

KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER

Cancer Care Program Annual Report 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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The Kings County Hospital Center Cancer Care Program (KCHC-CCP) is accredited by the Commission on Cancer (COC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program (ACAD), committed to providing quality cancer care services to the community. Certification by the COC validates and recognizes the excellent and highly regarded organization of Kings County Hospital Center, and its Cancer Care Services, the high quality of care the program provides, and its application and implementation of changes that proliferate access to Cancer Care services and lead to better outcomes. We stand proud of this recognition bestowed by the COC and the ACS.

The Cancer Care Program (CCP) of Kings County Hospital serves as a major referral center to other New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (NYCHHC) centers in Brooklyn, including Coney Island Hospital, Woodhull Hospital, and other community hospitals.

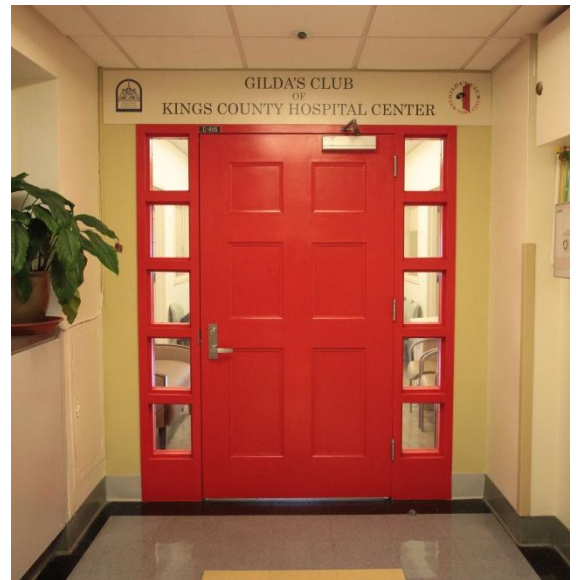
The CCP of Kings County Hospital is guided by a Cancer Committee, a multidisciplinary team of physicians and non-physician representatives from multiple clinical specialties, involved in the management of patients with cancer. The Cancer Committee also includes representatives from various hospital administrative ranks and support groups.

The focus and goal of the Cancer Committee is that of monitoring the Program's continuity in the delivery of excellent patient care, adherence to quality standards, overseeing research outcomes, and engagement in performance improvement initiatives. The Cancer Committee ensures that resources of the CCP are directed towards the goal of providing optimum cancer care for a diverse patient population. The multidisciplinary team integrates cancer specialists from: medical oncology, surgery, radiation oncology, pathology, radiology, urology, and other cancer related fields, to provide Kings County's patients with accurate diagnoses and the most effective treatment plan possible. The teams work together in the monitoring and re-evaluation of treatment plans, and the integration of support services for patients suffering from cancer.

The Cancer Care Program's vision is to be the cancer healthcare provider of choice for the residents of Brooklyn. As such, the Program steadfastly makes every effort towards delivering quality cancer services, which include emphasis on patient safety, cancer prevention, research, rehabilitation, and survivorship programs.

Cancer Care Treatment Center

The Cancer Treatment Center provides multi-disciplinary care, in a healing environment that is located in one convenient outpatient facility and is designed, equipped and staffed, to offer a complete range of non-surgical cancer treatment techniques. This modern facility features examination, treatment rooms and consultation space, as well as a "state of the art" chemotherapy area for outpatient chemotherapy. The center is located in close proximity to the Radiation Oncology services. Other features include a pharmacy, lab and conference rooms for patient education, nutritional and social services counseling.



The Cancer Treatment Center consists of the following components:

- Cancer Clinics
- Diagnosis/Treatment
- Educational Programs
- Resource Center
- Palliative Services
- Psychosocial Support Services
- Cancer Lecture Series
- Nutrition Counseling/ Spiritual Counseling
- Food Pantry
- Financial Counseling
- Pharmacy/Lab
- Style and Beauty Center
- Gilda's Club Support Groups

Department of Surgery

The Department of Surgery at Kings County Hospital offers many “state of the art” diagnostic and treatment modalities for a wide variety of cancers. Areas of expertise include: endocrine, breast, lung, gastrointestinal, colorectal and hepatobiliary–pancreatic disease. The faculty has adopted laparoscopic techniques for many cancer procedures, including laparoscopic adrenal, stomach, colon, lung and pancreas surgery. Subsequently, over 80 percent of colectomies for cancer are now performed with minimal invasive surgery.

Radiation Oncology

The Radiation Oncology Department utilizes “state of the art” equipment which include: a linear accelerator, dedicated CT scanner, HDR brachytherapy equipment, computerized treatment planning software, and a specialized radiation oncology patient management system (MOSAIQ). Recent equipment upgrades include: the Elekta linac desktop and CCTV/audio system in the linac room. In 2013, the department received accreditation from the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO). Successively, a second linear accelerator will be installed by the end of 2014.

Hematology and Oncology

The division of Hematology and Oncology provides inpatient consultation services for benign and malignant hematology and medical oncology, and is staffed with one attending physician and fellow covering each service. The attending physician supervises an active hematology and oncology fellowship program with 13 total fellow-trainees. Additionally, the division operates an outpatient clinic that services the needs of patients with benign and malignant hematology and medical oncology issues.

Ambulatory Palliative Care Service

The Ambulatory Palliative Care Service is an integral part of the comprehensive care provided at KCHC Cancer Center with a robust and well established reference base. The number of visits has multiplied from 53 in the first year to 256 in the third year, subsequently the follow-up rate for patients returning for care increased from 56% to 67%. The no-show rate declined from 38% to 36%. Additionally, Patient Satisfaction Surveys reflected that patients consistently rated the service with a high mark.

Tumor Registry

The Tumor Registry functions under the oversight of the Cancer Committee, and is under the leadership of the Health Information Management Department. The purpose of the Tumor Registry is to improve cancer management via the collecting, organizing, analyzing and interpretation of cancer data. It satisfies the requirements of the American College of Surgeons as an Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program (ACAD).

Cancer Initiatives Program /Smoking Cessation Program

Finally, Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC) remains a great institution for education and outreach. To this end, the Cancer Initiatives Program has continued to carryout extensive community outreach to all the communities in Brooklyn in general, and Central Brooklyn in particular. Consequently in the last fifteen years, the institution has been able to provide high quality health education on cancer to many people in schools, churches and community organizations.

Studies of Quality

In 2013 the Cancer Committee conducted the following studies:

1. KCHC experience using IMRT in the treatment of prostate cancer: A dose escalation study of quality in the management of prostate cancer from 2008 to 2013.
Emmanuel Nwokedi, M.D., Elliot Navo, M.D.; Joseph Weiner, M.D.; Meng Shao, M.D, Michael Schwartz, M.D.
Department of Radiation Oncology, Kings County Hospital Center.
2. Long Term Outcomes in the Treatment of Cervical Cancer: King County Hospital Center Cancer Program Experience
Emmanuel Nwokedi, M.D., Manuj Agarwal, M.D., Joseph Safdieh, M.D., Michael Schwartz, M.D., and Marvin Rotman, M.D.
Department of Radiation Oncology, Kings County Hospital Center
3. Rectal Carcinoma at an Urban Public Hospital Presents at a Younger Age and Later Stage
Wong, Melissa; Cui, Roger; Talus, Henry; Muthusamy, Muthukumar; McIntyre, Thomas
Department of Surgery, SUNY Downstate Medical Center
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