Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey is the state’s only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. Together RWJBarnabas Health and Rutgers Cancer Institute offer the most advanced cancer treatment options close to home.
**Overview**

As New Jersey’s only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and RWJBarnabas Health provides patients access to the most advanced treatment options including complex surgical procedures, sophisticated radiation therapy techniques, innovative clinical trials, immunotherapy, and precision medicine. Our multidisciplinary team of oncologists, nurses, and oncology support professionals ensure a compassionate and comprehensive approach to diagnosing and treating all types of cancer for both adults and children. Patients are provided with an oncology nurse navigator who serves as an important member of their care team during their cancer journey.

RWJBarnabas Health and Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey have a robust Oncology Nurse Navigation Program that provides individualized services to patients, their caregivers, and referring providers. As part of a dynamic team of cancer care experts, our nurse navigators possess extensive knowledge and training that guides patients and their caregivers to make informed decisions which can improve patient outcomes.

Patients are coupled with a nurse navigator from their first point of contact when they call the Oncology Access Center at 844-CANCERNJ (844-226-2376). The Access Center Oncology Nurse Navigators help patients secure his or her initial appointment with one of our cancer specialists located across New Jersey.

Our oncology nurse navigators are located within the cancer programs at each of the RWJBarnabas Health hospitals and Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

**Our Oncology Nurse Navigators:**

- Help patients understand their diagnosis, treatment options including clinical trials, and what resources and services are available and how to access them
- Ensure a seamless coordination of care between all members of their healthcare team even if they are at various locations
- Improve communications between the patient and the healthcare team including physicians, genetic counselors, nutritionists, social workers, and others
- Serve as an advocate to address barriers
- Provide educational materials and resources and connect patients with available support services as well as community resources

**The Oncology Nurse Navigator** is an important member of the patient’s healthcare team and serves as his or her advocate while compassionately supporting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs from diagnosis through survivorship. Our Oncology Nurse Navigators (pictured left) are located at each of our facilities to guide patients through their cancer journey.