



University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital

What is the new oncology partnership?

University of Chicago Medicine (UCM) and Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers (LCMH) are partnering to form the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Under this arrangement, UCM is bringing its cancer care expertise, academic specialists, and an array of clinical trials to LCMH.

What will this mean for patients?

- A team of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, nurse navigators and other healthcare professionals from both organizations will treat patients at the Evergreen Park location of The Cancer Center at LCMH.
- Patients will be able to receive the world-class care they expect from the UCM in a community setting that's familiar and convenient for them.
- Services include an infusion center, radiation therapy, specialty clinic services, genetic counseling, and clinical trials, plus traditional inpatient and outpatient services.

When will this take place?

- Patients should begin to receive care through the formal affiliation by early 2017.

Why UCM & LCMH? Why cancer?

- Patients have been asking UCM to bring its care closer to where they live or work.
- UCM and LCMH have worked together for years and stepped up that collaboration in June 2015 through the development of a subspecialty center for infants and children at the community hospital. Extending that partnership to encompass cancer care was a natural next step.

What is the benefit for LCMH?

- LCMH is rich in tradition and beloved by patients in the community. LCMH is recognized for providing compassionate care, convenience and good quality service. This expanded partnership allows LCMH to offer a heightened level of care to complement its ability to provide shorter wait times, convenience and individualized treatment options.

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Why partner with UCM?

- Cancer care is never easy, and it is stressful on patients and families, particularly when they have to travel far from home for treatment. This latest affiliation expands the UCM presence beyond its Hyde Park home, to provide convenient care and give patients more time to focus on healing.
- This affiliation offers a third location for the UCM's National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center. In addition to the primary site in Hyde Park, UCM has the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.

What makes a UCM Comprehensive Cancer Center at LCMH so special?

- The University of Chicago is one of only 47 NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States, and one of only two in the state of Illinois. These cancer centers have been recognized for their depth and breadth of scientific and clinical cancer research, as well as access to novel therapies not available in non-NCI-designated centers.
- As an academic medical center, UCM is a destination for specialized services like bone marrow and organ transplants and other innovative cancer treatments and technologies. Because of this, UCM draws patients locally, regionally, nationally and internationally and has extensive experience in caring for all kinds of patients.