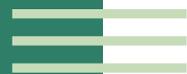




CENTRAL KENTUCKY  
CANCER CARE

2022 ANNUAL  
**ONCOLOGY  
REPORT**

HIGHER LEVEL CANCER TREATMENT.  
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# About Us

BEING CLOSE TO HOME MATTERS,  
BECAUSE EVERY MOMENT  
MATTERS.



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At Central Kentucky Cancer Care, our specialists and staff are committed to treating you with compassion and your cancer with the most advanced diagnostics, techniques and cancer treatment available

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With a high staff-to-patient ratio, our patients are afforded the proper attention they deserve, while the staff gets to know each one as an individual. We understand that battling cancer can have enough challenges. That is why we designed one-of-a-kind care plans that cater to each patient's distinct needs, and developed a support program through our nurse navigators and patient care coordinators. Together they reassure and guide patients and families through all the uncertainties of cancer treatment.

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We're working to eliminate barriers to care in the communities we serve.

At Central Kentucky Cancer Care (CKCC), we recognize that your quality of life throughout the course of your cancer treatment requires multiple levels of support and energy. As part of the personal care and consideration our patients deserve, we offer a broad range of resources, support mechanisms and ancillary services to help manage the many components of treatment, so patients can focus their attention on getting well. Having these services offered in our local communities is an important factor to our patient care. It allows patients to stay close to home, near family and their support network. It saves commute time, lowers their stress and conserves a patient's energy that is better spent resting and recovering.



# OUR AFFILIATES

Central Kentucky Cancer Care continues to emerge as a premier regional cancer service, underscored by accreditations, affiliations, and honors.



A QUALITY PROGRAM  
of the AMERICAN COLLEGE  
OF SURGEONS



Central Kentucky Cancer Care has been recognized as an Integrated Network Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. This prestigious designation is awarded to cancer programs that have demonstrated a commitment to providing the highest quality care to cancer patients and their families.

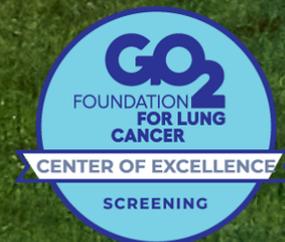
As an Integrated Network Cancer Program, Central Kentucky Cancer Care will offer patients access to a full range of cancer-related services, including diagnosis, treatment, support, and rehabilitation. The hospital will also work closely with other cancer programs in the region to coordinate care and ensure that patients have access to the latest treatments and clinical trials.



As a member of The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) we promote the entire continuum of quality cancer care for our patients and our communities. Since 1974, ACCC has been helping oncology professionals adapt to the complex changes of delivering quality cancer care. ACCC members rely on the Association to bring them information on cancer program management, reimbursement issues, legislative and regulatory changes at the state and national levels, community cancer program standards, NCI-funded community clinical research, hospital alliances and physician relationships, and more.

As part of our continuing focus on making communities healthier, we are a proud partner of the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network, which provides our patients with enhanced access to high-quality cancer care.

This affiliation assists doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical staff at local hospitals to provide excellent care in their communities. When patients need care that is not available locally, they can be referred to the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington. When that happens, Markey doctors work with CKCC doctors and oncologists to minimize travel for patients and their families.



Delivering Excellence in  
Responsible Screening

CKCC is recognized as a Center of Excellence in Responsible Screening by the Foundation for Lung Cancer. This designation recognizes facilities that provide high-quality low-dose CT screenings for the early detection of lung cancer and comply with comprehensive standards of care based on best practices. Screening Center's of Excellence are guided by principles of patient-centered care, quality standard in screening delivery, and management of findings so that the life-saving promise of screening can be realized.

# Our Team

Our specialists and staff are committed to treating patients with compassion, and cancer with the most advanced diagnostics, techniques and treatment available. Our exceptional team of highly-skilled cancer treatment professionals includes a medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, wound and ostomy care nurse, surgeons, physician specialists, nurses and support staff.



**Kent Taylor, MD**

Medical Oncologist

Dr. Kent Taylor graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Alabama, Florence, AL, majoring in professional biology with a minor in chemistry. He received his medical doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL. He completed his internal medicine residency and fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. Dr. Taylor is focused on the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and blood disorders.



**Laura Downes, MD**

Radiation Oncologist

Dr. Laura Downes completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Dallas in Irving, TX graduating cum laude. She attended the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and completed an internship in internal medicine at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. Downes also underwent residency training at the University of Kentucky in the specialty of radiation oncology. She is currently board eligible. She is focused on the treatment and diagnosis of cancer through radiation therapies.



**Ashley Henegar, PA-C**

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**Allison Christian, PA-C**

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# Community Message from Laura Downes, MD

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What a wonderful year 2022 has been for Central Kentucky Cancer Care. Full of growth, tremendous outreach efforts, and successful endeavors, both the Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology divisions have enjoyed a very eventful and successful year. This was all made possible because of a combination of great leadership and a cohesive, talented support staff.

At Georgetown Community Hospital, we enjoyed the grand opening of our brand new Radiation Medicine Center in September. The community welcomed this new service line with open arms, and already we have successfully treated several dozen patients. The patients are able to experience comprehensive cancer care including the availability of social work at time of consult, weekly dietician counseling while under treatments, and streamlined access to other hospital amenities including physical therapy, genetics counseling, financial counseling, and radiology. Our chief therapist Samantha Loori is currently heading up our next project to gain ACR accreditation for the radiation center in the near future.

At Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester, KY, Dr. Kent Taylor and his team continue to thrive. Acting as the primary medical oncologist for both the Winchester and Georgetown market, Dr. Taylor and his two highly competent physician's assistants Ashley Henegar and Allison Christian are able to counsel and provide care for patients with solid and hematologic malignancies.

Additionally, our cancer network has officially received a "stamp of approval" to recognize the excellent care provided to patients by our entire oncology team. Erin Collins-Buchanan, our Oncology Services director, has worked very hard to gain our service lines Commission on Cancer official accreditation. What this means is that our high quality cancer care is now being recognized on a national level. This honor is very well deserved by our team and we are so proud to provide the highest caliber of cancer care in our hometowns.

One attribute that I have been very impressed with across our cancer network is our seamless communication. Between our weekly market oncology care conferences, bi-weekly tumor boards, involved and proactive nurse coordinators, and open communication between all providers, it's clear to me why our patients are able to receive such stellar care. Working as a team is what we do best.

As we move into 2023, we are excited to maintain the quality and excellent care we are currently providing and to slowly expand our services to become more accessible to all the patients in our region. On behalf of Central Kentucky Cancer Care at Georgetown Community Hospital and Clark Regional Medical Center, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



# Quality Driven Multidisciplinary Cancer Care with OncoLens

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OncoLens is a multidisciplinary cancer care platform that has recently become the power behind tumor boards, case planning, team integration, clinical trial referrals, and quality assessments at Clark Regional and Georgetown Hospitals. Cancer centers now have a complete solution that tracks multidisciplinary team performance regardless of EMRs, geographies, and practice boundaries. Designed with Commission on Cancer accreditations in mind, OncoLens users have seen up to a 90% increase in multidisciplinary cancer care teams' efficiency and coordination and a 33% increase in the number of cases discussed per session.

OncoLens was created to realize the cancer care that we all envision—where providers across the network can access unique therapies, quality of care is consistent regardless of location, and communication, tracking, and reporting are simplified. Our cancer programs can now use OncoLens to perform in-depth analyses that determine if the diagnosis and initial treatment correspond with evidence-based national treatment guidelines.

Georgetown began using OncoLens in April 2022 and Clark Regional a month later in May. While undergoing CoC survey in October, we were able to provide surveyors with reports outlining a picture of both facilities and their tumor board activities.

For more information, you can visit [www.oncolens.com](http://www.oncolens.com).





# Breast Program

The Breast Program at Lifepoint Health Central Kentucky is intended to educate and promote breast health in the community. The program is designed to help patients that are diagnosed with breast cancer to navigate through their cancer journey.



Within the Breast Program, there is the Breast Care Nurse Navigator. The Breast Care Nurse Navigator is available to patients from diagnosis to survivorship. The nurse navigator is an experienced oncology nurse that is informed on the type of care patients are receiving and is part of a patient's support system. The nurse navigator is a resource to provide education materials when requested by the patient. The nurse navigator can assist patients with barriers such as health literacy, financial concerns, and transportation. For example, if transportation is a barrier, gas cards can be offered to patients, or the nurse navigator can work with community resources to schedule transportation. If a patient should have a positive biopsy, by working with our Oncology Social Workers and Oncology Financial Counselors, the process can be started early by researching assistance programs the patient may qualify for. The nurse navigator works closely with Central Scheduling and clinic staff to ensure imaging, appointments, and consultations are scheduled timely to reduce delays in starting treatment.

One goal of the program is to coordinate all patient care with clinic staff, so patients are only receiving one call and do not become overwhelmed. Another goal is to work closely with clinics at the time of diagnosis to start addressing any barriers a patient may have.

## DID YOU KNOW

Women in the US have a 1 in 8 lifetime risk of getting breast cancer. A mammogram is a state-of-the-art digital screening of the breasts that is recommended to women age 40 and older. It is a non-invasive routine test that may be completed in as little as 20 minutes. When found early, the chances for successful treatment are greatest.



# Mamms Night Out

Fall 2022

Georgetown Community Hospital and Clark Regional Medical Center 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 while also utilizing social media.

Through collaboration with the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network, all costs not covered by insurance were paid through our affiliation's screening program. At the events, all attendees received a free t-shirt, cookies, a boxed dinner, refreshments, and a gift.

Everyone from the radiology and oncology departments 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.

In years past this event has taken place for one night at each facility. This year the response was great, and we were able to host this event for three nights at each facility. We screened 77 patients. 19 of these patients did not have any insurance coverage.



# Oncology Nurse Navigators

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The goal of oncology nurse navigation (ONN) is to identify and remove barriers to timely and appropriate cancer care. Our cancer center's ONNs help guide patients through their cancer care from diagnosis through survivorship. We currently have three ONNs on staff: breast/prostate, colorectal/GI, and lung.

ONNs have oncology-specific clinical knowledge to offer individualized assistance to patients, families, and caregivers.

## They provide the following benefits:

- Provide ONE contact for patients for all their medical needs
- Help guide patients through their cancer journey
- Provide education and answer questions
- Intervene when needed (such as medication refills, referrals, coordinating appointments, etc.)

## Benefits of an ONN:

- Shorter time to start treatment
- Ability to adhere to recommended care
- Improved quality of life



# Oncology Pharmacist

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With our ever-growing program, and to ensure patient safety, we had a great need for a dedicated oncology pharmacist. The growth of the program as a whole and the patient population growing, orders and the fulfillment of those orders were getting more difficult to manage. We met with administration and voiced the concerns and was granted the permission to post a position for a market oncology pharmacist.

# Oncology Financial Counselors

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The Oncology Financial Counselors collect payments, set up payment arrangements as appropriate, create estimates and advise patients in person and over the phone on their insurance benefits and coverage. They work closely with providers, nurse navigators and oncology social workers to remove barriers to cancer care.



## Welcome Anne Durnil

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We interviewed a few candidates and offered the position to Anne Durnil to which she accepted and we are happy to announce she will be joining our team. Our hope for this position is the chemotherapy ordering process can be streamlined for both campuses thus leading to a safer process for the patients and staff.

She will be stationed in the clinical areas with the nurses and caregivers so she can be a resource to both medical staff and patients and their families. She will also do teaching for the new chemos which will help the clinic nurses.

# Survivorship Program

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The goal of our survivorship program is to maintain and enhance wellness in cancer survivors, including those who are enduring ongoing treatment, those who have completed cancer treatment and those in clinical remission.

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## **Our cancer center's survivorship program promoted wellness in 2022 by participating in the following activities:**

1. Connecting cancer patients to a PCP. Having a relationship with a PCP keeps you healthier and lowers medical costs.
  - Patients without a PCP were referred to one to establish care.
2. We kicked off our Stronger than Cancer program in August 2021. Once a month we invite all “survivors” to attend an hour-long session of walking where we also provide information for a healthier lifestyle. Information for 2022 included:
  - Nutrition for the Person with Cancer and Nutrition for the Person with Cancer During Chemotherapy
  - Exercises for People with Mobility Issues
  - How to start a walking program in which we gave pedometers to patients so they can track their steps and slowly increase physical activity while setting step goals
  - What Cancer Patients, Survivors, and Caregivers Should Know About Flu where we also gave out hand sanitizer
  - Physical Activity and the Person with Cancer where we gave out sweat towels
  - Home Exercise Program with yoga stretches and information on “Moving Through Cancer: Exercise and Survival”
3. To honor our survivors, we held our annual survivor dinner where we had a photo booth, food, gifts, door prizes, and more. We even had a “survivor” guest speaker.



# Cancer Survivor Dinners

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Clark Regional Medical Center, June 3, 2022

Cardome's Black Barn, Georgetown, KY, September 16, 2022

For the first time since the pandemic, we were able to gather in person for cancer survivor dinners at both Clark and Georgetown. Clark's dinner was held on June 3, 2022 immediately before the Superhero 5K.

We had 10 survivors attend along with their guests which made a total of 45 not including the volunteers. Our guest speaker was a patient that had just completed her chemo. She had wonderful things to say about the care she received without having to drive into Lexington. She loved the hometown atmosphere where she was known by name and didn't feel like a number.

Georgetown was host to the cancer survivor dinner on September 16, 2022 at Cardome's Black Barn. We had 29 survivors attend with 29 guests. Our guest speaker was a survivor who was currently undergoing treatment for her cancer. She also had great things to say about the ability to be treated close to home. She also was appreciative of how she was made to feel while here in our cancer center. She felt like family and not a number.



# Community Events





# REAL PATIENTS

For our patients, seeking quality care at Central Kentucky Cancer Care is a life-changing experience. We offer the care patients need today, close to home.

To learn more about our oncology services from real patients, in the real stories below, visit our YouTube page using the QR code



*“... these people care, they are like family ...”*

## Marireed’s Story

Harrison County school bus driver, Marireed, was diagnosed in 2019 with stage III colon cancer. She counted on the dedicated team at Georgetown to manage her care and provide resources and services throughout her journey.

## Andy’s Story

After diagnosis of an acute gallbladder attack discovered a rare form of cancer, Andy sought treatment at Georgetown because of the staff’s ability to anticipate his needs, their optimistic attitudes, and comprehensive care options.



*“... the only reason I’m sitting here is because they changed my life...”*

# REAL STORIES



*“... they guided me through the whole journey, every step of the way ...”*

## **Nicole’s Story**

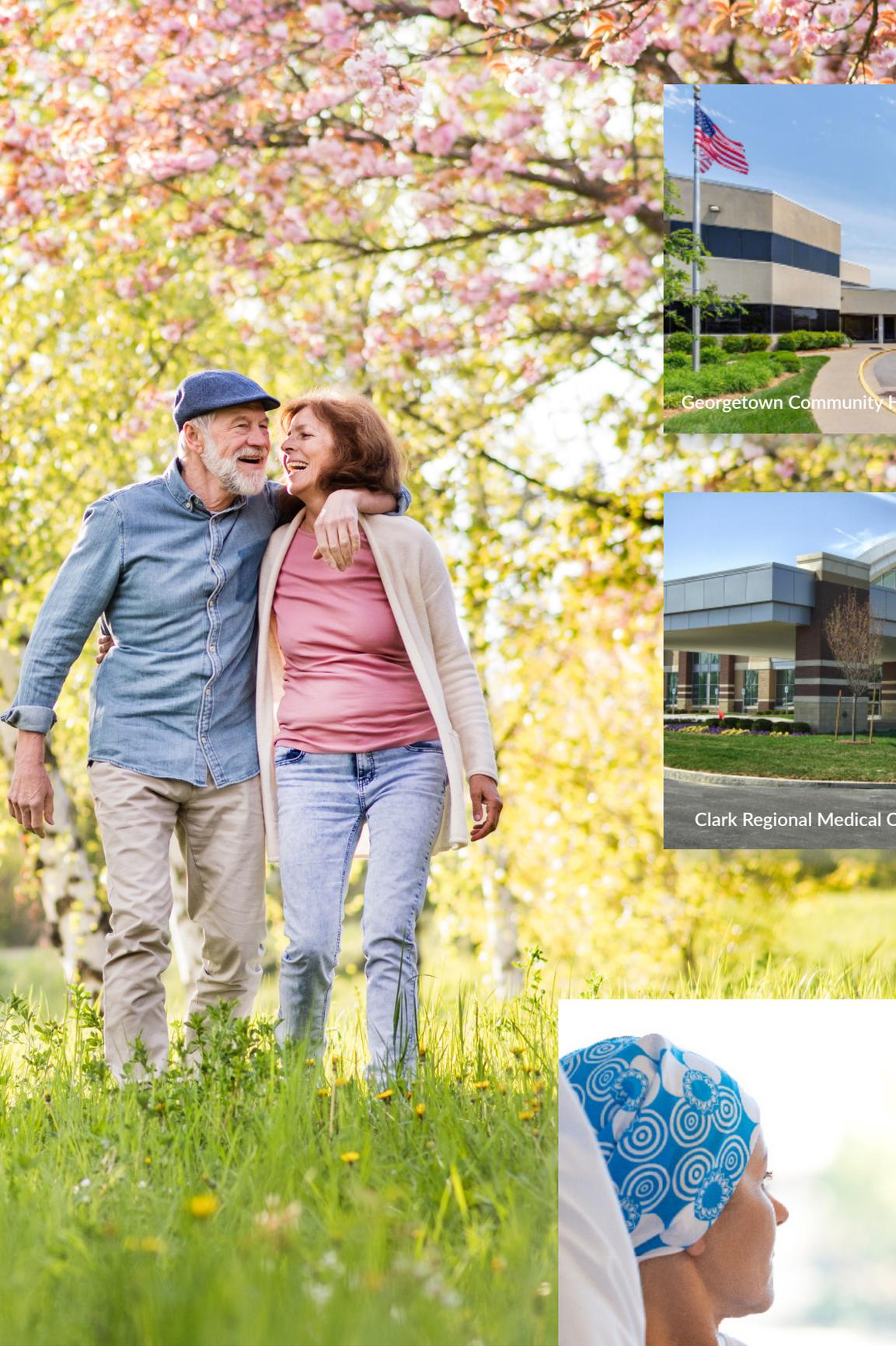
Nicole was nervous about undergoing chemotherapy treatment after a breast cancer diagnosis. She depended on the team at Clark Regional to manage her fears, guide her through each step of the treatment process, and provide comforting, quality care.

## **Dawn’s Story**

Dawn noticed a lump a year after her annual mammogram and relied on the care and treatment team at Clark Regional for surgery and chemotherapy. She received an individualized treatment plan in a family-focused atmosphere dedicated to going above and beyond for all patients.

*“... there is hope, they are encouraging you the entire time ...”*





## QUESTIONS?

Please call us. Your questions, comments and suggestions help us continually improve the quality of our care.

Simply use the contact information below, based on your need, to call during normal business hours.

## REFERRALS

Patient records for referral can be faxed to:

### Radiation Oncology

Georgetown 502.603.0925

### Hematology and Oncology

Georgetown 502.868.5612

Winchester 859.737.6669

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## SERVICE LOCATIONS



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**Radiation Oncology** services are currently only available at our Georgetown location.



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