Improving Outcomes with Personalized, Patient-Centered Care
NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) Kellogg Cancer Center (Kellogg) brings together the highest level of clinical care, patient and family support, medical education and vital translational research. Our patients benefit from individualized treatment plans based on the most sophisticated genomic and tumor analysis available.

Our integrated team of expert physicians, nurses and other specially trained clinicians work collaboratively to ensure that patients receive the most compassionate, evidence-based care. A broad array of clinical trials provide access to the latest innovative therapies, and an ongoing investment in technology keeps Kellogg at the forefront of advances in early detection and advanced treatment.

As the NorthShore system grows, we look forward to collaboration and integration of cancer care at Swedish, Northwest Community and Edward-Elmhurst Hospitals and expanded community partnerships to benefit our patients. The Kellogg Cancer Genomic Initiative (KCGI) continues to grow and provide more information about genetic markers and gene mutations that can profoundly impact treatment plans and improve outcomes for our patients. The KCGI truly differentiates NorthShore from other area providers, and we are proud to be setting new standards of care for cancer patients.

Our academic affiliation with the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine not only helps train the next generation of physician leaders, but also allows our patients to continue to benefit from our shared clinical and research initiatives and collective expertise.

NorthShore is certified by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI) as a premier medical provider for practicing the highest standards of quality cancer care. The Commission on Cancer has continuously accredited NorthShore as an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program since 1981. From its earliest days, the Kellogg Cancer Center has been the recipient of generous charitable support. Philanthropy is central to our success as donors have elevated every aspect of the program and allowed us to do more for patients. Philanthropy backs groundbreaking research initiatives and clinical trials and allows us to move quickly, bringing the latest findings from the lab to the bedside, harnessing the power of novel treatments for patients without delay, and providing a deep array of supportive services to our patients to further personalize our care.

We remain humbled, particularly by grateful patients and family members who support the Kellogg Cancer Center with generous donations. We are so very thankful to each and every donor who makes our continued efforts to provide life-changing cancer care possible.

We are pleased to present this report, which highlights some of the important progress and developments of the past year, and we thank you for your interest in our mission to provide transformative cancer care.

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Immunotherapy—Driving Major Advances in Treatment

Just a few years ago, only 20% of cancers were treatable by immunotherapy. Today, however, immunotherapy plays a role in nearly 40% of cancer treatments. NorthShore remains ahead of the curve in offering these pioneering therapies that harness the body’s own immune system to identify and eradicate cancer cells.

Beginning with clinical trials and compassionate use of commercially available drugs, our clinicians have worked together to share expertise and minimize side effects while imparting long-term benefits for a growing number of patients.

New programs, like our CAR T-cell therapy, will help pave the way for other treatments including the first-ever treatment for ocular melanoma—an immunotherapy drug that has a similar side effect profile to CAR T-cell therapy. NorthShore is also advancing the use of oncolytic viral injectable immunotherapy for subcutaneous and other melanomas. Thoracic surgeon Seth Krantz, MD, and oncologist Tom Hensing, MD, have been recognized for their work devoted to predictive modeling and related benefits of immunotherapy for lung cancer patients. Dr. Hensing leads a team partnering with West Virginia University and Case Western Reserve University in a groundbreaking study. Kellogg Cancer Center continues to lead and participate in numerous immunotherapy clinical trials.

CAR T-Cell Program for Lymphoma Patients

Led by hematologist David Grinblatt, MD, our recently certified program offering CAR T-cell treatment for lymphoma patients is one of the first non-university-based programs in the state. The promising FDA-approved therapy is the best new option for patients with relapsed or refractory lymphoma. CAR T-cell therapy involves chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) genetically modified T cells that are designed to recognize specific antigens on tumor cells, which then activate and proliferate to destroy malignant cells. The patient’s own immune cells are collected by a process similar to dialysis, engineered to fight the lymphoma cells and then given back to the patient. “This is an important move forward for patients whose disease was not responsive to other treatments,” said Dr. Grinblatt.

Immunotherapy Total Number of Patients and Doses

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To date, 164 patients have been enrolled in KCGI. "KCGI really leverages the strengths of NorthShore’s molecular pathology and bioinformatics teams," said Sereika, "and the success of the study is the result of the tremendous teamwork of so many different departments." "As an organization we want to do everything we can. We want to really stretch for each patient in our care," she said, "and more with genomic information. "As of now, I’m just trying to stay as positive as I can," said Gresham. Dr. Brockstein is one of the best doctors I’ve ever had, and I know Dr. Hogg is a rock star. The care they’ve shown me is so important." "It’s so gratifying to help patients like Chantay with the collaborative team involved in the KCGI and her care," said Dr. Brockstein. "Having molecular testing available for a cancer that’s so rare, like hers, is a huge benefit to our patients." Dr. Brockstein is cautiously optimistic that the tumor will continue to shrink enough on the medication and can be removed surgically. Gresham will have another CT scan and meet with Dr. Hogg to talk about next steps. "At one point, I didn’t even have a future to contemplate," said Gresham, "and now I’m just looking forward to living my life." Cancer is the result of mistakes in DNA, telling the cell to grow and act in an uncontrolled way. Most normal cells turn over, meaning there is some amount of both cell division and cell death. When a cell dies, it releases DNA outside the cell and thus the DNA can be detected in blood. Some drugs exist that target specific DNA “mistakes,” and advanced testing helps identify the biomarker-specific therapy. NorthShore’s expert Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Department performs the advanced tests in-house, allowing for faster turnaround times and better communication between the lab team and clinicians on complex cases. The laboratory team is exploring development of new cell-free DNA testing for Kellogg Cancer Center patients to continue to enhance personalized therapy.
Pharmacogenomic Testing Supports Individualized Care

NorthShore’s comprehensive pharmacogenomics program continues to grow and now includes testing panels that offer guidance for nine chemotherapy medications and more than 40 medications used in supportive care. KCGI patients receive pharmacogenomic testing in addition to targeted molecular testing of their tumor samples. Beyond guidance on nausea and pain management, pharmacogenomics can provide significant value to cancer patients by assisting with therapeutic selection of psychiatry medications, including antidepressants.

A recent pilot program led by Senior Clinical Specialist Dyson Wake, PharmD, incorporated pharmacogenomics testing in initial laboratory orders for new oncology patients treated with one of three specific chemotherapy drugs. During the two-month pilot involving select oncologists, patients with potential sensitivity to their planned chemotherapy regimens were identified, and discussion is now underway to expand the program.

The pharmacogenomics team’s knowledge base and expertise provide vital clinical support. In the past year, the team published four articles, an abstract and had three posters accepted and graduated its inaugural resident. The resident is a key team member who helped investigate potentially targetable variants and presented patients at regular tumor board meetings.

Bioinformatics and Molecular Pathology Revolutionizing Treatment

As next-generation DNA sequencing (NGS) has quite literally revolutionized medicine with widespread testing for genomic anomalies and polymorphisms, the need for managing large amounts of data and interpreting results has created new challenges and opportunities. Flype is a web-based bioinformatics platform developed at NorthShore that incorporates the data from NGS into workflows, making it usable for clinicians. NorthShore’s Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology team led by Director Larry Helseth, PhD, helps the molecular pathology team interpret DNA sequence results and then creates reports that are sent for oncologists’ review.

“We use Flype to help organize patient results and interpretations for molecular tumor boards where advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, oncologists, pathologists and bioinformaticians meet virtually to review each patient’s case and see how best to tailor their treatment to the molecular markers identified in their tumors,” said Dr. Helseth. “The days of treating cancer based on the origin of the tumor are long gone.”

Flype is also used to help integrate molecular test results from NorthShore and external facilities and match that data to patient outcomes to gain insight into treating future patients with specific molecular markers.

Addressing Health Disparities

Improving health equity for our patients and the communities we serve is an ongoing commitment for NorthShore and the focus of collaborative teamwork. After identifying a breast cancer screening disparity using a Lens of Equity tool developed by our analytics team, the Breast Health Center, Patient Care Center, analytics and Health Equity Impact Team (HEIT) worked together to drive improvement in screening rates.

Low screening rates for non-white and lower-income patients increased their risk for a delayed breast cancer diagnosis. The team worked to streamline mammography services and improve access for vulnerable populations. Frontline team members called close to 1,000 patients and helped schedule nearly 200 additional screenings to date.

The HEIT brought on a dedicated health equity community liaison to perform continued outreach and help patients navigate breast cancer screenings. We continue to work to close the health equity gap for breast cancer screening.

Closing the Health Equity Gap in Breast Cancer Screening

Prostate cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer, and studies show that inherited factors account for 57% of the risk for developing prostate cancer. Black men have a substantially higher incidence of prostate cancer and higher related death rates than the general population. A genomics program led by Brian Helfand, MD, PhD, the Ronald L. Chez Family and Richard Melman Community Leader, works to identify protocols and interventions that promote the inclusion of diverse populations.

“Genomics research is shaping the future of prostate cancer and medicine at large,” stated Dr. Helfand. “To improve health equity and benefit society, it’s important that the diversity of patients taking advantage of clinical genomics is reflected in our clinic strategies.”

Using Genomics to Target High Rates of Prostate Cancer in Black Men

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Subspecialty Expertise Attacks Rare Cancer

Bile duct cancers—also called cholangiocarcinomas—are rare, affecting fewer than six people in 100,000 according to the National Cancer Institute. When 75-year-old Gerald Gray, DDS, was diagnosed in early 2022, he quickly appreciated the benefits of a sub-specialty group at the Kellogg Cancer Center who successfully treated his cholangiocarcinoma.

Symptoms that initially mimicked gallbladder trouble began Dr. Gray’s “whirlwind” of a cancer journey. General surgeon John Linn, MD, ordered a special MRI—called a magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography—to provide detailed images of the hepatobiliary and pancreatic systems. Dr. Gray was admitted the same day and referred to expert oncology surgeon Melissa Hogg, MD, who reviewed his images while she was out of town to confirm the diagnosis.

He then had an endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) with gastroenterologist Shailesh Bajaj, MD, who specializes in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and pancreatobiliary disease, before having surgery with Dr. Hogg, who removed the tumor, bile duct, gallbladder and area lymph nodes.

“I was scheduled for a doctor’s office visit, and within two days I had the visit, consult, an MRI, an ERCP, advanced stage placement and an appointment to see a surgeon two days after discharge,” said Dr. Gray. “The NorthShore system worked seamlessly, and I had five-star treatment all the way around.”

A retired endodontist, Dr. Gray and his wife, who is a retired surgical nurse, both have a medical background and were more than impressed with the expert and compassionate care he received. Following his surgery, Dr. Gray had a consult for a second opinion at Mayo Clinic and was told he was fortunate to have an oncology surgeon with the advanced skills of Dr. Hogg.

Following surgery, Dr. Gray began treatment with oncologist Robert Marsh, MD, who recommended both chemotherapy and radiation, the best protocol for beating the rare cancer.

“I feel fortunate to have Dr. Marsh in charge of my care—five stars again,” said Dr. Gray, who also had high praise for radiation oncologist Arif Shaikh, MD. “All of these physicians, the speed with which care has been provided, the professional care and expertise given to me have saved my life,” added Dr. Gray.

“He’s done very well with the treatment, and all indicators are quite positive now,” said Dr. Marsh, who will continue to closely monitor Dr. Gray with scars and bloodwork for the next few years. While he initially had some serious side effects with the chemotherapy, Dr. Gray said Dr. Marsh and his team managed them quickly, adjusting doses and offering therapeutic options. Dr. Gray’s last scan in October was clear.

“It truly is a team effort across so many disciplines to get patients like this through a complex regimen,” said Dr. Marsh.

Dr. Gray considers himself blessed with the expertise given to me have saved my life, “He is grateful to the entire Kellogg Cancer team of nurses, Advanced Practice Providers and more. “They save lives. That’s what they do,” said Dr. Gray. “I’m living a very blessed life.”

Expanding Services for Swedish Hospital Patients

More subspecialty expertise is now available for patients at Swedish Hospital with additional surgeons and medical oncologists joining the team and others adding clinic hours at the NorthShore campus in the city.

In addition to the growing roster of subspecialty physicians providing care, more robust support services are also part of the Swedish Hospital cancer team. Patients have access to a specially trained dietitian, social worker, psychologist and patient financial advocate for practical and emotional support and services throughout their cancer journey.

Patient assistance grants continue to support the integrated cancer care program with fundamental fitness and complementary treatments offered through the Galler LifeCenter.

A new Scheduling Coordinator program modeled after the Kellogg Cancer Center program provides an additional point person to help patients better navigate what can feel like an overwhelming number of appointments and next steps.

“As a physician, it’s gratifying to be better able to serve our patients with a fully staffed team of nurses and social work and other services that are so valuable,” said Swedish Hospital Cancer Center Medical Director Jeffrey Gilley, MD.

Plans to expand/renovate the physical space at Swedish Hospital will allow the cancer center to continue to grow with room for more subspecialists and more capacity to care for an increasing number of cancer patients in the community.

Helping More Patients Quit Smoking

The Kellogg Cancer Center continues to expand its longstanding efforts to help patients quit smoking. Studies show that it is never too late to quit smoking to gain potential health benefits.

NorthShore now has more trained specialists with more dedicated time to see patients, especially those with a new cancer diagnosis. Kellogg is also participating in the Commission on Cancer “Just Ask” program, a national quality improvement project and clinical study. The initiative is designed to improve upon current smoking assessments by leveraging existing resources. Every new cancer patient is asked about their smoking history. An automatic referral for an appointment with a tobacco cessation specialist is built into the electronic health record (EHR) for current smokers. Continued smoking/tobacco use after a cancer diagnosis decreases survival, reduces treatment efficacy and increases the risk of recurrence.

Dr. Seth Krantz Honored with CoC Outstanding Performance Award

Thoracic Surgeon Seth Krantz, MD, was recognized by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) with one of its Cancer Liaison Physician (CLP) Outstanding Performance Awards. Ten CLP winners were chosen from more than 80 submissions, recognizing their hard work and dedication to improving the quality of care for cancer patients.

Among Dr. Krantz’s many contributions noted in his nomination are his tireless efforts for the Kellogg Cancer Center’s smoking cessation program. Dr. Krantz’s leadership helped expand services through training additional tobacco treatment specialists at Mayo Clinic and establishing automatic referrals within the EHR for any new cancer patients identified as a smoker.

“He reminds patients that it’s never too late to quit and that it often takes multiple attempts to quit for good. Dr. Krantz is a tried and true trailblazer for improvement,” said his nomination.

“It’s an honor to work with Dr. Krantz and to see his commitment to quality, safety, improvement, the most interest of our patients and program,” said Cancer Committee Nurse Coordinator Jamie Feld.
Personalized, Genetics-Based Prostate Cancer Care

A pioneering collaboration between NorthShore’s Program for Personalized Cancer Care (PPCC) and Johns Hopkins University Department of Urology has the potential to transform prostate cancer care. Five new clinical studies will focus on hereditary risk, screening, biopsy and treatment by collecting and analyzing both germline and somatic DNA genetic data from several thousand prostate cancer patients. The prostate cancer team led by Brian Helfand, MD, PhD, and Jianfeng Xu, DrPH, Elliot-Schweighauser Family Chair of Cancer Genomic Research, has been supported by generous philanthropy as it works to further personalize prostate cancer screening and treatment strategies.

Advancing Surgical Innovation

Accomplished oncoplastic breast surgeon Katherine Kopkash, MD, is a principal investigator in the first U.S. clinical trial of robotic assisted nipple-sparing mastectomies for women who are at high risk of developing breast cancer. NorthShore is the only Illinois site for this landmark study using the robotic approach, which allows the entire operation to be performed through a 3.5 cm incision in the armpit. The procedure leaves patients with minimal scarring, the likelihood of more sensation and an easier recovery. “I’m excited to lead this trial that will provide surgeons with evidence-based data to support the expansion of this innovative new procedure,” said Dr. Kopkash.

Novel Pancreatic Cancer Screening

NorthShore is a regional leader in pancreas research, and our clinical pancreatic database is one of the largest in the country. A collaborative study with the University of Chicago focused on using novel genetic risk factors to identify subjects at high risk of developing pancreatic cancer and demonstrated the importance of genetic tools for screening. A new study in development will offer genetic testing for monogenic diseases and genetic risk scores for pancreatic cancer patients. First-degree relatives of patients identified as carriers will be offered genetic testing and consultation. This will be the first genetics-based pancreatic screening study in the country. The new study will be led by Mark Talamonti, MD, the Stanton and Margaret Rogers Palmer Chair of Surgery, and Jianfeng Xu, DrPH.

Improving Outcomes and Quality of Life

Philanthropic support is helping Katharine Yao, MD, Vice Chair for Research, Department of Surgery, lead innovative studies designed to help improve outcomes and quality of life for patients. Educational mindfulness video modules targeting newly diagnosed patients, those undergoing treatment and survivors were developed as part of a novel mindfulness study. Patient responses and coping skills are now being documented and assessed after watching the videos. Other studies are designed to support a proven, data-backed risk assessment score that would be given to all women undergoing screening mammography as part of a strategy to help prevent breast cancer. And a third initiative is looking at universal genetic testing for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients—specifically, how surgeons and clinicians collectively see the value in genetic testing.

“Supporting breast cancer research and women who face a devastating diagnosis, or carry genes that could become cancer, has been near and dear to my heart for years,” said Mary Dillon, President and CEO of Foot Locker, Inc., who is supporting Dr. Yao’s research. “I’ve had a longstanding relationship with Dr. Yao. Her knowledge, passion and understanding of what it takes to prevent cancer and ensure the best possible outcomes are unmatched. These studies will move the needle toward more comprehensive screening, early detection and improving overall outcomes. The work she’s doing is imperative in this age of genetics and mindfulness.”

Quick Diagnosis and Urgent Delivery

Save Mom and Baby

Ashley Conley was 32 weeks pregnant when she started bruising all over and experiencing nose bleeds. At first, she assumed it was due to low iron in pregnancy, but then her gums began to bleed and Conley and her husband decided her unusual symptoms should be evaluated. The 39-year-old mom had blood drawn on a Sunday and received a call before 6:30 a.m. the next day urging her to get to NorthShore Evanston Hospital immediately. Within minutes of her arrival, hematologist Amy Wang, MD, MPH, shared the devastating news that Conley had acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) and that her baby would have to be delivered as soon as possible.

“Hours matter at this point,” Conley was told. A comprehensive team of oncologists, maternal-fetal medicine experts and critical care specialists began meticulously planning the complex treatment and safe delivery of her baby. Conley’s life-threatening condition put her at risk of severe bleeding and clotting complications while giving birth.

“The good news with APL is that it’s highly curable, so we get patients over the hump in the first month or two when mortality is highest,” said Dr. Wang. “It was fortunate she was at 33 weeks and the obstetrics team was comfortable with the early delivery.”

Conley was fortunate to have the hematologist expertise to recognize the rare condition and the multidisciplinary, collaborative team that helped her deliver a healthy baby and fight the cancer. Conley was given her first round of ATRA (all-trans retinoic acid), an oral medication to treat APL, while still pregnant, as it is known to be safe for the baby. With her platelet levels dropping precipitously, Conley was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit, which was deemed the safest place for her to be induced and deliver her baby. A team of close to 30 clinicians—physicians, nurses, anesthesiologists and blood bank support—came together to manage her care and labor, and baby Harlow Rose was born on Feb. 9, 2022.

Within an hour of giving birth, Conley was given her first intravenous chemotherapy treatment.

“She’s really a tough person. She kept such a level head about everything going on,” said Dr. Wang. “I think she was in shock, but she trusted us. She was so strong and knew she had to be for her family.”

Conley was hospitalized for a month to continue receiving chemotherapy that thankfully put her leukemia in remission. She completed several more months of outpatient treatment under Dr. Wang’s direction to keep the APL in remission long enough to be cured. While it was an arduous journey, Conley is grateful for the exceptional care she received.

“Harlow is healthy and my boys love having a little sister,” said Conley. “I am so thankful for everything.”
Comprehensive Support Services

Thanks in part to our many generous donors, the Kellogg Cancer Center is able to provide patient- and family-centered care. In addition to an ongoing focus on prevention, early detection and advanced treatment options for cancer, we are also committed to offering patients and families a full range of resources to help navigate and manage their cancer journey.

From emotional and spiritual support to special nutritional guidance, integrative medicine services, and assistance with practical needs like transportation or financial aid, the extended Kellogg Cancer Center team delivers comprehensive, compassionate support.

Expanded Psychosocial Care

Generous funding from Carol Levy in memory of her husband Joseph enabled psychologist Elizabeth Kacel, PhD, to join the Kellogg Cancer Center team in late 2021. In her first year, Dr. Kacel completed nearly 800 patient visits, including new patient consultations and psychotherapy sessions. Treatment sessions focus on the use of evidence-based psychological approaches to improve cancer distress and optimize patients’ quality of life during and beyond cancer.

“I am deeply moved by the caring and collaborative nature of the Kellogg Cancer Center team,” said Dr. Kacel. “Every day is fast-paced and intense, yet slow and meaningful in how the team provides whole-person care. There’s as much laughter as there are tears.”

Providing expert psychological care from within the Kellogg Cancer Center offers many benefits for patients. The location is familiar, the stigma of mental health care is reduced and the role of psychological treatment during cancer is normalized.

Managing Fear of Recurrence and Progression

In collaboration with the Myra Rubenstein Weis (MRW) Living in the Future (LIFE) Cancer Survivorship Program led by Carol Rosenberg, MD, and Clinical Coordinator Anisha Patel APM, Dr. Elizabeth Kacel facilitated a new three-part “Evening of Survivorship” virtual summer lecture series. Fear of cancer recurrence or progression is one of the most common psychological concerns reported by patients diagnosed with all types and stages of cancer.

The series was designed to offer patients practical strategies for managing this specific concern in cancer survivorship. The series also featured contributions from the Kellogg team of oncology social workers. More than 200 participants—including patients, family members and healthcare providers—participated in the new series, which received exceptionally positive feedback.

Vital Community Partnerships

Kellogg Cancer Center values its important partnerships and collaborations with community organizations dedicated to improving lives for cancer patients.

A long-standing partnership with the Cancer Wellness Center is a symbiotic relationship that helps provide cancer patients with additional psychosocial support and resources, as well as education on a variety of essential cancer-related topics.

The Cancer Wellness Center offers a range of services including educational programs, wellness classes, and support services in English and Spanish. Clinical services include individual, family and child counseling as well as support groups for men, women, young adults and anyone bereaved. Experts from NorthShore are tapped to speak at educational programs.

“The Center is a trusted source for evidence-based information to cancer patients and their loved ones,” said Cancer Wellness Center Program Director Savina Chacheva. “The services are important as they allow patients to receive individualized support, reduce feelings of stress and improve overall wellbeing.”

The American Cancer Society (ACS) supports many different programs benefiting cancer patients throughout the Chicago and northwest suburban region, including providing vital grants for transportation to and from facilities like Kellogg Cancer Center to address one of the key social determinants of health.

The ACS also partners with NorthShore in outreach and educational events, including a series of Facebook live events for Spanish speakers with NorthShore physicians like Carolina Soto Chervin, MD. “Seeing a physician speaking Spanish builds important trust for many patients,” said ACS Cancer Support Strategic Partnerships Manager Aubree Thelen. “We’re happy to partner with NorthShore and the boots-on-the-ground team of providers. This has been a really successful, consistent partnership. We share a mutual desire to find new ways to innovate and support patients.”

Hematologist Amy Wang, MD, MPH, earned a NorthShore Auxiliary Research Scholar Award for her work aimed at improving the quality of life for adolescents and young adults (AYA) with blood cancers. AYA blood cancer survivors are a vulnerable group experiencing high rates of morbidity and early mortality, and Dr. Wang designed and implemented a study during her fellowship training looking at severe symptoms and late effects of therapy for this population. The study was presented at the 2021 and 2022 American Society of Clinical Oncology meetings.

The Auxiliary grant will support Dr. Wang’s efforts to establish a continuity clinic for high-risk survivors of pediatric and AYA cancers and to further her studies related to neurocognitive outcomes in AYA blood cancer survivors. Work on the continuity clinic will be a collaborative effort with the Kellogg team and Carol Rosenberg, MD, Director of the MRW LIFE Cancer Survivorship Program.

“I am grateful to the Auxiliary for this award, which is helping bring my vision to fruition and serving a vulnerable patient population,” said Dr. Wang, who will use preliminary data from the study to apply for external funding to help design multi-institutional and cooperative group studies.

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Carol Rosenberg, MD
Immediate Past President
Advisory Board, Gilda’s Club, Chicago, 2004–present
Member, Castle Connolly America’s Top Doctors for Cancer. John Wayne Cancer Foundation Grant Award Recipient, Principal Investigator: Yao K

Joseph Raviv, MD
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs; Professor of Surgery

Awards:
- American College of Surgeons Quality and Safety Topic Refinement and Realist
- Board Member, Cancer Wellness Center, NorthShore
- Castle Connolly America’s Top Doctors for Cancer. John Wayne Cancer Foundation Grant Award Recipient, Principal Investigator: Yao K

Mark Sicco, MD, FACS
Program Committee, Breast Subsection, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, 2015–present
- Editorial Board Member and Peer Reviewer, Journal of Surgical Oncology, 2015–present
- Peer Reviewer, Journal of Surgical Research, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 2015–present
- American College of Surgeons Congressional Caucus, 2015–present
- Invited Speaker, "Wise Pattern Skin-Sparing Mastectomy With Pre Pechlost Tissue Expander Reconstruction," San Diego, CA, October 2015

Mark Talanmonti, MD
PanGyn, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Ex-Officio Member, Medical Advisory Committee

- American College of Surgeons Committee on Patient Safety and Improved Quality, High Risk GI Committee
- Editorial Board, Annals of Surgical Oncology, Journal of Surgical Oncology, Section Editor: Hepatobiliary and Pancreas
- Castle Connolly America’s Top Doctors for Cancer (high-giard), 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Katharine Yao, MD
Member, ASCO/SSO Germline Mutation Testing in Breast Cancer Guideline Panel
- American Board of Surgery Certifying Exam, Breast Section, 2015–2018
- Practice Advocacy Committee, American Society of Breast Surgeons
- American College of Radiology, Supplemental Assessment of Surgical, Appropriateness Criteria Breast Imaging Committee
- Preventive Care Committee, American College of Radiology, CancerWorks Group Chair
- COVID-19 Pandemic Breast Cancer Consortium President, Chicago Surgical Society
- Chief, National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers
- Member, Quality Integration Committee, Commission of Cancer
- Co-Chair, Breast Cancer, Commission on Cancer
- Co-Chair, Breast Cancer, Commission on Cancer Executive Committee
- Co-Chair, Multidisciplinary Practice Guideline to Management of Breast Disease. American College of Surgeons Cancer Congress, San Diego, CA, October 22, 2021

Julian Bailey, MD
Chief, Department of Neurosurgery

- Director, Northwestern Neurological Institute
- Expertise: Brain Tumors, Brain Disorders, Neuromuscular Disorders, Spinal Disorders, Epilepsy Surgery, General Neurosurgery
- Member, Clinical Research Organization for Breast Centers

William Bloomer, MD
Chief, Department of Radiation Oncology
- Expertise: Breast Cancer; Prostate Cancer; Lung and Head and Neck Cancer
- Member, Clinical Research Organization for Breast Centers
- Member, Clinical Research Organization for Lung Cancer

John Cinciripini, MD
Expertise: Radiation Oncology
- Locations: EV, HPH, SK

Jeffrey Cilley, MD
Medical Director, Swedish Hospital Cancer Center, President of Medical Staff, Swedish Covenant Hospital
- Expertise: Breast and Malignant Melanoma, Hematology, Medical Oncology
- Locations: EVK, HPH, SK

Allison DeRonde, MD
Expertise: Hematology; Oncology; Gynecologic Oncology; Medical Director: Radiation Oncology for Breast Cancer
- Locations: EVK, HPH, SK

Bruce Brockstein, MD
Medical Director, Radiation Oncology; Medical Director, Kulick Breast Center; Chair of Oncology; Expertise: Head and Neck Cancers; Melanoma; Sarcoma
- Locations: GB, HPK

Elizabeth Burke, MD
Expertise: Oncology, Reconstructive Surgery Including Facial and Breast Reconstruction; Microsurgery, Breast Cancer; Aesthetic Breast and Body Surgery
- Locations: NMB, SW

Nicholas Campbell, MD
Expertise: Lung Cancer; Neurological Institute; Breast and Neck Cancers
- Locations: EVK, HPH, SK

Carolina Soto Cheng, MD
GI Oncology; Expertise: Colorectal Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer
- Locations: HPK, SK

Nisha Desai, MD
Expertise: Adult and Pediatric Dermatology; General Dermatology; Laser and Surgical Treatment of Birthmarks; Hemangiomas
- Locations: GB, HP, SK

Michael Dombrowski, MD
Expertise: Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology; Cancer; Aesthetic Breast and Body Surgery
- Locations: SK, WM

Shannon Ewing, MD
Expertise: Laser Procedures, Dermatology
- Locations: SK, WM

Thomas Farrell, MD
Expertise: Interventional Radiology
- Locations: GB, SK

Claus Fimmell, MD
Expertise: Liver Diseases; Gastrointestinal Diseases; GI Endoscopy; Liver Biopsy
- Locations: EHK, HPK

Thomas Farrell, MD
Expertise: Interventional Radiology
- Locations: GB, SK

Shawn Fintel, MD
Expertise: Interventional Radiology, Gastroenterology
- Locations: SK, WM

Michael Fintel, MD
Expertise: Adult and Pediatric Dermatology; Laser and Surgical Treatment of Birthmarks; Hemangiomas
- Locations: MBK

Jeffrey Cilley, MD
Medical Director, Swedish Hospital Cancer Center, President of Medical Staff, Swedish Covenant Hospital
- Expertise: Breast and Malignant Melanoma, Hematology, Medical Oncology
- Locations: EVK, HPH, SK

Alla Gimelfarb, MD
GI Endoscopy; Liver Biopsy; Commission on Cancer; Aesthetic Breast and Body Surgery
- Locations: EVK, GBK

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Jeffrey Cilley, MD
Medical Director, Swedish Hospital Cancer Center, President of Medical Staff, Swedish Covenant Hospital
- Expertise: Breast and Malignant Melanoma, Hematology, Medical Oncology
- Locations: EVK, HPH, SK

Peter Cuganas, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
- Incontinence; Prolapse Health, Kimberly Stojan, Naomi Gavshoni, Gynecologic Oncology
- Locations: EV, GB

Bruce Brockstein, MD
Medical Director, Radiation Oncology; Medical Director, Kulick Breast Center; Chair of Oncology; Expertise: Head and Neck Cancers; Melanoma; Sarcoma
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Elizabeth Burke, MD
Expertise: Oncology, Reconstructive Surgery Including Facial and Breast Reconstruction; Microsurgery, Breast Cancer; Aesthetic Breast and Body Surgery
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Nicholas Campbell, MD
Expertise: Lung Cancer; Neurological Institute; Breast and Neck Cancers
- Locations: EVK, HPH, SK

Carolina Soto Cheng, MD
GI Oncology; Expertise: Colorectal Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer
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Nisha Desai, MD
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- Locations: GB, HP, SK

Michael Dombrowski, MD
Expertise: Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology; Cancer; Aesthetic Breast and Body Surgery
- Locations: SK, WM

Shawn Fintel, MD
Expertise: Interventional Radiology, Gastroenterology
- Locations: SK, WM

Thomas Farrell, MD
Expertise: Interventional Radiology
- Locations: GB, SK

Claus Fimmell, MD
Expertise: Liver Diseases; Gastrointestinal Diseases; GI Endoscopy; Liver Biopsy
- Locations: EHK, HPK

Thomas Farrell, MD
Expertise: Interventional Radiology
- Locations: GB, SK

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GI Endoscopy; Liver Biopsy; Commission on Cancer; Aesthetic Breast and Body Surgery
- Locations: EVK, GBK

William Bloomer, MD
Chief, Department of Radiation Oncology
- Expertise: Breast Cancer; Prostate Cancer; Lung and Head and Neck Cancer
- Member, Clinical Research Organization for Breast Centers
- Member, Clinical Research Organization for Lung Cancer

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Expertise: Neuro-Oncology; Advancing NK Cell Immunotherapy in Oncology
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- Locations: EVK, SK

Beobuh Gaukrian, MD
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Expertise: Melanoma, Gynecologic Cancer, Benign and Malignant Hematology
Locations: EV, GBK, HPK

Herbert Mason Helberg, MD, MD
Clinical Chief, Urology
Expertise: Prostate Cancer; Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
Laparoscopic Surgery; Robotic-Assisted Surgery
Laser Surgery
Location: GB

Brian Heidland, MD, PhD
Glenbrook Kellogg Cancer Center Medical Director
Expertise: General Surgery; Gastrointestinal Surgery; Liver Surgery; Pancreatic Surgery
Liver Transplantation; Gallbladder Surgery
Clinical Cardiology
Location: GB

Lyne Kaminer, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Amanda Silver Karimian, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology, Medical Oncology
Locations: EV, LK, SK

Eileen Kelly, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology; Clinical Cardiology
Location: GB

James Kearns, MD
Expertise: Prostate Cancer; Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
Laparoscopic Surgery; Robotic-Assisted Surgery
Laser Surgery
Locations: EV, GB

Janardan Khandekar, MD
Director, Center for Molecular Medicine
Expertise: Endocrine Cancer; Breast Cancer
Location EV

Camryn Kirschnoz, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology; Cancer Survivorship
Locations: EV, GBK

Madhuri Konanahalli, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Cancer; General Dermatology
Locations: EV, WM

Mary Tiley Jenkins Vogel, MD
Expertise: Dermatology
Locations: EVK, GBK, SW

Andrew Johnson, MD
Expertise: Urologic Oncology; Neurosurgery; Cervical Spine Surgery; Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery; Complex Spine Surgery; Brain and Spinal Tumors
Location: SW

Katherine Kopkash, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Robert Marsh, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Seth Krantz, MD
Expertise: Lung Cancer; Esophageal Cancer; Benign Esophageal Diseases, Diseases of the Chest Wall and Pleura, Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery; Bronchoscopic Endobronchial Ultrasound; Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
Locations: EV, GB

Stephanie Mehld, MD
Expertise: Gastrointestinal Diseases; Clinical Research; Hepatitis C; HIV/Endocrine Disease; Microbiology
Supplements; Influenza; Skin Diseases; Postmenopausal; HIV
Aeppel and Mann Location: SK

Melissa Hochsten Lønn, MD, MPH
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EV, GBK

Janette Maulden, MD
Expertise: Minimally Invasive Surgery; Gallbladder Surgery
Head and Neck Cancer; Prostate Cancer
Location: EV

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Expertise: Minimally Invasive Surgery; Gallbladder Surgery
Head and Neck Cancer; Prostate Cancer
Location: EV

Joseph Mollmann, MD
Expertise: General Surgery; Breast Cancer; Breast and Rectal Cancer; Inflammatory Bowel Disease; General Surgery
Location: SK

Robert Marsh, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Gregg Menaker, MD
Expertise: Minimally Invasive Surgery; Breast Cancer; Hematology; Palliative Medicine
Location: SK

Douglas Merkel, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK, HPK

Cecily K. Mizera, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Breast Cancer; Minimally Invasive Surgery; Hamartia Surgery; Gallbladder Surgery
Gastrointestinal and Colon Surgery; Gynecologic and Breast Surgery
Location: SK

Teresa Murray Law, MD
Expertise: Breast Cancer
Locations: EV, HPK

Cecylia K. Mizera, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EV, GBK

Elyse Lemberg, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
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Joseph Mollmann, MD
Expertise: General Surgery; Breast Cancer; Breast and Rectal Cancer; Inflammatory Bowel Disease; General Surgery
Location: SK

Lauren Mark, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Philip Meier, MD
Expertise: Breast Cancer; Gynecologic Oncology; Cancer Survivorship
Location: SK

Andrew Melnyk, MD
Expertise: Medical Genetics—All Ages, Genetic Syndrome/ Hematologic Disorders, Cancer Genetics
Location: EV

Rupa Paidi, MD
Expertise: Cardio-Oncology
Locations: EV, GB, HPK

Kathleen Saha, MD
Expertise: Breast Cancer
Locations: GBK, HPK

Erwin Rubin, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: GB, HPK

Jason Robin, MD
Expertise: Cardio-Oncology
Locations: GB

Quatro Rodriguez, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK

Erik Roseberg, MD
Director, Stratham Health Initiatives; Future of Medicine
Living in the Future (LiF) Cancer Survivorship Program
Expertise: Cancer Survivorship
Locations: GB

Catherine Poe, MD
Expertise: Breast Cancer; Breast Health; Breast Disease and Surgery
Location: EV, HP

Nicklas Plessen, MD
Expertise: Gynecology
Locations: EV, GBK

Mary Rhodes, MD
Expertise: Internal Medicine; Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Locations: EV, GB

Anita Vasan Pattani, MD
Expertise: Internal Medicine; Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Locations: EV, GB, HPK

Enriq Robins, MD
Expertise: Prostate Cancer; Benign and Malignant Hematology
Locations: GBK, HPK

Akhil Seth, MD
Expertise: Dermatologic Radiosurgery; Head and Neck Cancers; Lung and Colorectal Cancers; Breast and Gynecologic Cancers
Locations: EV, GB

Avi Shaz, MD
Expertise: Dermatologic Radiosurgery
Locations: EV

Joseph Rivai, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Sangtae Park, MD, MPH
Expertise: Prostate Cancer
Urologic Oncology
Location: GBK

Sidney Regalado, MD
Expertise: Invasive Radiology
Locations: GB, HP, SK

Benjamin Rinck, MD
Expertise: Gynecologic Oncology
Locations: EVK, GBK

Mark Sicco, MD
Expertise: Aesthetic Surgery; Breast Reconstruction; Minimally Invasive Surgery
Location: MB

Norm Smith, MD
Expertise: Aesthetic Surgery; Breast Reconstruction; Minimally Invasive Surgery
Location: EV, GB

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Breast Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108, Mondays, 7:30 a.m.
NorthShore Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals Videocast

Colorectal Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108
2nd and 4th Fridays, 7 a.m.
NorthShore Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals Videocast

Gynecology Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108, Thursdays, 7 a.m.
NorthShore Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals Videocast

Head and Neck Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108
1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 a.m.

Hematology/Pathology Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108, Tuesdays, 8 a.m.
NorthShore Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals Videocast

Hepatic Biliary Pancreatic Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108, Tuesdays, 8 a.m.
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Molecular Oncology Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room 4618, 1st Friday, 7 a.m.

Neuro-Oncology Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m.
NorthShore Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals Videocast

Sarcoma/Melanoma Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8 a.m.
NorthShore Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals Videocast

Thoracic Cancer Conferences
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Kegloft Room G6108, Tuesdays, noon
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Evansan Hospital (EH)
2650 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
Evansan Kegloft Cancer Center (EVK)
2650 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
Evansan Specialty Suites (EV)
1000 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201
Glenbrook Breast Center (GBB)
2050 Pfingston Road, Suite 130
Glenniv, IL 60026
Glenbrook Hospital (GBH)
2100 Pfingston Road, Glenniv, IL 60026
Glenbork John and Carol Walter Ambulatory Care Center (GB)
2180 Pfingston Road, Glenniv, IL 60026
Glenbork Kegloft Cancer Center (GBK)
2180 Pfingston Road, Suite 1000
Glenniv, IL 60026
Glenbork Medical Building (GBM)
2180 Pfingston Road, Suite 128
Glenniv, IL 60026
Glenniv Park Center (GP)
2400 Chestnut Avenue, Glenniv, IL 60026
Gurnee Ambulatory Care Center (GR)
7980 Rollins Road, Gurnee, IL 60031
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757 Park Avenue West, Suite 8400
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757 Park Avenue West, Room 1280
Highland Park, IL 60035
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Ellen Marks Ambulatory Care Center
757 Park Avenue West, Suite 1010
Highland Park, IL 60035
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Highland Park, IL 60035
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