

2016 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.

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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 and the needs of our community based on the Mercer County Community Health Assessment; RWJUHH offered the following free Cancer Screenings Programs to the community in 2015:

- ❖ 25 Colorectal Screening
- ❖ 2 Oral Cavity Screening
- ❖ 4 Prostate Screening
- ❖ 2 Skin Cancer Screening

In addition, cancer related Prevention and Educational Programs held for the community in 2015 included such topics as:

- ❖ Women's Health (Breast)
- ❖ Know the facts about Colorectal Cancer
- ❖ Protect Your Lungs
- ❖ Great American Smoke Out
- ❖ Mini-Medical School, Diseases of the Liver, Gallbladder and Pancreas
- ❖ Stomach Cancer

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 2015 year, 43 patients participated in a clinical trial. We offered eleven open active trials for participants. RCINJH clinical research department saw 216 hematology patients.

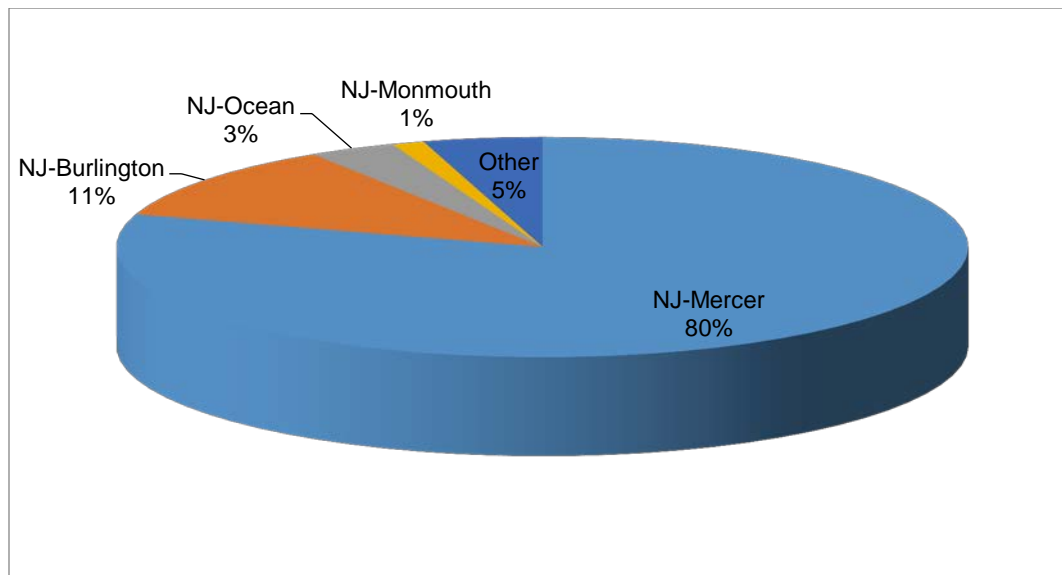
Tumor Board Conferences

Multidisciplinary Tumor Board conferences are held the first Thursday, third Wednesday, and the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12 noon for physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, and clinical staff involved in the management of cancer patients. Case presentations include a review of the patient's history, physical findings, clinical course of diseases, 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 2015, a total of 137 prospective 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, 826 cases which includes all newly diagnosed cancer cases, previously diagnosed cancer cases, and patients with a history of cancer. In 2015, the registry accessioned 712 new cases. Five hundred and seventy-four cases (574) were analytic and 138 were non-analytic. Eighty percent of the 574 analytic cases accessioned in 2015 were Mercer County residents, 11% were from Burlington County, 3% from Ocean County, 1% from Monmouth County and 5% from other counties.



The top five analytic sites at RWJUHH include breast, lung, colorectal, bladder, 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, histology, therapeutic information, treatment, TNM staging, and SEER Summary Staging. The status of patients are checked annually to assure continued medical surveillance and to provide meaningful end results data.

