UNC Lineberger Facts and Figures

Established in 1975, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center is in the top tier of nationally-recognized cancer centers. It is one of only 51 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers and the only public comprehensive cancer center serving the state and people of North Carolina.

With research that spans the spectrum from the laboratory to the bedside to the community, UNC Lineberger’s more than 325 members based at more than 40 departments across campus work to understand the causes of cancer at the genetic and environmental levels, to conduct groundbreaking laboratory research, and to translate findings into pioneering and innovative clinical trials.

Fast Facts

- Conducts interdisciplinary cancer research through nine programs: cancer cell biology, immunology, molecular therapeutics, virology, cancer genetics, clinical research, breast cancer, cancer prevention and control, and cancer epidemiology.
- Largest research entity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, drawing more than $740.8 million in overall extramural funding, including National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute grants, between 2008 and 2018.
- Providers at the N.C. Cancer Hospital, the clinical home of UNC Lineberger, treat patients from across North Carolina and throughout the United States. In Fiscal Year 2019, more than 203,000 outpatient visits were made at the hospital and its affiliated clinics.
- Treats all types of cancer, providing multidisciplinary programs for most, giving adult and pediatric patients the benefit of many medical specialists in one place, often in one visit.
- Offers more than 230 clinical trials of the latest treatments developed at UNC or available through affiliation with national clinical trials groups.

Points of Pride

- Home to internationally-recognized research programs, including a SPORE program for breast cancer.
- Bringing groundbreaking chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) immunotherapy to North Carolina. Currently, has 10 adult and pediatric clinical trials open, allowing UNC Lineberger to provide CAR-T therapy that is not available anywhere else in the country. Also offers two FDA-approved CAR-T therapies.
- Driving force of The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), a multi-institutional, NCI-funded effort to molecularly characterize several thousand human cancer samples.
- UNC Lineberger has one of six NCI Centers of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence in the country.
- Provide compassionate and effective support programs for all North Carolina cancer patients and their families through the UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program.
- Home of the Cancer Information and Population Health Research, CIPHR, a system linking metrics of cancer incidence, mortality, and burden in North Carolina to describe health care, economic, medical claims, social, behavioral, and environmental patterns.
- The Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program is improving care for people age 13-39 by providing support and resources, conducting research, coordinating care and sponsoring educational programs.