

Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center



Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center and Outpatient Services Center located on Parkview North campus.

Parkview's Comprehensive Cancer Center is designed for healing the body and spirit

CyberKnife®, linear accelerators and image-guided radiotherapy may take top billing as key tools in the fight against cancer, but the Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center features a tool of healing even larger than any of those—the building itself and the staff and physicians who care for patients.

The Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center is designed to provide a quiet getaway for patients and families who are facing a very difficult time in their lives. Fear of the unknown will be replaced with quiet confidence, trust, dignity, respect and serenity.

Natural and manufactured stone in earth tones warm the canopied entrances. Natural daylight from floor-to-ceiling windows follows the patient inside the two-floor atrium lobby. Inside, flickering light from a fireplace warms the ambience. A volunteer greets each patient and guides them to the medical oncology building or to the one-stop receptionist/registration desk. Earth tones in the stone are repeated in furnishings and wall coverings, highlighted with burgundy red accents. A cancer library is available to all cancer patients, their families, and the general public. The library also provides another quiet retreat for patients and families. Armchairs in groupings for quiet conversation and a coffee cart with complimentary coffee, refreshments and snacks for radiation oncology patients and their families add to the peaceful setting.

With advanced technology such as the two new linear accelerators and the region's only CyberKnife, outstanding staff and physicians, and a whole new building, Parkview is setting a new standard as the premier comprehensive cancer center in the region.

What makes Parkview's cancer center comprehensive?

- In 2006, Parkview Hospital's Cancer Center received accreditation with commendation as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons. This is the highest level of accreditation for non-university hospitals and identifies Parkview as one of the top cancer treatment programs in the United States.
- A multidisciplinary approach to care where physicians actively collaborate to optimize individual patient care.
- The facility brings together medical, surgical and radiation oncologists in one location so patients can see multiple physician specialists in one place.
- A tumor board, breast cancer review board and prostate cancer clinic bring physicians together to discuss treatment plans and share new techniques, tools and technology in the field of cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- Patients are able to participate in the latest national trials through the Parkview Research Center. Under the direction of Radiation Oncology Associate physicians, Parkview participates in Radiation Therapy Oncology Group and pharmaceutical industry-sponsored clinical research.
- Community outreach and education raises awareness about cancer screening and prevention.
- The Francine's Friends mobile mammography unit takes early diagnosis to the community.



Left: Marc Apple, MD and staff shown with CyberKnife®. Parkview's CyberKnife can non-invasively target, track and eradicate cancer tumors wherever they are located. CyberKnife is especially useful for cancers that were previously considered inoperable or untreatable. Above: John Crawford, MD and staff in lobby of Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography

Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Breast Diagnostic Center joined with Francine's Friends to take life-saving mammography screening to women in the Fort Wayne area. Radiologic technologists from the Breast Diagnostic Center staff the 40-foot long motor coach that uses digital imaging equipment—the same equipment as used in the Breast Diagnostic Center stationary sites. The mammograms are read by board-certified physicians at Fort Wayne Radiology.



The Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography coach travels to community and business sites to bring mammography screening closer to women's home or work.

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