

## 2015 Patient Outcomes

### Goals of the Oncology Program

- To decrease the morbidity and mortality of patients with cancer.
- To improve the quality of patient care.
- To continue cancer control efforts.
- To enhance prevention and education.

### Cancer Committee Members

| <b>Role</b>              | <b>Name</b>           |
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| Cancer Committee Chair   | Dr. Pauline Lerma     |
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| Gastroenterologist       | Dr. Imran Fayyaz      |

| <b>Role</b>                      | <b>Name</b>             |
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| Cancer Conference Coordinator   | Dr. Pauline Lerma   |

## **Cancer Program**

The Cancer Program at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton (RWJUHH) is dedicated to providing a full spectrum of cancer care services for the community. This commitment starts with the understanding that prevention and early detection is the key in our ongoing battle against cancer. Following the American Cancer Society Guidelines; RWJUHH offered the following free Cancer Screenings Programs to the community in 2014:

- ❖ Colorectal
- ❖ Oral Cavity
- ❖ Prostate
- ❖ Skin Cancer

In addition, cancer related Prevention Programs held for the community in 2014 included such topics as:

- ❖ Are You at Risk for Colon Cancer?
- ❖ Attention Smokers
- ❖ Know the Facts about Colorectal Cancer
- ❖ Mini-Medical School, Digestive System Diseases
- ❖ Mini-Medical School, Diseases of the Liver, Gallbladder and Pancreas
- ❖ Mini-Medical School, Understanding the Respiratory System
- ❖ Mini-Medical School, The Male Urological/Reproductive System

Our cancer patients have convenient and easy access to:

- Diagnosis, treatment and follow-up that can only be found at an NCI designated treatment facility
- Clinical research and experimental treatments for advanced cancers
- The expertise and insight of oncologist, research scientists from a renowned facility
- A team of support personnel with expertise in the care and treatment of cancer patients
- Oncology Certified Nursing Staff
- Dedicated Clinical Research Nurse

A primary objective for Rutgers CINJ Hamilton is to participate in clinical research trials that are conducted for the purpose of improving patient care and ultimate survival. During the 2014 year, 32 patients participated in a clinical trial. We offered twelve open active trials for participants. RCINJH clinical research department saw 291 hematology patients.

## Tumor Board Conferences

Multidisciplinary Tumor Board conferences are held the first Thursday, third Wednesday, and the second and fourth Monday of each month at 12 noon for physicians and clinical staff involved in the management of the cancer patient. Case presentations include a review of the patient's history, physical findings, clinical course of the disease, radiographic studies and pathology slides. Each case is staged using AJCC staging, and members present discuss prospective treatment and management options based on NCCN guidelines. During 2014, a total of 131 cases were discussed at the RWJUHH Tumor Board Conferences.

## Tumor Registry Report

Central to the oncology program at RWJUHH is the tumor registry. The cancer specific registry is designed to track the diagnosis, treatment and survival of each cancer patient. A complete database is maintained using METRIQ software for those diagnosed and/or treated for cancer with details on survival information for all cases. Since January 1, 1995, the registry has accessioned 14,119 cases which includes all newly diagnosed cancer cases, previously diagnosed cancer cases, and patients with a history of cancer. In 2014, the registry accessioned 742 new cases. Five hundred and seventy-two cases were analytic and 170 were non-analytic. Seventy-nine percent of the 572 analytic cases accessioned in 2014 were Mercer County residents, 9% were from Burlington County, 5.6% from Ocean County and 5% from other counties. The top five analytic sites at RWJUHH include lung, breast, bladder, colorectal, and prostate. Our data is electronically reported monthly to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services State Cancer Registry (NJSCR). Each case includes data on demographics, social, family, and medical history, TNM staging, histology, therapeutic information and treatment. The status of patients is checked annually to assure continued medical surveillance and to provide meaningful end results data.

