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Mary Luvera
Mary Luvera, RN, MS, OCN, NE-BC
Director of the Oncology Service Line
In addition to a patient's own personal physician, the cancer care team may include an oncologist, radiologist, radiation oncologist, pathologist, surgeon, nurse, nutritionist, pain medicine specialist and clinical social worker. The Littman Cancer Center encompasses not only state of the art Radiation Oncology but also an infusion suite, which is housed within St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital's Cornwall campus.

**MEET OUR TEAM**

- Gina Del Savio, MD  
  Associate Chief Medical Officer, SLCH
- Mary Luvera  
  Director, Cancer Services
- Umangi Patel, MD  
  Medical Director, Cancer Services
- Robyn Kelley  
  Cancer Care Navigator
- Dr. Kyung Hahn  
  Radiation Oncology
- Dr. Shana Coplowitz  
  Medical Director, Radiation Oncology
- Nicole Pogelshek  
  Manager, Radiation Oncology
- Janelle Carr  
  DNP, FNP-BC, MS, RN  
  Nurse Practitioner, Infusion Center

*These numbers includes all patient consultations, visits, treatments, and radiation oncology services.
THE INFUSION SUITE

The Infusion Suite at St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital’s Littman Cancer Center features private treatment areas with individual televisions for the comfort of family and friends. The center is staffed by Registered Nurses who provide skilled care working toward physical and emotional comfort. We also have a doctorate prepared Nurse Practitioner (DNP) who works collaboratively with your physicians and the nurses in the infusion center to provide seamless care. She is available for any emergent situation that might arise during one’s treatment.

TOMOTHERAPY

In partnership with Cornwall Radiation Oncology Services, SLCH offers state of the art radiation therapy using TomoTherapy Hi-Art treatment, a system that calculates the appropriate pattern, position and intensity of the radiation beamlets to be delivered based on the doctor’s prescribed dose.

Benefits of TomoTherapy:
- Unparalleled precision and accuracy
- Less damage to healthy tissue
- Shorter recovery times – quicker return to normal routine
- Multi-disciplinary team approach to fighting cancer
- Soothing, patient-focused environment

RADIATION ONCOLOGY

![Radiation Oncology 2015](chart1)

![Radiation Oncology 2016](chart2)
SUPPORT SERVICES

**Patient Navigator**

The journey through cancer care can be confusing, frustrating and scary. The Littman Cancer Center care navigation program can help guide patients through the experience, even if you're receiving any, or all, of your cancer care at a different facility.

With just one phone call, Robyn works to assist not only with the physical aspects of your care, but also the social, emotional and financial challenges so you can better focus on your recovery.

Our patient navigator also offers monthly support groups on every Wednesday. These support groups cater to the needs to all patients, family members, loved ones and caregivers. Listed below are the available support groups.

- **St. Luke's Survivors:** For anyone who has survived or is living with any type of cancer. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.
- **Shared Stitches:** Knit, Crochet, and chat! Beginner to expert, all are welcome. Creations are donated to cancer patients. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.
- **Breast Cancer Support:** For breast cancer patients and survivors. Led by Breast Cancer Options. Meets the third Wednesday of the month.
- **Care Giver Support:** A group for sharing support and information on community resources for those caring for a loved one with a chronic illness. Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Palliative Care Medicine

Expert medical care designed to provide individualized, patient-centered care for those dealing with an advanced illness. Our team works alongside your Oncologist or Primary Physician to improve quality of life and address all causes of distress while you are undergoing curative treatments.

Kirti Joseph, MD
Board Certified in Internal Medicine
Board Eligible in Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Internal Medicine trained at NYU Langone Medical Center
Hospice and Palliative Medicine trained at University of Buffalo.

Sue Martino, NP
Board Certified as Nurse Practitioner in Adult Health
Extensive ICU/CCU experience
Extensive experience with home and inpatient hospice services.
Pioneered the Palliative care program at St. Luke's Hospital in 2010.

The SLCH Supportive Care Team works with patients who are:
- Managing symptoms and side effects such as:
  - Pain
  - Nausea/vomiting
  - Diarrhea/constipation
  - Anorexia/Weight Loss
  - Fatigue
  - Depression
- In need of education about their illness and what to expect
- In need of support for family members or caregivers
- In need of coping skills
- In need of coordination of care across settings.
- In need of discussion regarding goals of care and decision making.

INFUSION

NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER YEAR

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NUMBER OF VISITS PER YEAR
The SLCH Lung Cancer Screening program went into effect on December 15, 2016. This program makes SLCH part of the National Lung Cancer Screening Registry and explores the early detection and treatment of lung cancer and other diseases associated with smoking using low-dose CT screening. This will be a large focus as we plan for 2017 prevention goals and initiatives.

ARE YOU...
- A current smoker with a 20-pack per year history?
- Between the ages of 50-77?
- A smoker of 20 years or more?
- A former smoker who has quit in the past 20 years?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible for a screening CT scan of your chest to detect early cancers of the lung.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?
- Quick, painless CT scan without injections
- Questionnaires
- 20 minutes of your time to complete the above

For more information, please call (845) 568-2011
A large area of focus in building the oncology program at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital has been on increasing education and engagement across all areas of cancer care. In early 2016, the Community Outreach Coordinator, supported by the marketing team, as well as the Cancer Services Leadership and the Patient Navigator developed a comprehensive plan to assist in meeting the cancer outreach goals and initiatives for the year ahead.

The team continuously looked at ways to not only increase the number of educational offerings, but also have a larger impact on those attending the sessions. Of the more than 65 cancer related events that occurred in 2016, 100% of those offered the opportunity for attendees to provide feedback and a cancer screening tool form was part of the discussion. Not only were physical feedback forms provided but there was also significant discussion with those in attendance about what they hoped for future engagements.

St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital has maintained continuous dialogue with the American Cancer Society to strategize the best possible partnership between the two organizations. In 2016, SLCH looked to enhance our visibility at both the annual Relay for Life event as well as the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The ongoing discussion with the ACS on not only their available educational resources in cancer research, but also how we can best show the community that SLCH offers the full gamut of cancer care has been extremely helpful.