# **Delivering the Future of Cancer Care ... Now**

Duke Cancer Center Raleigh



# **The Challenge**

Cancer spares no one. Across communities large and small, one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. In 2025, over 2 million new cases will be diagnosed, and over 600,000 people will die.

Treating cancer is particularly challenging. Cancer cells aren't pathogens we can neutralize or malfunctioning organs we can repair — they are our own cells that mutate and proliferate uncontrollably. Treatment must target cancerous cells without damaging healthy ones. And cancer can recur if treatment leaves even a single cancer cell behind.

We offer patients individualized treatment with access to the latest advances in research and cutting-edge clinical trials. And we offer this care close to home to help our patients live their best lives. Ultimately, our goal is to cure cancer.

## Why Duke?

As part of one of the nation's premier health care systems and the No. 1 cancer center in North Carolina, Duke Cancer Center Raleigh provides the community with the highest level of care.



Our providers, nurses, social workers, and support staff are dedicated to both treating cancer and supporting the emotional and psychological well-being of every patient. We offer hope for a brighter future.

At Duke, we work every day to advance cancer care by:

- providing state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary care that supports both patient and family and integrates primary care to improve outcomes during and after cancer care.
- drawing from Duke's pool of worldclass talent and resources to share knowledge and innovation quickly and efficiently.







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- developing precision treatments that more safely and effectively prevent, treat, and cure cancer, including cutting-edge immune therapies and personalized medicine.
- advancing our understanding of cancer biology to make transformative discoveries that lead to new therapies and treatments.
- improving access and quality of care for all people.

### **Recent advances in therapy include:**

- **DNA-based tools** that detect cancer at an earlier stage.
- Personalizing cancer therapy with novel targeting agents that block the mutations driving cancer cells.
- Advanced immunotherapies that guide a patient's own immune cells to attack the cancer cells.
- Minimally invasive and robotic surgical techniques that improve precision in surgery.
- Advanced radiation techniques that maximize the delivery of radiation to the tumor while protecting the surrounding normal tissues.

### **The Opportunity**

Duke Cancer Center Raleigh seeks to help every patient in our community live a full life today and tomorrow. With your help, we will develop new and more effective therapies, treat more patients closer to home, and serve society as a global leader in advancing transformative changes in cancer care.

We invite you to join us in this important work.

# You Can Make a Difference

Philanthropic partners are essential to our success. Every expendable, endowed, or planned gift makes a difference. You can help Duke Cancer Center Raleigh change lives with a gift to the:

#### **Greatest Need Fund**

Your gift will provide flexible funding that can be immediately directed to the areas of greatest need.

#### **Patient Support Fund**

Your gift will provide much needed financial assistance to our patients and their families, covering expenses such as mortgage/rent, travel, child care, and more as they navigate the challenges of their cancer journey.

#### **Wake County Cancer Research Fund**

Your gift will support research and clinical trials to bring more innovative, cutting-edge cancer treatments to patients.

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#### **About Duke Health**

Duke Health, one of the world's leading academic medical centers, strives to transform medicine and health locally and globally. We provide state-of-the-art patient care, conduct innovative research, prepare future scientific and health care leaders, improve community health, and work to eliminate health disparities. Every donor joins Duke Health to advance health together.

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