

World-Class Lung Cancer Care Close to Home

The Multidisciplinary Lung Clinic at The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's Health Care

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Fact: An estimated 180,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed this year.

Fact: Lung cancer affects more women than all other leading forms of cancer combined.

Fact: Lung cancer is frequently undetected until the disease has progressed beyond the early stages, making immediate treatment a vital component for optimal outcomes.

Fact: The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's Health Care is the only hospital in the region to provide multidisciplinary care, comprehensive treatment options and expert-level physicians — all within 24-to-48 hours of a diagnosis.

Michigan's premier source for unparalleled lung cancer care, the Multidisciplinary Lung Clinic at The Lacks Cancer Center offers patients something they just can't get anywhere else in the state: a dedicated team of lung cancer specialists within a dedicated, leading-edge cancer center.

"Having all the physicians and all the technology under one roof is an amazing advantage for patients," notes Bruce Shabahang, M.D., Medical Director of Thoracic Surgical Oncology. "Instead of patients traveling from place to place and spending weeks, if not months, waiting to see all the necessary physicians, we're able to bring everyone directly to the patient from the outset."

By working as a collaborative team, the surgical oncologists, radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical oncologists develop individualized treatment plans for each patient, making care as efficient and effective as possible. What's more, because each physician is a specialist in the field of lung cancer, patients receive world-class care in the convenience of a single location.

"State-of-the-art surgical facilities, new advances in chemotherapy and radiation therapy, access to leading-edge clinical trials, nationally renowned oncologists — we have the best of the best right here at Lacks," says Dr. Shabahang. "There is simply nothing else comparable in the region."

Comprehensive care, sophisticated treatments and expert-level physicians are not all that set the Multidisciplinary Lung Clinic apart, though. Equally important is the Clinic's dedication to each patient as an individual with essential needs for emotional health.

"Our holistic services are integral to patient care, because successful treatment requires more than surgery, radiation or chemotherapy," Dr. Shabahang says. "We know that psychological, emotional, social and spiritual support are just as important for well being as medical treatments and we're dedicated to caring for our patients as complete individuals with multifaceted needs."

"Things like massage therapy, acupuncture and palliative care can be incorporated into any patient's overall treatment plan," Dr. Shabahang adds. "Food, too, is extremely important. Being restricted to a standardized menu when you're trying to fight cancer just doesn't work, so we give our patients the number to the kitchen. All they have to do is call, and they can get whatever they want made just the way they like it."



Bruce Shabahang, MD, Medical Director of Thoracic Oncology

"These things may seem small, but they're important. They make a difference — and making a difference is what we're here to do."

The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's Health Care is the only dedicated cancer hospital in West Michigan. To learn more or request an appointment, please call 1-877-LACKS-MI. Visit the website at www.lackscancercenter.org.



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