

# AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS

Cancer Care Institute  
of Carolina

Cardiovascular Institute  
of Carolina

Aurora Pavilion Behavioral  
Health Services

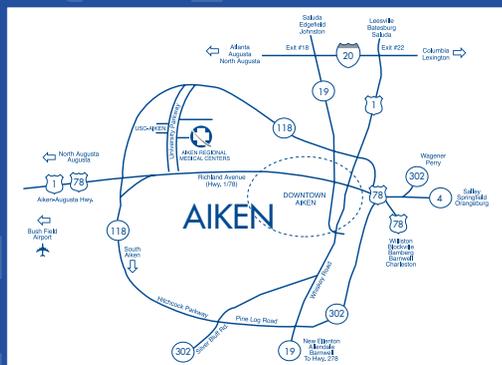
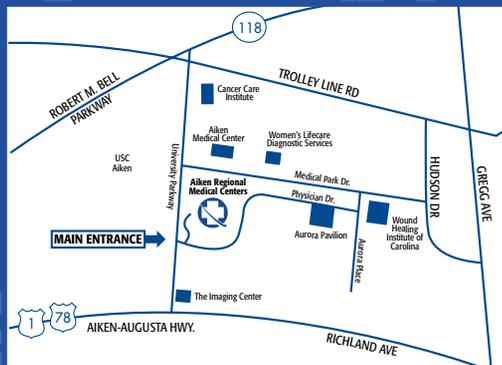
Diabetes and Nutrition  
Teaching Center

Joint Pain Center

Women's LifeCare Center

Women's LifeCare  
Diagnostic Services

Wound Healing Institute  
of Carolina



# CANCER CARE INSTITUTE OF CAROLINA AT AIKEN REGIONAL



The cancer care you need ... under one roof.



Cancer Care Institute  
of Carolina  
at Aiken Regional  
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## CANCER CARE INSTITUTE OF CAROLINA AT AIKEN REGIONAL

# Trust & confidence.

If you or a family member has cancer, trust and confidence are two of the most important words you'll hear.

Trust that you'll be cared for by a team of respected physicians and experienced healthcare professionals who will give you their best efforts at all times. Confidence that everyone involved in your care is working toward common goals: to provide you with the care you need and the help you and your family want through a difficult time of life.

At the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina at Aiken Regional Medical Centers, we work to provide patients and their families with comprehensive and convenient treatment programs that meet each person's unique needs. And because our advanced, high-quality and compassionate care is available close to home, patients and their families can spend less time driving and devote more time to recovering from cancer.

Whether you need chemotherapy, radiation therapy or a combination of both, the new Cancer Care Institute of Carolina lets you get the care you need in one comfortable, convenient place that's close to home.

At the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina, located on the Aiken Regional Medical Centers campus, you'll be treated by experienced, skilled medical professionals who use advanced medical technology and the same treatment protocols used at the nation's leading cancer institutes.

There are patient education programs that provide you and your family with the information you need in clear, easy-to-understand language, and support groups to provide encouragement as you progress through your treatment program. There's even a boutique that offers items to meet your special needs.

### *Hours*

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### *Oncology Director*

Bob Queen  
803-641-7850

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## SERVICES, TREATMENTS & CAPABILITIES

### *Diagnostic Imaging*

- > Computerized Tomography (CT scanning)
- > Positron Emission/Computerized Tomography (PET/CT scanning)

### *Multidisciplinary Services*

- > Medical Oncology
- > Radiation Oncology Surgery
- > Radiology

### *Patient Care Disciplines*

- > Medical Oncology
- > Nursing
- > Nutrition
- > Pain Management
- > Physical Therapy
- > Radiation Oncology
- > Social Services

### *Community Activities*

- > Breast cancer awareness
- > Prostate cancer awareness
- > Colorectal cancer awareness
- > Cancer literature
- > Cancer education and prevention programs
- > Support groups in conjunction with the Savannah River Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society

Call 803-641-7850 for more information.

### *Physician Referral*

Your primary care physician may refer you to the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina at ARMC, or you can call us at 803-641-7850 to talk with one of our specialists.

If you require the services of other physicians, the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina can recommend a specialist, or you may call Direct Doctors<sup>SM</sup> Plus at 1-800-882-7445. Direct Doctors<sup>SM</sup> Plus is a free physician referral service available from Aiken Regional Medical Centers.



### *Tumor Board Conferences*

The Cancer Care Institute of Carolina at Aiken Regional Medical Centers conducts monthly tumor board conferences, bringing together physicians and other healthcare professionals from appropriate disciplines to discuss cancer cases that have been diagnosed and treated at our facility.

Tumor board conferences provide our healthcare professionals with a forum to discuss cancer cases and are an essential part of case management and patient outcome. Participating specialists may include a medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, surgeon, pathologist, radiologist, dietician and a member of the social services department.

### *Quality Management*

An ongoing quality management program helps us monitor the quality of care that patients receive through the many clinical services that are available.

### *Cancer Registry*

The Cancer Registry provides critical information that our specialists can use to evaluate and direct your treatment. The data system is maintained by a certified tumor registrar and is used to collect, manage and analyze information about patients diagnosed with cancer.



Each patient's case is followed closely, and is reported to the South Carolina Department of Health. Although state law requires the reporting of cancer cases, the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina exceeds that requirement by using it to evaluate diagnostic and treatment procedures. In addition, the locally gathered statistical data helps determine the most successful treatment options available to cancer patients.

### *Radiation Therapy*

A primary treatment for cancer is radiation therapy, or the use of high energy x-rays to eliminate cancer cells. In radiation therapy, a radiation oncologist uses a linear accelerator to deliver a precise dose of radiation to a specific location to destroy cancer cells without damaging surrounding healthy tissue.

### *Chemotherapy*

Chemotherapy uses special drugs to destroy cancer cells and eliminate tumors. A variety of chemotherapy programs is available and your program will be designed to meet your unique medical and personal needs. For example, new chemotherapeutic agents have been developed that create fewer negative side effects than drugs used in the past. Or, you may be able to wear a continuous infusion pump that can allow you to go about your daily routines.

## RESEARCH

It's not enough to stay up-to-date on the latest cancer treatments and techniques. At the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina at Aiken Regional Medical Centers, we stay at the forefront of medical technology by participating in cancer research.

Through our collaborative relationships with other organizations, we are able to participate in clinical trials, or research studies that test new approaches to cancer treatment.

In clinical trials, promising but non-standard treatments may be offered to patients as alternatives to standard treatments. After considering their options, many patients choose to participate in clinical trials because they believe the alternative treatment may provide them with a better outcome or they wish to help others who may be diagnosed with cancer in the future.

The Cancer Care Institute of Carolina participates in clinical trials for many types of cancers, including breast, colon and prostate cancer. In addition,

the National Cancer Institute has designated our facility as a Clinical Trials Support Unit (CTSU) site so that we can participate in more clinical trials.

While clinical trials and research have been conducted primarily at large, university-based medical centers, the Cancer Care Institute of Carolina can now conduct the same level of research here in Aiken so that patients in the area can get innovative cancer care ... close to home.

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