the American Cancer Society (ACS) with 453 total patients served at Via Christi. Lung cancer remains the top cancer site for the ACS while the “Reach to Recovery” program targets breast cancer patients. New in 2014 is the concentration of the uninsured and Medicaid patient population.
- Philanthropic donations/fundraising efforts providing massage therapy and exercise rehabilitation for Via Christi patients transitioning from inpatient to outpatient. An in-house study of 200 patients revealed that patients’ length of stay was 1.2 days less for those receiving rehab services.
- Wichita NCI Oncology Research Program (Wichita NCORP) awards: NCI accrual, Quality-Research Bases. Wichita NCORP goal is to have 4 percent of Via Christi patients enrolled in clinical trials. This goal was met in 2014 with 12.2 percent enrolled.
- Via Christi Blood and Marrow Transplant Center received a three-year accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT). 51 patients received transplants in 2014, exceeding goal of 48.
- Radiation therapy CyberKnife® equipment was upgraded and ePrescribe system (prescribing documentation, transmission, filing, billing and telephone conversations) was installed in 2014.
- Cancer Registry: 1,745 patients abstracted
- Oncology Patient and Family Advisory Board chartered in 2013 remained active in patient advocacy.
- Awarded the Department of Health and Human Services grant for insurance navigation programs in the Wichita community.
- The oncology nurse navigation program served 160 patients in 2014. Creation of Survivorship Care Plans began in 2014, with special emphasis on leukemia and lymphoma patients.
- The Outreach and Prevention program was instrumental in assisting 580 individuals in the colorectal screening initiative by returning fecal occult blood tests (FOBT). Of this screening, nine participants had positive tests, which resulted in an oncology nurse navigator following them closely and assisting with additional follow-up.
- Oncology Services goals in 2014 included: key performance indicators to include patient satisfaction in excellence and frontline leadership and physician engagement in human dignity, Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas quality report and program oversight, infection rate decrease, and fall index.

The Cancer Committee welcomes any questions or requests regarding the comprehensive services that we provide to our patients, providers and community.

Sincerely,

Thomas Schulz, MD and Keisha Humphries, MHCL BSN RN OCN

Quality management activities

Patient care evaluation study

Hospital-acquired infection performance improvement team project

This study focused on infection rates for the Via Christi Cancer Institute, including the central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) rate of occurrence. A monthly goal was to decrease infection occurrence. To further lower CLABSI rates, Via Christi continues to use the Xenex machine to eliminate infection spores.

Hand hygiene

A point prevalence study was conducted using Curos Caps to replace the 15-second scrub. A goal for the unit was a 90 percent staff compliance rate with a staff counseling plan of action of rate fell below 80 percent.
Via Christi Cancer Registry

Cancer Registry performs as an information system designed to manage and analyze data on persons with a cancer diagnosis. Data for all Via Christi cancer patients is submitted for incidence, trend and survival analysis to the Kansas Cancer Registry at the University of Kansas Medical Center and the National Cancer Data Base at the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.

Cancer registrars ensure that complete, accurate and timely abstracting is achieved for each patient that is diagnosed and/or treated at Via Christi Hospitals. Patient demographics, primary site, histology, stage of disease, treatment and outcomes are retrieved. The data collected is then analyzed and reported for the purpose of education, research and outcome measurements. The information collected by cancer registries enables public health professionals to better understand and address the cancer burden. Registry data are critical for targeting programs focused on risk-related behaviors such as tobacco use and exposure to the sun, or on environmental risk factors like radiation and chemical exposures. Such information is also essential for identifying when and where cancer screening efforts should be enhanced, and for monitoring the treatment provided to cancer patients. In addition, reliable registry data are fundamental to a variety of research efforts, including those aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of cancer prevention, control or treatment programs.

The registrars work closely with physicians, administrators and researchers to provide support for the cancer program and ensure compliance with the CoC cancer program standards. Each patient is provided a lifetime follow-up service that serves as a continuing monitor for diagnostic and treatment results, as well as a reminder to physicians and patients that regular post-treatment examinations are needed. The follow-up rate is 90 percent for all patients placed in the database since Jan. 1, 1996. This percentage stayed at or above 90 percent for 2014.

A total of 1,796 cancer cases were accessioned in 2014, 1,653 of them new cases. Most were from Kansas, with a few from Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas and Colorado.

Five-year comparison cancer occurrence

The number of new cases at Via Christi over the last five years is compared below. Bronchus and lung cancers remain the highest in occurrences with breast cancers following. There is a steady decline of prostate cancer occurrences with the other top cancers remaining at a constant level.

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Male vs. female cancer occurrence

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Five most frequent sites for cancer occurrence

The five most frequent sites seen for cancer occurrence in patients at Via Christi Hospitals in Wichita during the year were lung, prostate, breast, colorectal and hematopoietic disorders. Lung, colorectal, prostate and breast cancer made up the greatest percentage of cases.
In addition to incidence reporting, the Registry plays an active role in coordinating bi-weekly cancer conferences. Cancer conferences are integral to improving the care of cancer patients by providing National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines and a multidisciplinary physician team approach to the patient management process and outcomes, as well as education to physicians and other staff in attendance.

During 2014, 27 multidisciplinary Tumor Board conferences were conducted. Since 2004, the conferences have been combined, presenting cases from Via Christi Hospital St. Francis and Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph. Coordinated by Dr. Thomas Kluzak, the combined conferences are held at St. Francis. Drs. Ted Ho, Steve Hwang, Carmelita Alvares, Chuen-Huey Lai, Joel Alderson, Thomas Kluzak and Faye Chang served as primary moderators at St. Francis; Drs. James Farley, Irene Chang and Lidia Manoulina served as primary moderators for cases presented from St. Joseph.

### Sites of cases

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<td><strong>1,793</strong></td>
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**Additional cancer conferences**

Via Christi Hospital on St. Francis also has a weekly Blood and Marrow Transplant of Kansas conference. During 2014, 36 conferences were conducted, which included 101 patients reviewed. Most of the patients were reviewed several times within the year for progress of their disease and suitability for blood and marrow transplant. The 36 blood and marrow transplant meetings are under the direction of Drs. Bassam Mattar, Dennis Moore Jr., Phu Truong, Dr. Pavan Reddy, and Dr. Seth Page.
At left, Nancy Scarpelli was a participant in one of the 21 clinical trials for breast cancer being conducted through the WCCOP. Researchers tested the effectiveness of drug-only hormone therapy for her type of cancer against the standard treatment that includes chemotherapy.


Wichita NCI Community Oncology Research Program

Via Christi Cancer Institute is supported by a robust clinical trial program through Wichita NCIORP. Wichita NCIORP is one of 47 Community Oncology Research Programs supported by the National Cancer Institute to advance the science of cancer research. Building on the 30-year history of the WCCOP, Wichita NCIORP continues to add to its clinical research accomplishments. In 2015, Wichita NCIORP was able to serve approximately 500 patients with its cancer research efforts.

Via Christi Health is the fiscal agent for Wichita NCIORP and provides administrative and financial support for this NCI grant-funded program. Clinical trial patients served at Via Christi Cancer Institute receive cutting-edge radiation, chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatments for a wide variety of malignancies, including brain cancer, breast cancer and leukemia. Wichita NCIORP is also proud to partner with Cancer Center of Kansas, Lawrence Memorial Hospital and Associates in Women’s Health in order to support cancer research in urban and rural areas across Kansas. While approximately 33 percent of Kansas’ population lives outside of urban areas, Wichita NCIORP is able to boast 18 percent rural clinical trial accrual due to the amazing support of physician investigators and clinical research staff (Institute for Policy and Social Research, 2013).

As cancer research turns to precision medicine attempting to match treatment to targeted cancer mutations, Wichita NCIORP is able to fully support this endeavor with submission of tissue, blood, urine and stool specimens to biospecimen banks for current and future research initiatives. Via Christi Health is a major contributor in this field of research by assisting to prepare and submit specimens for specialized testing on an almost daily basis.

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Wichita NCIORP objectives:

- To stimulate quality medical care through participation in treatment protocols for cancer patients in Wichita, south central, southwest and northeast Kansas, a patient population that otherwise would be underserved because its geographical location is remote from comprehensive cancer centers
- To increase the accrual of patients on adult NCI treatment, cancer prevention and control protocols, and cancer care delivery research, thus reducing the time necessary to answer critical questions and speeding the transfer of the latest research findings to the community level
- To continue to ensure quality and timely data collection while also continually implementing measures to protect clinical trial participant safety
- To continue to facilitate the involvement of underserved Kansas minority, young adult and rural populations in treatment, cancer prevention and control and cancer care delivery research
- To bring a multidisciplinary approach to the clinical trials arena and clinical decision-making, with an emphasis on collaboration of care

Note: In 2014, the Wichita Community Clinical Oncology Program was replaced by the Wichita NCI Community Oncology Program.
ensures that patients and their families are surrounded by highly skilled professionals who work together to craft individualized care for each patient.

Complications associated with a malignancy and its treatment may affect a wide variety of systems in which staff work in cooperation with the Blood and Marrow Transplant Center, jointly operated by Via Christi, Cancer Center of Kansas and the American Red Cross. Services are provided through an individualized plan of care utilizing the nursing process.

The comprehensive care of patients is provided in collaboration with primary care doctors, surgical specialists and radiation oncologists. A team of highly-trained individuals within the hematology and oncology department work in collaboration to perform the highest level of care. Via Christi Cancer Institute nurses are encouraged to obtain their oncology nurse certification, which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, and equips them with advanced training in the care of patients with cancer. The Cancer Institute also works closely with a registered dietitian to maintain proper nutrition before, during and after cancer treatment. While the medical oncologist/hematologist specializes in cancer and/or blood-related disorders and oversees chemotherapy and other medical treatments as appropriate, nurse practitioners and physician assistants work with doctors to diagnose and treat illness, offer preventive care, prescribe medication and educate patients about their illness and treatment.

Amenities include CD players, DVD players and a variety of DVDs to help patient and families pass the time and stay connected. Other amenities include Internet access, laundry facilities, family sleep rooms, family area that contains a refrigerator and microwave, massage and yoga therapy, and a movie theater.

This year there was strong focus on patient safety, hand hygiene, safety huddles at every shift and patient-centered care. Bedside report has replaced traditional face-to-face report that previously did not involve the patient. Communication is improved as the patient is introduced to the staff now assigned to their care. Patients are included in report and are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback as needed. Bedside report improves safety as a tubing reconciliation is done between the oncoming and off-going RNs. We believe this combination of research, education and clinical treatment helps ensure that care provided is on the cutting edge.
Via Christi’s Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas is the only program in south-central Kansas accredited by Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT), which sets the international standard for transplant programs. The program participates in nationally recognized clinical trials for peripheral blood stem cell transplants and is approved by the Southwest Oncology Group as a transplant site for clinical trials. The program performed 51 transplants in 2014 and continues to have patient referrals from throughout Kansas.

In 2014, the Via Christi Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas:

- Performed 46 autologous peripheral blood stem cell transplants and five allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplants
- Served as an apheresis center for the National Marrow Donor Program. Donors are harvested at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis and their cells are delivered to the matching recipients throughout the world.
- Coordinated 55 peripheral blood stem cell harvests that were performed by our transplant program partner, the American Red Cross. The cells obtained from these harvests are processed by the Via Christi Bone Marrow and Flow Laboratory.
- Obtained accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT).

The transplant Quality Management Program continues to evolve, and monitors processes and improves functioning in all aspects of the program. A specific focus for 2014 will be the meetings with various insurance companies to become a provider of transplant services so that patients may benefit from obtaining treatment in their community setting.
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16 Via Christi Radiation Oncology Services

Via Christi is on the leading edge of equipment and cancer treatment technology. The Radiation Oncology department at Via Christi is staffed by two board-certified radiation oncologists extremely knowledgeable in the most up-to-date cancer treatment methods and protocols.

The radiation oncologists work closely with a team of full-time professionals consisting of nurses, medical physicists, dosimetrists, therapists, and administrative staff — all registered and/or board certified in their respective disciplines.

The full spectrum of radiotherapy procedures is available, including external beam radiotherapy from three linear accelerators, image-guided fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy utilizing a special ExacTrac® motion detection system and high-dose brachytherapy.

Using its unique robotic mobility and continuous image guidance, the CyberKnife® follows the target throughout the treatment, intelligently delivering treatments with sub-millimeter precision. Using a true robotic manipulator and a compact, lightweight linear accelerator, the CyberKnife is versatile and can deliver beams from thousands of non-coplanar, isocentric or non-isocentric angles. Treatments have excellent tumor coverage, steep dose gradients and tight dose conformity regardless of target shape. The system tracking capabilities eliminate the need for gating techniques and restrictive head frames, providing greater comfort for the patient.

Patient satisfaction scores were evaluated in 2014 in an effort to provide exceptional service to the patients and their families using our services. The goal of 90 percent satisfaction was met in January 2015 at 91 percent, and stayed consistent throughout the year with a mean average of 92 percent.

David Bryant, MD
Radiation Oncology physician
Outpatient Cancer Resource Center
Via Christi Cancer Center
817 N. Emporia
Staffed by volunteers two afternoons per week. A nurse navigator is available on an as-needed basis.
Professional assistance with cancer-related questions is offered in a cozy environment.
Disease-site specific material addressing cancer related to all major organs is available free of charge.
Access to computers for use by patients to review and utilize online resources
Physical, emotional and spiritual needs of cancer patients and caregivers are met through classes at the Cancer Resource Centers, which include Advanced Directives and Introduction to Lymphedema. The date and time held is published in Via Christi Life magazine.
A direct connection with the following community cancer organizations is offered: American Cancer Society, US TOO Prostate Support Group, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Victory in the Valley.

Inpatient Cancer Resource Center
Via Christi Cancer Institute
929 N. St. Francis, seventh floor
Disease-site specific material addressing cancer-related information involving any of the major bodily organs
Access to computers connected to printers for research purposes
Materials on community support systems available

Resource centers
Via Christi offers two comprehensive patient resource libraries that are open to patients, their families, staff members and the community at large. All provided resources are evaluated and chosen for appropriateness by the oncology nurse navigator.

Oncology insurance navigation
In August 2013, Ascension Health received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services for health insurance navigation programs in the communities of Via Christi hospitals and Providence Hospital in Mobile, Alabama. Via Christi proposed a different approach to insurance navigation by including a focus on oncology screening and prevention services. Each individual signing up for insurance through our program received information and education on appropriate screening and cancer prevention.

In year 2014, the insurance navigators assisted 4,664 individuals with 1,098 separate sessions conducted either by phone or in person, and enrolled 327 into an insurance plan.

Oncology nurse navigation
In accordance with the receipt of the insurance navigation grant, Oncology hired an oncology nurse navigator to oversee the insurance navigation project, as well as education, screening and prevention services. The nurse navigator’s main focus is to assist in the education of newly diagnosed, progressed or recurrent patients to ensure he/she fully understands his/her diagnosis, treatment and follow-up, and is provided with the opportunity to be an active part of his/her plan of care.

The nurse navigator started in September 2013 and is a licensed advanced practice registered nurse and clinical nurse specialist, certified in oncology. In 2014, the nurse navigator assisted 172 patients from diagnosis throughout treatment and follow-up, and developed survivorship care plan processes. The program lead, also an oncology-certified nurse and advanced practice registered nurse was instrumental in the facilitation of survivorship classes, including the LiveSTRONG’s Cancer Transitions course: Moving Beyond Treatment.

After his father’s passing, Daniel Fowler developed a wellness program at the Via Christi Cancer Institute.
He works with patients who don’t require physical or occupational therapy but could benefit from daily activity and wellness coaching.

“Here, I get up every day, go to work and get to do exactly what I feel called to do — to do for others what I wish I could still be doing for my dad.”
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Emotionally, losing my hair was one of the hardest things... I decided to have fun with it and developed a collection of wigs and ‘alter egos,’” says Misty Frank of her battle with breast cancer.

She anticipates taking part in her second Race for the Cure, “This time with my own hair,” she says.

Cancer Outreach and Prevention activities

- **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** — Via Christi is a sponsor with hospital-wide teams supporting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
- **American Cancer Society** — Personal Health Manager kits, provided by the American Cancer Society, are provided to all new patients seen through the Via Christi Cancer Center.
- **Colorectal Community Screening Initiative**
  - The Colorectal Community Screening Initiative began in March 2007 in partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, providing free fecal occult blood test (FOBT) kits to patrons in the Wichita area. The Outreach and Prevention department received a grant from Via Christi Volunteers, Partners in Caring and has continued to be a financial supporter for this free community screening.
  - The 2014 screening resulted in 580 community patrons returning FOBT kits to AMS Laboratories for processing. Nine participants tested positive for blood in their stool. Each of the participants receiving positive results were personally contacted by the oncology nurse navigator to discuss the implications and provided with resources for following up with a physician.
  - This community health project was made possible not only through the previously mentioned grant from Via Christi Volunteers, Partners in Caring but through valuable partnerships with the American Cancer Society, AMS Laboratories, local Walgreens pharmacies and Via Christi Cancer Outreach.

- **Victory in the Valley** — Sponsor for the East Meets West Walk/Run benefitting cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and public supporters. Via Christi partnered with Victory in the Valley to provide oncology-specialized speakers at support groups, including the oncology nurse navigator and the oncology service line administrator.
- **Look Good ... Feel Better™** — Women learn how to cope with appearance-related side effects that cancer treatment can cause. Free program provided by the American Cancer Society and hosted by Via Christi.
- **Fire Cancer Support Network (FCSN)** — Started a partnership to provide cancer screening services to Wichita-area fire fighters and to provide oncology support and education throughout Kansas.

For more information on community support groups and activities available to all cancer patients and their families, please call the Via Christi Cancer Resource Center at 316-268-6830.

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As a registered nurse at Via Christi Blood and Marrow Transplant Center, Stephanie Rader, right, has cared for many battling cancer. As a breast cancer survivor herself, she can attest to the value of support in making it through.
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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