

### **With Knowledge Comes Understanding**

Much of what can be learned about cancer can be obtained by gathering and recording information about patients with cancer. The NorthShore University HealthSystem Cancer Registry compiles statistical data regarding patients seen or treated with cancer as well as certain benign tumors. This data is used for research, education and continuity of patient care.

### **What Is Done with the Data Collected?**

As mandated by the federal government, all data collected by the Cancer Registry are forwarded to Illinois State Cancer Registry, the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer and the American Cancer Society for use in cancer research. No names or identifying information is released to the public. All records are confidential.

### **Education**

Statistical reports of registry data enable physicians who treat cancer patients to evaluate the success of specific cancer treatments, survival rates and outcome analysis.

### **Lifetime Patient Follow-Up**

The Cancer Registry serves as an automatic reminder to physicians and patients to schedule regular physical examinations, thus ensuring continued medical supervision of patients who have had a diagnosis of cancer.

### **Research**

The data collected and maintained in the Cancer Registry serves as a valuable resource for researchers interested in the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Fundamental research on the epidemiology of cancer is initiated using the accumulated data.

### **Information Collected**

The goal of the Cancer Registry is to collect the following information:

- Stage/cancer type/pathology
- Medical history and demographic information
- Results of diagnostic procedures
- Background information on the diagnosis
- Treatment history
- Current status of condition and progress
- Physicians' names

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### **Is a Cancer Registry Confidential?**

In all circumstances, confidentiality of patient-identifying information and related medical data is strictly maintained. Only aggregated data is analyzed and published. The individual patient is never identified outside of the Cancer Registry.

### **We Care**

We care about your progress. And we care about your future and the future of your children. Through the collection of this information and our annual follow-up, we can best learn how to fight this disease.

### **How Can You Help?**

If you change attending physicians, move, change your phone number or change your name, we would like to hear from you. If your status changes, please contact the Cancer Registrar at (847) 570-2126 or mail the change to the Cancer Registry Department, Burch 101, Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.