



Lancaster Cancer Center

Care Beyond Treatment

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As we approach the holiday season and the ending of the year, it's a good time to reflect. As the country continued to move forward through the pandemic, we remained steadfast in our protocols to keep our patients and staff safe and healthy. The vaccinations have also been effective in helping to reduce COVID-19

symptoms and hospital stays. And, though the pandemic has not yet been eradicated we will continue to keep safety measures in place.

This year we embarked on relocating the practice to our own facility. The new location allowed us to plan out the interior space for our patients' comfort and wellness in mind. From the covered entrance to the natural flow of the office and the tranquil (indoor and outdoor) spaces have all been designed to improve patient care. The move also provided space to house

the Healing Journey Foundation, the nonprofit organization that serves as an advocate for our patients and their families, and the community. The custom-designed Wall of Hope mural in the waiting room and the Healing Garden are areas funded by the Healing Journey Foundation. If you're interested in learning more about the Foundation, please stop at the front desk and ask for Mindy.

This year has also provided another milestone for the practice as we marked 40 years of providing cancer care in our community. As the only independent oncology practice in the County, we have been and are honored to have cared for thousands of those affected by cancer. We know you have a choice in where you receive care, and we are grateful for allowing us to take care of you and your loved ones.

We wish you health and happiness this year and next.

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Lena Dumasia, MD

COVID UPDATE

We recommend the Covid-19 vaccination for our patients and continue to review the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the latest updates to share with our patients, families, and staff members. Many of you have inquired about when and where to receive a Covid-19 Booster shot. The CDC recommends anyone 18 years and older who have an underlying medical condition should receive the Covid-19 Booster six months after your second Covid-19 vaccine. Covid-19 injections are FREE. Patients may call local CVS' or schedule their appointments online. Penn Medicine's primary care practices also offer vaccinations, call 717-588-1165 or go online to schedule. If you have any questions, please call our office and discuss with one of our nurses.

Insurance/ Patient Assistance

If you are changing insurance in 2022, please let our Financial Counselor, Patty know as soon as possible so she can ensure that everything is approved to prevent any delay in treatment.

Also, please stop by Patty's office if you have any type of Patient Assistance. She will need a copy of your 2020 Income Tax statement. If you do not submit taxes, other income documents will be needed to submit to continue Assistance in 2020.

Any questions, call our office at 717.291.1313 and speak with Patty.



Open House

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on October 28 for our ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. The evening marked our official dedication to our new facility, and we were humbled by the gracious feedback from patients, families, friends, and colleagues. If you were unable to attend, you can view the WGAL coverage on our website at www.lancastercancercenter.com/welcome



Holiday Cookie Bake Off

If you like to bake or want to engage in a little friendly competition, bring one dozen (individually wrapped) of your favorite cookie recipe – own concoction or family recipe on December 15 from 10 – 11 a.m. where our own Santa, Peter DeGreen II, MD will judge to determine the winner.

Employee Spotlight

Tanya and Becky from the Lab



How long have you worked at Lancaster Cancer Center?

Tanya: 4 years
Becky: 6 years

What does your job entail?

Tanya & Becky: Our job entails collecting blood samples from the patients and analyzing the samples on various instrumentation. Patients lab results will determine if patient will

receive their treatment for that day. We also maintain our instrumentation by performing daily QC and calibrations. We comply and meet the requirements to remain CLIA and PA state certified. We also assist the physician with bone marrow biopsies, which may be required for proper diagnosis.

What do you like most about it?

Tanya: The thing I like most about my job is getting to know the patients. You learn about their families and things they enjoy doing. They become very special to you.

Becky: What I like most about my job is the patient interaction and the team atmosphere.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

Tanya: I love spending time with my family and my 2 boxers. I also enjoy football, hiking, boating and traveling.

Becky: I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband and 2 sons, watching my son play ice hockey, and enjoying some good live music.

What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?

Tanya: I have skydived from 8,000 feet!!

Where's your favorite place in the world?

Tanya: My favorite place in the world would be on a beach, I especially love OBX.

Becky: My favorite place in the world is any warm, sunny beach with my family.

If you could meet anyone in the world, alive or passed, who would it be and why?

Tanya: Tom Brady of course!! Absolutely love him!!

Becky: I've obviously already met them, but I would love to have the chance to spend time again with my father and my brother who have both passed, my father from Parkinson's and my brother from prostate cancer.

Happy Holidays

from all of us!

Healing Journey Foundation

The Healing Journey Foundation was formed to empower cancer patients by giving them support in their journey through a variety of programs at no cost. The Foundation serves as an advocate to help patients and the community. Donations enable the foundation to provide free services which help patients and their families cope with a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

To learn more about ways to give to the Healing Journey Foundation, contact Mindy DeGreen at **717-396-8679** or **717-725-4402** or by email at mindydegreen@gmail.com.



Wall of Hope

Making a tribute gift is a heartfelt way to honor and remember a loved one, friend, colleague or a special caregiver. The Wall of Hope is a naming opportunity specifically designed to recognize a meaningful tribute while supporting the Healing Journey Foundation's mission in providing free programs.

This lasting tribute provides a visible connection to the donor and the honoree, while providing the foundation with vital funds to continue programs that are designed to educate, empower and are free to Lancaster Cancer Center patients, their families, caregivers, as well as the general public. Healing Journey Foundation was founded in 1994 as a non-profit (501 c3) organization. The Foundation was developed out of the vision of the Lancaster Cancer Center to provide *Care Beyond Treatment* and serves as an advocate to help cancer patients on their journey.

The Healing Garden

Is a thoughtfully planned environment created for patients, families, caregivers and the community to provide a variety of sensory experiences, to encourage health, healing and well being. Nature therapy has wonderful benefits helping to manage stress, reducing anxiety and improving your quality of life. Please enjoy the journey in our "Healing Garden" just being present, and discover your own healing impact through nature.



2022 Planned Events:

- **Healing with Journaling and Nature**
6 Sessions | Thursday, April 21 - May 19, 2022
2 to 4 p.m.
Please bring a notebook and writing tools.
- **Healing Garden - Music Concert** | 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 9, 2022
Special musical guest to be announced.

- **Remembrance Ceremony** | 6 to 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 12, 2022
Join us as we come together to honor those who we have lost their battle with cancer.

All events will be held in the Healing Garden at Lancaster Cancer Center.

The above programs are free, but donations are welcomed to help support initiatives like this in the future. To register to attend either of these programs, please contact Mindy DeGreen **717-725-4402** or email mindydegreen@gmail.com.

Join Us



Support Group

Support Group
Every Thursday | 7 p.m.
Group meets virtually and
in-person when able.

Pink Hat Club

3rd Wednesday of every month
Noon, Greenfield Restaurant

Volunteer

If you love to garden and
interested in volunteering for
the Spring, contact us.

To learn more or register, contact Mindy DeGreen, President of the Healing Journey Foundation at **717.725.4402** or **mindydegreen@gmail.com**.

Check Out

D2N Video Series
The latest installment
of the D2N video
series is now available
online at **www.lancastercancercenter.com/support**.



Shop Amazon

When you shop Amazon and designate (by selecting Healing Journey in the left-hand corner 'Supporting' button), Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase to the Healing Journey Foundation.



Healing Journey Foundation can only continue to provide these services, which are offered at no charge, with the assistance of generous donations.

Please consider a gift to our organization to help support those affected by cancer.

Online at **www.lancastercancercenter.com/foundation**

Or by mail: **Healing Journey Foundation**
498 Stehman Road, Lancaster, PA 17603

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

