Cancer Treatment & Prevention

Clinical Trials

A clinical trial is a research study that evaluates new treatment options. The goal of a clinical trial is to find a better way to treat cancer. Clinical trials are conducted in a healthcare setting such as a hospital or clinic.

Why are clinical trials important?

Clinical trials help determine if a new treatment option is safe and effective. Today’s clinical trials lead to tomorrow’s standard care.

What types of treatments are studied in a clinical trial?

Clinical trials study ways to prevent, detect, diagnose and control cancer. The studies may include new drugs, approaches to surgery or radiation therapy, combinations of treatment and methods such as gene therapy. The impact of cancer diagnosis and treatment is also being studied with emphasis on quality of life and comfort issues that effect patients and families. Gwinnett Medical Center is a member of the Atlanta Regional Community Clinical Oncology program, which offers a wide range of clinical research studies for the treatment and prevention of cancer. Visit their website at atlantaccop.org.

For questions, call our oncology research nurse at 678-312-2666.

Cancer Support Services at Gwinnett Medical Center

Important Numbers

American Cancer Society
Patient Resource Navigator: 678-312-3316
Breast Health Navigator: 678-312-4010

Location

Gwinnett Medical Center
1000 Medical Center Blvd.
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Resources & Education

Resources and educational material are made possible by a grant from the American Cancer Society. The Breast Health & Hope Resource Center provides an array of information to help educate and support men and women diagnosed with cancer.

American Cancer Society Patient Resource Navigator

“You have cancer.” When you or your loved one hears those words, you may experience a number of feelings. But one thing you don’t have to feel is alone. The American Cancer Society offers a variety of programs and services designed to meet the unique needs and concerns of those affected by cancer and their caregivers. The American Cancer Society is here to help. To speak with the patient resource navigator at Gwinnett Medical Center, call 678-312-3316.

Look Good...Feel Better®

In conjunction with the American Cancer Society, Gwinnett Medical Center offers Look Good...Feel Better® sessions to women undergoing cancer treatment. This program is designed to help women cope with the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment and focuses on make-up techniques and using wigs, turbans, scarves and various fashion accessories to cover hair loss. Look Good...Feel Better® sessions meet monthly. You can register for a session by calling the American Cancer Society’s cancer resource network at 1-888-227-6333.

Support Groups

Gwinnett Medical Center’s Circle of Caring Women’s Cancer Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 631 Professional Drive, Suite 450, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

For more information, call 678-312-4010.

Breast Health Navigator

678-312-4010

The role of the breast health navigator is to support you and your family during your breast cancer experience by answering any questions concerning education and resource services. No question is too small or insignificant.

The breast health navigator will call you on a regular basis during your treatment and recovery. Frequent communication helps your healthcare team stay informed and continually meet any requests or concerns you may have.

Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment Services

If you have two or more close relatives who have had cancer before age 50, you may be at higher risk of developing it yourself. If your risk level is high, genetic testing can reveal more information about your cancer risk.

There are many issues to consider before deciding if genetic counseling and testing is right for you. We provide consultations to discuss your concerns and help determine your personal genetic risk for cancer. It’s important to remember that only five to ten percent of all cancers are caused by inherited genetic mutations, and not everyone who carries them will develop cancer.

For more information, call 678-312-3235 to talk with our cancer genetics educator.