The Commission on Cancer (CoC) is a nationally recognized multidisciplinary accreditation program. Through collaboration with several national partners, the CoC has developed comprehensive, patient-centered standards for cancer programs. Programs, including Silver Cross, seeking accreditation from the CoC are committed to providing high quality cancer care and demonstrate their compliance with a rigorous evaluation and review of cancer care performance including diagnostic, treatment and supportive services. There are currently more than 1,700 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the United States and Puerto Rico, representing 20 percent of all hospitals that provide care to more than 70 percent of newly diagnosed patients annually.

With strong physician and administrative support, Silver Cross Hospital continually prepares for CoC-accreditation. Silver Cross Hospital’s Cancer Program was surveyed by the CoC in October 2017 resulting in a three-year Accreditation as a Comprehensive Community Hospital Cancer Program. The program also received five CoC commendations in: Clinical Research; Cancer Registrar Education; Public Reporting of Outcomes; Oncology Nursing Care; and Data Submission and Accuracy of Data.

Cancer Committee

In 2018, the Silver Cross Cancer Committee established specific goals and provided oversight to the cancer program. Key areas of the program were monitored including prevention and screening programs, accountability and quality improvement measures, compliance with evidence-based guidelines, studies of quality, and achievement of patient care quality improvements. The Committee met quarterly with specific committee members appointed to aid in the coordination of important aspects of the cancer program.

These members are to be recognized for their time and effort to the cancer program and include:

David Cziperle, M.D.
*Cancer Committee Chair*

Laura Ragauskaite, M.D.
*Cancer Liaison Physician*

Rita Morris, R.N.
*Cancer Program Administrator*

Lakita Scott, R.N.
*Quality Improvement Coordinator*

Alida Wagner
*Cancer Registry Quality Coordinator*
*Certified Tumor Registrar*

Tracy Simons
*Community Outreach Coordinator*

Kristin Kipping-Johnson
*Clinical Research Coordinator*
Committee Members

Mary Bakken, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer
Darlene Bergman, Nurse Educator
Mary Brenczewski, Nursing Administration
Samir Dola, M.D., Pathologist
Andre Edwards, M.D., Diagnostic Radiologist
Cagatay Ersahin, M.D., Pathologist
Daniel Golden, D.O., Radiation Oncologist
Peggy Gricus, Vice President of Patient Care/Chief Nursing Officer
Raquel Gutierrez-Clark, Social Worker
Barb Jansa, R.N., Oncology Nurse Manager
Joann Orr, Social Worker
Shayan Rayani, M.D., Medical Oncologist
Gabriela Rodriguez, Oncology Nurse Educator
Mary Shanahan, Nursing Administration
Michael Sweany, Pharmacy
Jeffrey Tyler, M.D., Diagnostic Radiologist
Marci Vasiliades, Imaging Director
Danielle Villari-Swets, American Cancer Society Representative
Mary Ellyn Witt, Survivorship Coordinator
Candace Wroblewski, Case Management
Liz Zavala, Cancer Center Practice Manager
Neda Zelehovitis, R.N., Certified Breast Nurse Navigator/Oncology Nurse

Cancer Program Experience

During 2018, 881 new cases were abstracted by the Silver Cross Hospital Cancer Registry staff. Breast cancer is the number one primary site of cancers with 205 cases reported. There were 58 colon cancers during this same period.

These cases are reviewed at the various cancer conferences at Silver Cross Hospital.

You mean, I can have all my Breast Care at Silver Cross?

Nice!

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• Advanced technology
• Leading-edge therapies
• Highly trained doctors
— all under one roof, so you can receive comprehensive, coordinated breast care close to home.

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Multi-Disciplinary Cancer Conferences

Multi-disciplinary cancer conferences are meetings where specialists from various departments come together to discuss cancer cases in a timely manner so patients can begin treatment as soon as possible. Discussion points for each case include but are not limited to input regarding diagnostic work-up, prognostic factors, treatment planning, national treatment guidelines, available clinical trials, and patient follow-up options.

Radiographic imaging and pathology slides are reviewed for each case presented.

Dr. Shayan Rayani served as the Cancer Conference Coordinator and provided regular reports to the cancer committee on conference activities.

During 2018, a total of 132 cancer conferences were conducted and 677 cancer cases were presented for review. This represented a 19% in cancer case reviews.

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<td><strong>Follow-up:</strong></td>
<td>You are welcome to join the conference or will be notified with the consensus recommendations to facilitate the coordination of care within 24 hours of the Conference. Ultimately, you and your patient will decide in the best course of action.</td>
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Prevention and Screening Programs

Based on the needs of the communities served by Silver Cross Hospital, the Cancer Committee designed its 2018 prevention and screening programs to help reduce certain kinds of cancer and to decrease the number of patients with late-stage disease.

According to the 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment for the County of Will Report, cancer is the second leading cause of death in Will County. Lung cancer is the most common cause among both females and males accounting for approximately 27% of all cancer deaths in Will County. The county’s breast cancer mortality rate is lower than the state of Illinois and Health People 2020 target. Mortality from breast cancer can be reduced substantially if the tumor is discovered at an early stage, and mammography is the most effective method for detecting these early malignancies.

Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer among men and women, as well as the third leading cause of cancer deaths in Will County. While the colorectal cancer mortality rate for the county is decreasing, it is still higher than the Illinois colorectal cancer mortality rate and the Healthy People 2020 target. According to the 2010-2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 69.9% of men in Will County have reported ever having a colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy.

CT Low Dose Lung Cancer Screening

Smoking is a major risk factor for developing lung cancer. As of November 1, 2017, Silver Cross Hospital began offering a quick, painless, non-invasive low does CT scan which can detect nodules or spots on the lung which might be early indicators of lung cancer. It takes just one-minute to have a scan which can potentially save a life. The screening is covered by Medicare and most insurance plans.

Eleven patients were screened between November and December 2017. One patient had a nodule detected with referral to physician for follow-up and one patient was referred for re-evaluation in six months to confirm no change to a suspicious area.

Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening

CT Low-Dose Lung Cancer Screening is one of the best ways to find tumors or nodules on your lungs that may be cancerous — especially in smokers. It’s quick, painless, non-invasive and now covered by Medicare and most insurances. If you are between the ages of 55 and 77 years old, ask your doctor for an order. To schedule a CT Low-Dose Lung Cancer Screening, call (815) 300-7076.

Colorectal/Gastro Intestinal Cancer

Colonoscopy/Birthday Mailing

• Postcard mailed to 27,000 individuals in our service area the month before their 45, 50 and 60th birthday telling them it is time to get a colonoscopy
• Education on the importance of screening, when to have a colonoscopy and how to schedule an appointment
Colon Cancer Screening Kits

- Distributed throughout the year at community events, such as the Silver Cross Senior Advantage Health Fair that will be on Nov 5, 2018 and primary care physician offices affiliated with Silver Cross Health Connection. Kits can also be requested through our 24/7 bi-lingual call center and through the website: www.silvercross.org
- 278 kits distributed in 2018
- 152 returned in 2018
- 2 of the 152 had positive results requiring follow-up testing. Calls were made to the patients with the results and referrals to gastroenterology.

Colorectal Cancer Screening Kit

Beginning at age 50, individuals should begin regular colorectal screenings. Using the FREE kit, you will collect a stool sample in your home and send it to the hospital’s Lab to be tested for blood. Results are mailed back for patients to share with their physician.

To request a colon cancer screening kit, visit silvercross.org.

Community Lectures

Endoscopic Management of GERD

- February 13, 2018
- Silver Cross Hospital Conference Center
- Speaker: Dr. Kamran Ayub, gastroenterologist and Medical Director of the Advanced Endoscopy Center at Silver Cross Hospital. Discussed the recent advancements in the endoscopic management of heartburn and reflux including the Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF) procedure performed through the mouth leaving no scars and can be reversed if needed.
- 80 attended

Heartburn & Barrett’s Esophagus

FREE SEMINAR - Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
Silver Cross Hospital Conference Center
Register to attend at silvercross.org.
Learn about the risks and treatment options for heartburn, acid reflux or GERD, Barrett’s esophagus and esophageal cancer from Dr. Kamran Ayub, Medical Director of the Advanced Endoscopy Center at Silver Cross.
Managing Heartburn/GERD; Endoscopic Treatments and Diet

- May 22, 2018
- Silver Cross Hospital Conference Center
- Speaker: Dr. Kamran Ayub, gastroenterologist and Medical Director of the Advanced Endoscopy Center at Silver Cross Hospital. Discussed the recent advancements in the endoscopic management of heartburn and reflux including the TIF procedure performed through the mouth leaving no scars and can be reversed if needed along with learning dietary management of GERD from registered dietitian Amy Readle.
- 80 attended

Heartburn & Acid Reflux Disease

- October 2, 2018
- Silver Cross Hospital Conference Center
- Speakers: Drs. Kamran Ayub, gastroenterologist, and Reza Gamagami, general and colorectal surgeon, discussed the recent advances in medical, endoscopic, and surgical management including Hybrid APC and robotic-assisted procedures to treat Barrett’s esophagus and gastroesophageal disease.
- 74 attended

Silver Cross Hospital continues to partner with the American Cancer Society (ACS) for activities such as:

Silver Cross Hospital’s Patient Referrals to the ACS:
- 22 patients – 12 were newly diagnosed and 2 were underinsured

UMedicine Comprehensive Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital’s Patient Referrals to the ACS:
- 2 patients referred from UChicago in Orland Park – 1 received 18 nights of lodging