



2021 Oncology Annual Report



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A Letter to the Community

By Kent Taylor, MD
Oncology - Cancer Committee Chair

Against all odds, 2021 has been a year of growth for Central Kentucky Oncology and Hematology at Georgetown Community Hospital and Clark Regional Medical Center. During the second consecutive year of a global pandemic, the need for excellent oncology care has been met. The dedication of our nurses and clinical staff has been unparalleled during this very difficult year.

At **Georgetown Community Hospital**, renovations began to include Radiation Medicine Services. In 2022, Radiation Oncology will be available in Georgetown and will provide a much needed resource. For the first time, our patients will be able to receive radiation and chemotherapy in one location to treat a wide range of malignancies. A patient's need to travel outside of Georgetown will be greatly diminished, and this addition will be a tremendous asset to our medical community.

Over the next year, our infusion center will be going through some changes as well. Our chemotherapy infusion area will be expanded to provide additional space. Our goal is to meet increasing patient needs for services such as blood transfusions, IV fluid hydration, and chemotherapy/immunotherapy treatments. We have seen continued growth in our lung cancer screening program, as well as breast cancer screening with 3D mammography. Increased screening provides patients with the opportunity to diagnose cancer at an earlier stage with better outcomes and treatment options.

Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester, Kentucky, has also experienced continued strides in Hematology and Oncology care. Initial planning has begun for the addition of Radiation Medicine. Due to the high volume of patients needing chemoradiation or radiation only for various malignancies, there is a need for Radiation Oncology. As we move into 2022, plans will be made to bring this vital treatment option to Winchester over the next 2 years.

Oncology care in 2021 also brought several new members to our clinical staff, and many new providers have become valuable assets to our team. We added a clinical social worker, who has been an immeasurable resource to our clinic and patients. Assistance with medical bills, transportation, financial and emotional support allows our patients to focus on their cancer treatment. Financial counselors have also helped tremendously to lessen the financial burden for patients. Bluegrass Care Navigators has also joined us this year. They are providing excellent palliative care for our patients receiving cancer treatment. There are also many new members of our nursing staff in both clinic and chemotherapy infusion. The compassion and loving care they provide is amazing.

As we move toward 2022, we are excited about exploring new opportunities to meet our patients' needs, as well as offer new services to families throughout our communities. **On behalf of Central Kentucky Oncology and Hematology at Georgetown Community Hospital and Clark Regional Medical Center, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.**

Oncology Providers



Kent Taylor, MD
Oncology & Hematology

Dr. Kent Taylor graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from the University of North Alabama in Florence, Alabama. He majored in professional biology and minored in chemistry, receiving his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Taylor completed his internal medicine residency and fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. Following his fellowship, he established his medical practice with Alabama Oncology Hematology Associates, LLC, in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Taylor is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. He is focused on the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and blood disorders. He resides in Central Kentucky along with his wife and two children.



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for Dr. Taylor's
video bio.



Ashley Henegar, PA-C
Oncology & Hematology

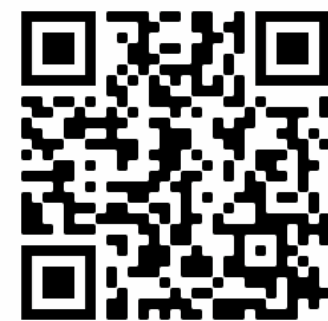
Ashley Henegar, PA-C completed her undergraduate studies at Virginia Tech University and Mountain State University. She completed her masters of science degree in Physician Assistant studies in 2012 at Mountain State University.

Since graduation, Ashley has been practicing cancer care. She specializes in patient needs assessments, health promotion, treatment plan development, patient record maintenance, medical evaluations and physical examinations.

Ashley lives in Lexington, Kentucky.



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video bio.



Oncology Staff



Erin Collins-Buchanan, MSW, CTR
Market Director of Oncology,
Program Administrator

Erin is our Market Director of Oncology.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration and an Associate of Science in Health Information Technology from Eastern Kentucky University. She completed her Masters in Social Work at the University of Kentucky, and has been employed by LifePoint since 2015.

Erin's previous work experience includes Health Information Management in the acute hospital setting, focusing on implementation of Electronic Medical Records. In 2007, Erin started her career in Oncology in the area of Cancer Registry, becoming a Certified Tumor Registrar in 2010. The Cancer Registry is the quality department of a cancer program.

Erin also has an extensive history on the Commission on Cancer Accreditation Leadership team.

Erin lives in Winchester, Kentucky.



Miranda Harrison, RN
Market Lung Cancer Program
Coordinator

Miranda is our Market Lung Cancer Program Coordinator for Bluegrass Community Hospital, Bourbon Community Hospital, Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital.

She received her Associate of Science in Nursing from Eastern Kentucky University in 2013, and is working towards her bachelor/master's degree with WGU for Leadership and Management. She previously worked as a CNA at the University of Kentucky from 2004-2006, at Family Care Clinic in Winchester from 2006-2009, and at Select Speciality Hospital from 2010-2013.

Her nursing career began at Saint Joseph Hospital taking care of post-op patients, telemetry monitoring and oncology patients. She obtained her Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate in 2015 when she began working at Clark Regional Medical Center. From 2017-2020 she worked as an infusion nurse until she accepted her position as the Market Lung Screening Coordinator. Oncology is her true calling and passion.

She is also a certified BREATHE Tobacco Treatment Specialist, and continues to monitor Lung Screenings for the Central Market. Miranda resides in Winchester with her husband, two boys and three dogs.



Dianna Kouns, RN, BSN, OCN
Market Oncology Clinical Manager

Dianna is our Market Oncology Clinical Manager. She received an Associate Degree of Nursing in 1993 from Midway College. She later returned to Midway where she completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2008. She also holds a national certification in Oncology Nursing.

Dianna's work experience began with trauma nursing at a level one trauma center. She then transitioned to Oncology in 1998 where she has performed in several areas of patient care and staff management.

Dianna lives in Georgetown, Kentucky.



Samantha Loori, BPS, RTRT
Radiation Oncology Coordinator &
Lead Radiation Therapist

Samantha is our Radiation Oncology Coordinator and Lead Radiation Therapist. After obtaining an Associate of Radiography in 2013 from St. Luke's Hospital (now MVHS) in Utica, New York, she attended SUNY Upstate Medical University. There, she obtained a Bachelor of Professional Science degree in radiation therapy in 2015.

Samantha spent six years working as a radiation therapist at MVHS in Utica, New York. There she worked diligently to provide high-quality care to patients and their families. Her favorite part of the job is getting to know her community and providing them with the best healthcare experience in their battle with cancer.

She now lives in the Georgetown, Kentucky area.

Georgetown Community Hospital
is proud to announce that we are bringing
Radiation Medicine back to our community.
The Radiation Center is open in Spring 2022.

Oncology Staff



Lisa Stump, MSN, OCN, CPHQ
GI/Colorectal Patient Navigator

Lisa is our GI/Colorectal Patient Navigator. She has been a nurse for almost 22 years and worked in pediatrics for 14 years before becoming a chemotherapy infusion nurse and falling in love with oncology.

After five years in infusion, Lisa moved to a clinic nurse/patient navigator position and really enjoyed the “navigating” part of her job, which led her to accept the position as the GI/Colorectal Patient Navigator.

She is an active member of the Oncology Nursing Society through her local chapter (BONS), and obtained her Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN) certification in 2015, and her Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification in 2021. Lisa also obtained her MSN degree from WGU in August 2021.

She has been married almost 30 years and has two beautiful daughters and two dogs.



Tiffany Kratzer
Financial Counselor

Tiffany is one of our Financial Counselors for Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital. She has been with the company for a little over a year now and is based at Clark Regional but helps with Georgetown Community as well.

Tiffany graduated from Montgomery County High School and also has an Associates in Science from Maysville Community and Technical College. She is also a Certified Pharmacy Technician and previously worked retail pharmacy and hospital pharmacy before making the change to financial counselor.

When Tiffany is not working, she is with her husband and two boys, Kayden (9) and Karson (18 months). Their family is usually found at the race track on the weekends as Tiffany’s nine year old drag races.

Tiffany’s hobbies include reading, enjoying time with her family, and being outside.



Destini Elkins, MSSW, CSW, OSW-C
Market Oncology Social Worker

Destini is our Market Oncology Social Worker. She received her Bachelor’s in Social Work at Eastern Kentucky University, receiving her Master’s at the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work.

She has seven years of direct practice experience in a medical setting. Destini began her Social Work career working with End-Stage Renal and dialysis patients, eventually finding her way into the field of Oncology, where her true passion lies.

Destini is a member of the Association of Oncology Social Workers (AOSW) and obtained her Oncology Social Work certification in 2021.

She is also a certified BREATHE Tobacco Treatment Specialist. She facilitates our monthly Cancer Support Group. Her goal for 2022 is to pursue clinical supervision for her LCSW.

She resides in Georgetown with her husband and two dogs.



Shannon Mitchell
Financial Counselor

Shannon is one of our Financial Counselors for the Oncology Program at Georgetown Community hospital. She has been employed for 15 years at Georgetown Community Hospital and started her career in registration.

Shannon eventually became supervisor of the Registration Department for two years, before making the transition to Central Scheduling where she obtained authorizations for various tests and scheduled patients.

She brought her Central Scheduling experience to the Oncology program where she verifies insurance, obtains the authorizations for treatments ordered by physicians, and calculates estimated costs. As part of this program, she works as the financial counselor to help identify patient needs during this challenging time of their life.

Shannon’s priority is to help patients financially through payment programs, charity care, drug company assistance or reimbursement. She is currently attending school to obtain certification as a Certified Tumor Registrar.

Cancer can be a life-altering event. You don't have to face it alone.

Oncology Social Worker

— Helping patients navigate cancer care

Oncology Social Workers are licensed professionals who are dedicated to whole-person care for those affected by cancer. This includes social, mental, sexual, cultural, and spiritual aspects of life.

For years, we have focused solely on the physical care and well-being of cancer care: treatment, side effects, doctors' visits, tests, etc. This is understandable, given that cancer is a biological disease. Research has showed us there are other parts of life affected by cancer, such as work, family, self-image, relationships, finances, and the person's approach to living.

Oncology Social Workers understand that all parts of life require attention and support, and in doing so, can improve quality of life for those diagnosed with cancer.

"We bring knowledge, skills, and compassion and hold space for physical and emotional pain. We meet them where they are, focused on hearing the patient and/or family needs, and help them in addressing those needs. We assist in finding resources, both community and national, to overcome barriers to care, and we help patients navigate, understand and cope with their diagnosis, treatment options, and prognosis."

Oncology Social Workers offer support throughout the continuum of care, for those who are newly diagnosed, or in active treatment, survivorship, palliative care, or end-of-life.



Destini Elkins, MSW, CSW, OSW-C
Market Oncology Social Worker

Scan the QR code
for Destini's video about how a
social worker can help patients
navigate cancer care.



Oncology Financial Counselor

— Alleviating the stress of cancer costs

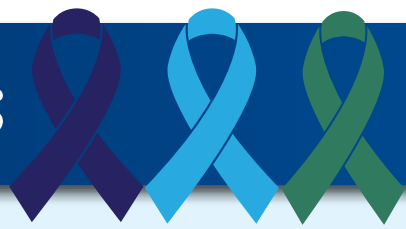
Financial Counseling is offered to patients and their families to assist in alleviating the stress and strain that can occur when trying to understand the costs of cancer treatments.



**Your financial counselor is available
Monday through Friday
to assist you with:**

- Obtaining referrals and pre-authorizations for your treatment.
- Obtaining verification of insurance benefits.
- Answering questions about account balances.
- Helping to find sources for payment assistance.
- Managing resources and working through financial difficulties caused by your disease.

Talk with your financial counselor, nurse, or physician if you are having financial difficulties. Your financial counselor can assist you in resolving problems and may be able to help you obtain financial assistance, but we need to know as soon as possible to avoid disruption in health insurance coverage.



Immunotherapy

Immunotherapy is a type of cancer treatment that helps your immune system fight cancer. The immune system helps your body fight infections and other diseases. Normally the immune system detects and destroys abnormal cells and can help prevent or curb the growth of many cancers.

Even though the immune system can prevent or slow cancer growth, cancer cells have ways to avoid destruction by the immune system. For example, cancer cells may have genetic changes that make them less visible to the immune system, have proteins on their surface that turn off immune cells, or change the normal cells around the tumor so they interfere with how the immune system responds to the cancer cells.

Over the last few years, immune-based therapy has found its place among traditional chemotherapy regimens. For patients, it is often better tolerated than traditional cytotoxic chemotherapy. However, immunotherapy can have unique side effects. When the immune system has been revved-up to act against the cancer, it also attacks healthy cells and tissues in your body.

There are many different categories of immunotherapy. These include monoclonal antibodies and tumor-agnostic therapies, non-specific immunotherapies, oncolytic virus therapy, and T-cell therapy.

When the body's immune system detects something harmful, it produces antibodies. Antibodies are proteins that fight infection. Monoclonal antibodies are a specific type of therapy made in a laboratory that can be used in a variety of ways. Some monoclonal antibodies attach to specific proteins on cancer



cells to help the immune system find and destroy those cells.

Other types of antibodies work by releasing the brakes on the immune system so it can destroy cancer cells. PD-1/PD-L1 and CTLA-4 pathways are critical to the immune system's ability to control cancer growth. These pathways are often called immune checkpoints, and many

cancers use these pathways to escape the immune system. The immune system responds to the cancer by blocking these pathways with specific antibodies called immune checkpoint inhibitors. Once the immune system is able to find and respond to the cancer, it can stop or slow cancer growth.

The following are examples of immune checkpoint inhibitors: Ipilimumab (Yervoy), Nivolumab (Opdivo), Pembrolizumab (Keytruda), Atezolizumab (Tecentriq), Avelumab (Bavencio), Durvalumab (Imfinzi). Direct to consumer marketing has resulted in more awareness of Keytruda and Opdivo in the general population. Patients often come in asking if these therapies would be an option for them.

Most non-specific immunotherapies are given after or at the same time as other cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy. Some nonspecific therapies can be given by themselves. **The most common are Interferons and Interleukins.** Interferon alpha (Roferon-A [2a], Intron A [2b], Alferon [2a]) is the most common type of interferon used in cancer treatment. Side effects of interferon treatment may include flu-like symptoms, an increased risk of infection, rashes, and thinning hair.

Interleukins help the immune system produce cells that destroy cancer. The most common is

Food and Drug Administration approved the first oncolytic virus therapy to treat melanoma called talimogene laherparepvec (Imlygic), or T-VEC. The virus is a genetically modified version of the herpes simplex virus that causes cold sores. The doctor can inject T-VEC directly into areas of melanoma that a surgeon cannot remove.

Another component of the immune system are T cells. These cells fight infections. In T-cell therapy, some T cells are removed from a patient's blood. Then, the cells are changed in a laboratory so they have specific proteins called receptors. The receptors allow those T cells to recognize the cancer cells. The changed T cells are grown in the laboratory and returned to the patient's body. Once there, they seek out and destroy cancer cells. This type of therapy is called **chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy.**

Over the last few years, immune-based treatments for cancer have taken substantial leaps forward. These advancements have provided much needed therapies for patients with cancer.

interleukin-2, IL-2, or aldesleukin (Proleukin), and it is used to treat kidney cancer, skin cancer, and melanoma.

Oncolytic virus therapy uses genetically modified viruses to kill cancer cells. These are injected into the tumor itself. In 2015, the U.S.





Oncology Nursing

2021 proved to be just as challenging as 2020 with COVID-19 preventing many community outreach events. But cancer does not stop, so we keep going.

- We added a Colorectal/GI nurse navigator for our growing market.
- Our clinics at both Clark Regional and Georgetown Community have grown tremendously! We now have in the market:
 - 4 nationally certified oncology nurses
 - 8 chemotherapy certified nurses
 - 1 nationally certified tobacco treatment specialist

Our nurses are committed to the highest quality of patient care and we treat our patients like family.

It is an honor to deliver evidence-based care to our own community, allowing the patients to remain close to home for their cancer care.



“Every single day, oncology nurses lead by example. They provide exceptional, expert care; participate in and drive research; and most importantly, give patients and their families reasons to hope and persevere against many odds.”

— Greg Simon, former president of the Biden Cancer Initiative

Palliative care now available to oncology patients in Georgetown

Georgetown Community Hospital partnered with Bluegrass Care Navigators in 2021 to offer palliative care services to oncology patients through the Georgetown Cancer Care clinic.

Palliative care is specialized, holistic medical care for people living with serious illness, focused on providing relief from symptoms and stresses with the goal of improving quality of life for the patient and their families. This supportive care model can help manage complaints such as nausea, pain, shortness of breath, anxiety, weakness, fatigue, gastrointestinal discomforts, and much more.

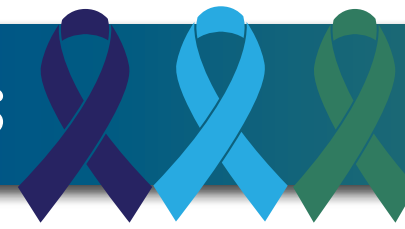
Oncology patients at Georgetown Cancer Care Clinic are referred to the Bluegrass Care Navigator’s palliative care team by their oncologist. From there, the palliative care doctor, nurse, and oncologist work together to manage the patient’s needs. **Palliative care is available to patients as they continue curative treatments for their cancer diagnosis.**



“Palliative care provides an extra layer of support to the patient, their family, and their oncology care team,” said Bluegrass Care Navigators physician Dr. Liz Markus. “We stay focused on keeping the patient’s symptoms in check, so the patient and their oncologist can focus on treating their cancer.”

Bluegrass Care Navigators provides hospice care in 32 counties across central, eastern and northern Kentucky. In addition, the agency supports those facing serious illness or chronic disease with private duty nursing, home primary care, transitional care, adult day health care, and palliative care services.

About Our Clinics & Infusion Services



Cancer Care: providing excellent, caring service to patients in Central Kentucky



Georgetown Cancer Center



Clark Regional Medical Center

Our Clinics specialize in:

- Diagnosis/treatment of benign & malignant blood disorders
- Cancer prevention & care
- Cancer pain management
- Chemotherapy treatment & follow-up
- Clinical trials
- Patient needs assessment
- Illness prevention and health promotion
- Patient and healthcare staff education
- Treatment plan development
- Medical evaluations
- Physical examinations
- Healthcare standard compliance
- Patient record maintenance

CANCER SUPPORT
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A SAFE PLACE TO SHARE CANCER JOURNEYS
MEETS 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5:30PM-7:00PM VIA ZOOM

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Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Cancer Center offer infusion (IV) therapy for the management of acute illnesses, chronic illnesses and chemotherapy. We offer infusion services for rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, osteoporosis, intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg), IV iron, vitamin B12 injections, IV hydration, blood products, therapeutic phlebotomy, chemotherapy infusion, DVT prevention, ESRD and many other medications.

We offer the following:

- private rooms
- comfortable chairs
- television
- Wi-Fi access
- shorter travel times
- staffed by chemotherapy and biotherapy certified nurses

Appointments may be made by calling Georgetown Cancer Center at 502.868.5600 or Clark Regional Medical Center at 859.737.8412

For more information, visit us GeorgetownKYCancerCenter.com or ClarkRegional.org





Linda Wiggins

"We're going to all these places... Indianapolis... Minnesota... My son asked, 'Where do you want to go?' and I said I want to go close to home. I want to go to Georgetown Community Hospital."



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Tracy Diles

"I have some scars... but I've learned that they're just my tattoos with better stories."



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Linda Nobles

"Dr. Taylor sits and talks to you - you can ask him anything. He is a caring person."



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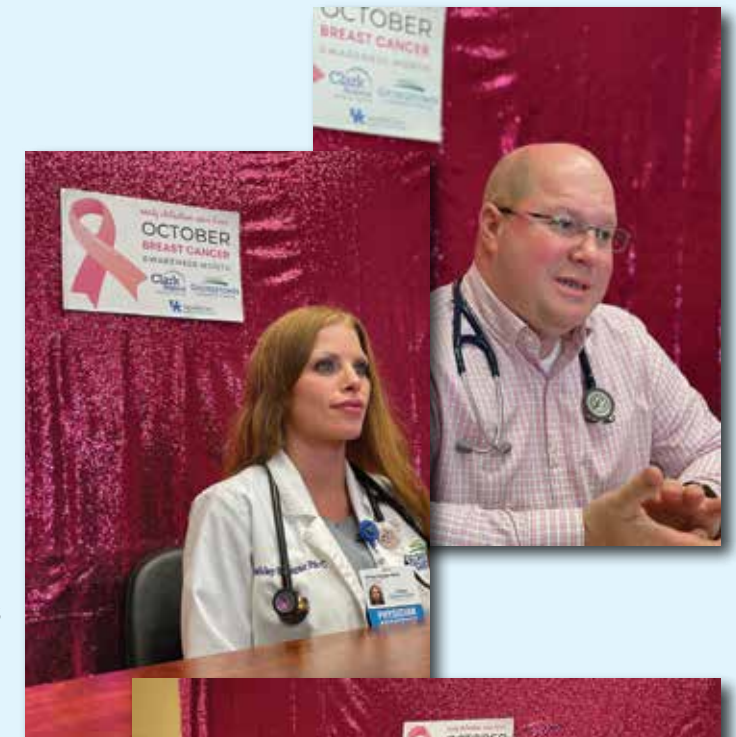


Cancer Center on Camera

During March for **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** and October for **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital teamed up with WTVQ and ABC36 to bring eight interviews and videos educating viewers on the importance of screenings.

Dr. Justin Case, Gastroenterologist at Georgetown Community Hospital, was the champion of promoting screening colonoscopies during the month of March on ABC36.

Dr. Taylor, Oncologist at Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital, was the champion of promoting screening mammograms during the month of October. **Other presenters for October included:** Erin Collins-Buchanan, Dianna Kouns, Ashley Henegar, PA-C and UK Markey Cancer Center.



Community Awareness & Screenings



Spring

Melanoma Monday - May 24, 2021

In honor of **Skin Cancer Awareness Month**, Georgetown Community Hospital and the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network hosted a free screening event to employees and the public.

Dr. Chase Wilson and his team at **Elkhorn Dermatology** volunteered to conduct free skin screenings.

Attendees received free t-shirts, snacks, sunscreen and education on prevention tips to keep skin healthy!



Skin Cancer Facts:

- Skin Cancer is the most common cancer in the United States and worldwide
- 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70
- When detected early, the 5-year survival rate for melanoma is 99%

- Source: SkinCancer.org

Summer

Strike Out Cancer with the Lexington Legends - July 3, 2021

Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital teamed up with the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network for a night with the Lexington Legends to bring fans the **Strike Out Cancer** game. The cancer program was able to distribute educational handouts on everything from prevention to services at our facilities at the front gate of the ballpark.

Fans were able to receive cooling workout towels, lung shaped pens, sunscreen and more! Our providers, patient stories, staff recognition and program highlights were all featured on the jumbotron. Dr. Taylor threw out the first pitch of the game and Erin Collins-Buchanan had an on-field interview about the cancer care at the Georgetown and Winchester locations.

Cancer awareness jerseys were worn by each of the Legends' players. Throughout the week leading up to game night, there was an online auction of the custom jerseys. All proceeds from the jerseys went directly to our **Cancer Care Fund** that helps our patients in need with food, transportation, bills and other necessities.



Our cancer program hit a home run with this fun and impactful event!



Community Awareness & Screenings



Fall

Mamm's Night Out at Georgetown Community Hospital

- Oct. 13, 2021



Mamm's Day Out at Clark Regional Medical Center

- Oct. 16, 2021



Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital annually host free screening events at each facility to promote mammograms for women during the month of October.

It was a goal of the program to specifically target women that were uninsured and underinsured. In order to reach our target audience, the team hand delivered fliers to health departments and community organizations.

Through collaboration with the **UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network**, all costs not covered by insurance were paid through our affiliation's screening dollars. At the events, all attendees received free t-shirts, custom sugar cookies, lunch totes, refreshments and more giveaways!

Everyone from the radiology department to the registration department wore shirts to support and promote this event. Many of the patients at these events openly expressed their lack of access to screenings and wellness exams due to financial hardship.



The Sisterhood of the Traveling Scarf Drive - October 2021

Every October we recognize **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and this year we hosted a **Scarf Drive in partnership with Hope Scarves**. Our cancer patients at Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital have been given the opportunity to join the "sisterhood of traveling scarves."

When a patient of ours receives a scarf, it contains an uplifting survivorship story from another cancer patient somewhere in the world. Scarves include all types of cancers to help patients feel encouraged, share hope, and be connected to one another through similar cancer diagnoses and journeys.

Below are the number of scarves each facility donated towards the cause:

- Bluegrass Community Hospital – 68
- Bourbon Community Hospital – 18
- Clark Regional Medical Center – 46
- Georgetown Community Hospital – 32



Colors of Cancer Virtual 5K - Nov. 6, 2021

Clark Regional Medical Center joined Georgetown Community Hospital for their annual **Colors of Cancer 5K** in collaboration with **UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network**. All proceeds went to the Cancer Care Fund to help our patients in need with travel, food and other expenses during their cancer journey.

This color run was more about the memories you make than your mile per minute. Runners completed the virtual 5K anytime on Saturday, November 6 and posted their photos to social media using **#ColorsOfCancerKY**. The online event was promoted through a series of videos.



Scan the QR codes to view the Colors of Cancer 5K promotional videos.



Lung Program Summary

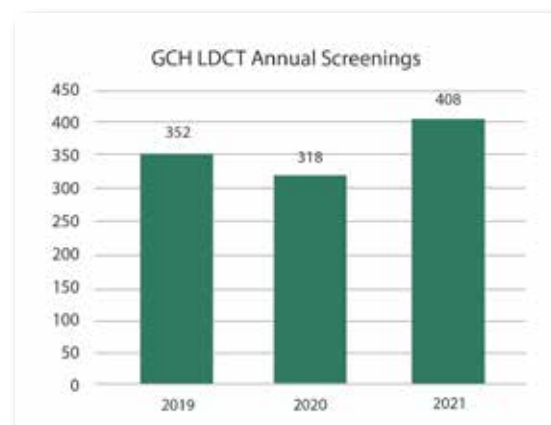
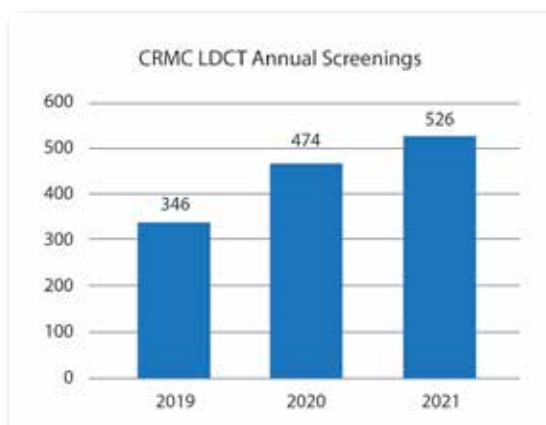


Lung Cancer Screening Center of Excellence

Clark Regional Medical Center and Georgetown Community Hospital joined over 600 medical facilities and became a **Lung Cancer Screening Center of Excellence**. This designation through the GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer show that we are committed to high quality screening practices and we comply with comprehensive standards set forth by the American College of Radiology (ACR), the Nation Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program (I-ELCAP).

The criteria for this designation includes:

- Provide clear information on the risks and benefits of CT screening through a shared decision making process.
- Comply with standards based on best published practices for controlling screening quality, radiation dose and diagnostic procedures.
- Work with a lung cancer multidisciplinary clinical team to carry out a coordinated process for screening, follow-up and treatment when appropriate.
- Include a comprehensive cessation program for those still smoking or refer to comprehensive cessation programs.
- Report results to those screened and their primary care doctors and transmit requested copies in a timely manner.
- Have received or intend to receive designation as a lung cancer screening program through the American College of Radiology.
- Participation in annual data collection survey includes a free (confidential) metrics dashboard of your own data as the aggregated program data report.



Low Dose Lung Cancer Screening

Through education and navigation we continue to grow our Lung Cancer Screening Program. The recommended guidelines for screenings has recently changed. For more information on Lung Cancer Screenings contact **Miranda Harrison, RN, at 502-316-5895**.



Miranda Harrison, RN
Market Lung Cancer
Program Coordinator

Scan the QR code
for Miranda's video about
Low Dose CT Screening



New Recommended Screening Guidelines

The American Cancer Society advises that health care providers, and people at increased risk for lung cancer, follow the recently updated recommendations for annual lung cancer screening from the [United States Preventive Services Task Force](#), the [American Academy of Family Physicians](#), or the [American College of Chest Physicians](#).

These organizations recommend yearly lung cancer screening with LDCT scans for people who:

- Are 50 to 80 years old and in fairly good health
- Currently smoke or have quit in the past 15 years
- Have at least a 20 pack a year smoking history. (This is the number of packs of cigarettes per day multiplied by the number of years smoked. For example, someone who smoked 2 packs a day for 10 years [2 x 10 = 20] has 20 pack-years of smoking, as does a person who smoked 1 pack a day for 20 years [1 x 20 = 20].)
- No signs or symptoms of lung cancer



Cancer Committee Members



Physician Members

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Danielle Dietz, MD

General Surgeon

Murielle Brohez, MD

General Surgeon

Rebecca Bartee, MD

General Surgeon

Rick Lozano, MD

Pathologist

Edward Tanous, MD

Pathologist

Lori Atkins, MD

Radiologist

Robert Pope,

Radiologist

Jason Harper,

Radiologist

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Quality Coordinator

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Quality Coordinator

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