Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at North Haven

**CENTER AT A GLANCE**

- A patient-centered focus on exceptional cancer care
- 60+ staff members; oncology certified nurses, and oncology board certified clinicians
- Over 1,000 patient visits and 800 infusion visits per month
- On site diagnostic imaging, lab, and oncology pharmacy
- A Clinical Research Support Lab and access to clinical trials
- Smilow Cancer Hospital’s multiple myeloma and benign hematology clinics will join North Haven in late 2019
- Access to supportive care clinicians; an oncology nurse coordinator, social workers, dietician, clinical research staff, palliative care, tobacco cessation, and survivorship planning
- Access to Integrative Medicine Services, including massage, Reiki, acupuncture, music therapy, and psychology

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The Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in North Haven is newly renovated and provides our patients with a beautiful and easy to access location for their cancer care. We coordinate with our colleagues on our main campus in New Haven to ensure all treatment options are reviewed through comprehensive tumor board meetings, and the best care is provided to each patient.

— Dr. Jeremy Kortmansky
Medical Director

**Neal Fischbach, MD**
Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine (Medical Oncology)
Assistant Director of Clinical Research, Care Centers

You have focused your delivery of cancer care in our community through the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center Network. How does the Network collaborate with our academic center, while providing our patients community-based cancer care?

Our Care Center model allows me to provide care for our patients where we live while leveraging all the resources of Smilow Cancer Hospital. Our pathology is performed by world-class, organ-specific Yale Pathologists, giving me 100% confidence in our initial diagnosis, the critical first step in therapy. Cancer care is increasingly multidisciplinary and we have a tremendous network of organ-specific tumor boards allowing prospective treatment planning incorporating the input and expertise of our colleagues at our New Haven campus. People just starting their cancer journey can feel confident they are getting not only my opinion, but also the expertise of our colleagues at our New Haven campus. People just starting their cancer journey can feel confident they are getting not only my opinion, but also the expertise of our colleagues at our New Haven campus.

As I previously mentioned, cancer care is increasingly multidisciplinary and requires close communication between a diverse team of providers. Our Multidisciplinary Breast Tumor Board includes: Yale Breast Surgeons, Medical Oncologists, Radiation Oncologists, Pathologists, Radiologists, and Genetic Counselors. We are also able to touch the lives of people living with cancer in very tangible and profound ways through our Social Work staff, providing assistance with medication co-pays, coordinating financial assistance with bills, and offering counseling. The breadth and depth of our supportive services are unparalleled. Lastly, our integral involvement in the academic mission of Yale Cancer Center allows us to actively participate in shaping the future of cancer care through clinical trials and practice quality improvement, an engagement which ensures we’re offering those we care for the very latest and most thoughtful interventions.

Our ability to offer clinical trials to patients in the community settings through our 14 care centers has greatly expanded over the last several years. Where do you see the expansion continuing?

Through the ground breaking efforts of my colleagues, most recently Dr. Kert Sabbath, we have built an extraordinary clinical trials network. We live by the mantra that the best cancer care includes the opportunity to participate in clinical trials at all phases of disease. We are continuously striving to expand our portfolio of trials to include all cancer types and across the continuum from cancer prevention, diagnosis and staging, reducing recurrence after curative surgery, and all lines of metastatic disease. We’re exploring new ways to identify people who may be candidates for clinical trials. We are also working to improve our participation in the earliest phases of clinical trial design and translational research by providing samples of tumor tissue, which are essential to identifying new targets for therapy.

Your focus on care of patients with breast cancer allows for collaboration with surgeons and radiation oncology in Trumbull. How does the multidisciplinary team unite to benefit your patients?

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