

# cancer program administration 2016 Annual Report



Statistical Data for 2015

ethodist Dallas takes pride in using evidence-based guidelines to develop and implement best practices and health resources for our patient population and our community. This not only falls in line with the mission of health system, but it also is standard as part of our Commission on Cancer accreditation. Included in this report is a summary of our 2015 cancer registry data and 2016 programmatic activities.

### **Methodist Dallas Top 10 Cancer Sites**



# Methodist Dallas Medical Center and the American Cancer Society Partners Up to Prevent Lung Cancer

This year, Methodist Dallas Cancer Program has teamed up with the American Cancer Society to help prevent lung cancer by offering FreshStart smoking cessation classes and by hosting the Great American Smokeout. The FreshStart program kicked off on July 5, 2016 with its first session, and is open to employees and community members. The goal

of the program is to help smokers to create successful quit plans through education and group support. A FreshStart-certified Methodist Dallas employee conducts the classes using educational resources provided by the American Cancer Society. In addition, on November 17, 2016, Methodist Dallas and the American Cancer Society hosted a Great American Smokeout event that promoted smokers to kick the habit for 1 day with the hope that 1 day will turn into forever. Non-smokers were also encouraged to give up something on that day to empathize with the addiction that smokers face on a daily basis. Individuals were encouraged to make a pledge to quit and were offered a chance to win a turkey dinner as a result of their participation.

Root cause analysis: Delay in pre-operative surgical care.



## Standard 4.7 – Studies of Quality

Methodist Dallas conducted a study titled "Study of Surgical Care Among Early Stage Breast Cancer Patients" after receiving feedback from both patients and physicians that the pre-operative process for patients undergoing lumpectomies was timely, fragmented and lacked the most recent technology available for surgery. This study examined gaps in healthcare technologies and delays in surgical care. Potential impacts of the study included, but were not limited to, patient satisfaction, physician satisfaction and timeliness of care on surgery day. Study methodology

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included review of publications, review of satisfaction data, retrospective chart review, prospective data collection and data analysis to draw conclusions.

Time between procedures was examined and a root cause analysis performed which found increased delays in pre-operative services during needle localizations. Time spent in the Women's Imaging Center for needle localization ranged from 62-99 minutes. Overall delays in surgery start time ranged from 60-170 minutes. Operative time ranged from 64-113 minutes. Re-excision requirement was also examined.

In conclusion, the study found that when compared to benchmark data, newer technology could assist with improving fragmented patients flow, timeliness of pre-operative procedures, as well as patient and physician satisfaction.

# Methodist Dallas Earns the Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer

This award recognizes cancer programs that achieve excellence in

compliance to the CoC Standards and providing highest quality care to cancer patients.



Methodist Dallas was awarded the 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Methodist Dallas is one of a select group of 20 U.S. accredited cancer programs to receive this national honor for surveys performed January 1 – June 30, 2016.

The purpose of the award is to encourage cancer programs to raise the bar on quality cancer care, with the ultimate goal of increasing awareness about high quality, patient-centered care. In addition, the award is intended to:

- Recognize those cancer programs that achieve excellence meeting the CoC Standards
- Motivate other cancer programs to work toward improving their level of quality cancer care
- Facilitate dialogue between award recipients and health care professionals at other cancer facilities for the purpose of sharing best practices
- Encourage honorees to serve as quality-care resources to other cancer programs

Methodist Dallas cancer program was evaluated on 34 program standards categorized within five cancer program activity areas: cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, patient outcomes, and data quality. The cancer program was further evaluated on seven commendation standards. To be eligible, all award recipients must have received commendation ratings in all seven commendation standards, in addition to receiving a compliance rating for each of the 27 other standards.

For a list of all cancer programs in the U.S. that received the award during the first half of 2016 visit: https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/ cancer/coc/info/outstanding/2016-part-1.

# About the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer

Established in 1922 by the ACS, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving patient outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. The CoC's accreditation program encourages hospitals, treatment centers, and other facilities to improve their quality of patient care through various cancer-related services. For more information on the CoC, visit: https://www.facs. org/quality-programs/cancer/coc

# Methodist Dallas received re-certification by Joint Commission for Pancreatic Cancer and Pancreatic Surgery

Methodist Dallas was proud to obtain recertification by the Joint Commission for pancreatic cancer and pancreatic surgery. In 2014, Methodist Dallas was the first in the nation to receive certification from the Joint Commission for pancreatic surgery and the first in Texas for pancreatic cancer. By obtaining the certifications, Methodist Dallas has demonstrated that our pancreatic surgery and cancer practices are based on evidence-based guidelines, and are of the best quality of care.

**Methodist Dallas Cancer Program** is located on the campus of Methodist Dallas Medical Center at 1441 N. Beckley Ave., Dallas, Texas 75203.

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