Mission Statement
The University of Florida Health Cancer Center stands alone in the state of Florida in its unique ability to blend comprehensive patient care and innovative research in a collaborative, multidisciplinary environment.

It boasts a membership of more than 300 researchers and clinicians from across the University of Florida and UF Health, the Southeast’s most comprehensive academic health center. The UF Health Cancer Center and its members are dedicated to providing leading-edge cancer care and conducting original research for the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Our People
UF Health encompasses six health colleges, nine research centers/institutes, three hospital systems and dozens of physician medical practices and outpatient services throughout Central, North Central and Northeast Florida, and two veterinary hospitals. It is part of one of the nation’s top 5 public research universities. Ninety percent of the center’s members also serve as faculty; the Cancer Center boasts members from 11 UF colleges. Additionally, many members serve as clinicians within the UF Health family of hospitals and clinical programs.

Multidisciplinary programs include:
- UF Health Breast Center
- Blood Cancers & Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program
- Orthopaedic Oncology Program
- Gastrointestinal Oncology Program
- Gynecologic Oncology Program
- Head and Neck Cancer Program
- Lung Cancer Program
- Metastatic Cancer Program
- Preston A. Wells Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Program
- Skin Cancer and Melanoma Program
- Urologic Cancer Program

91,608
square feet of research space

6,039
unique patient cases

640
scientific publications

307
clinical and research faculty members

66
UF Health nonsurgical cancer hospital beds
Clinical Excellence

The UF Health Cancer Center is dedicated to serving the residents of Florida through the provision of state-of-the-art cancer treatment, prevention and education. Our cancer experts work to ensure coordinated care is available to each patient through diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

The UF Health Cancer Center’s clinical enterprise uses a comprehensive care model, with multidisciplinary cancer programs offering advanced treatment options, such as minimally invasive and robotic surgery, proton and intensity modulated radiotherapy, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, chemotherapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy in conjunction with the Precision Cancer Care Program, as well as access to clinical trials with limited availability elsewhere.

- The UF Health Cancer Center is a state-designated Cancer Center of Excellence. The designation by the Florida Legislature recognizes hospitals and treatment centers that demonstrate excellence in patient-centered coordinated care for people undergoing cancer treatment and chemotherapy.
- UF Health is designated as a Center of Excellence for myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes and pancreatic cancers.
- The UF Health Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program is one of 20 core centers nationwide that comprise the NHLBI/NCI Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network.
- The UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is one of the few proton facilities in the country that have achieved accreditation by the American College of Radiology. It is internationally recognized as a cancer care destination for pediatric radiation oncology patients.
- The UF Health Breast Center is accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers and is the first in the state to offer intraoperative radiation therapy using IntraBeam®.

Research

One of the great benefits of receiving cancer care at an academic health center like UF Health is unique patient access to the most advanced medical research, treatments and technologies. The Cancer Center’s clinician-scientists participate in research that has a direct impact on improved patient outcomes, and allows patients access to the very latest cancer-fighting technologies and drugs.

Recent research highlights include:

- Development of new types of brain immunotherapy
- Several first-in-human trials, including cooperative group, industry-sponsored and national studies
- Collaboration with the UF Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering to develop new methods of using 3D printed cells of soft matter
- Individualized leukemia and solid tumor treatments based on patients’ genes and gene mutations
- 40 new interventional trials in 2021, and 193 trials open to patient enrollment
- $23.9 million NIH/NCI direct cost funding

$39.2 million

340

active cancer research projects

386

active clinical research studies