Changing Cancer Care. For Life.

Oncology Services at Baylor Medical Center at Garland
The lifetime risk of developing cancer is 1 in 2 for men and 1 in 3 for women, according to the American Cancer Society. Given these statistics and the expected population growth in Garland and the surrounding areas, there will be a substantially increased demand for oncology services. Our pledge at Baylor Garland is to meet this demand, and to serve Garland and the surrounding communities with advanced cancer care as technology and new treatments evolve.

Baylor Medical Center at Garland offers a comprehensive oncology program that is focused on providing quality care to our community. One of our most recent enhancements includes a specialized and dedicated cancer unit tailored to meet the needs of patients facing cancer.

Qualified Medical Staff
Baylor Garland’s medical staff now includes a number of medical oncologists, hematologists, and radiation oncologists, as well as surgeons specializing in colorectal, and general cancer surgery. Other physicians that support the cancer program include specialists in gastroenterology, vascular surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedics, urology, pathology, and interventional radiology.

Nursing Education
Baylor Garland has increased the expertise of the nursing staff by providing more chemo-certified nurses and assisting more nurses in obtaining the Oncology Nursing (OCN) certification.

Accreditation
In addition to the prestigious accreditation of The Joint Commission, Baylor Garland is accredited by the Commission on Cancer (CoC). The Commission on Cancer accredits programs that can prove they provide high quality cancer care when measured against national standards. CoC-accredited programs continuously strive to improve outcomes while meeting the patient’s individual needs. Baylor Garland is also recognized as a National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) by the American College of Surgeons.
Physician Services
Provided by physicians on the Baylor Garland medical staff
- Medical Oncologists
- Surgical Specialties (neurosurgeons, breast, colorectal, and more)
- Radiation Oncologists
- Urology
- Specialty Support
  - Interventional Radiology
  - Pathology
- Chemotherapy Service
- Radiation Therapy
- Cancer Conferences

Diagnostic Services
- Breast Services
- Screening and Diagnostic Exams
- Mammography (2D & 3D)
- Breast Ultrasound
- Ultrasound-Guided Biopsy
- Stereotactic Biopsy
- Lesion Localization Procedures
- Ductograms
- Cyst Aspirations
- HER2 Testing
- ER/PR Testing
- Imaging Services
  - CT
  - MRI
  - Nuclear Medicine Exams
  - Fluoroscopy
- Other Diagnostic Screens
  - Colonoscopy
  - Bronchoscopy
  - Low Dose CT for Lung Cancer Screening

Surgical Services
- Surgical intervention for certain cancers
- Minimally Invasive surgery techniques
- Robotic Surgery
- Biopsies

Nursing Services
- Patient Navigation
- Chemo-certified Nurses

Ancillary Services
- Lymphedema Therapy
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- Nutrition Counseling

Community Resources
- Support Groups
- Cancer Resource Center
- Education/Screening Events

Because the diseases of cancer are complex, Baylor Garland’s Patient Navigation Program offers assistance to cancer patients and their families in navigating through the system for cancer care.

Following an initial cancer diagnosis, the decisions can often be overwhelming in terms of the different types of physicians you may need to see or the many decisions you will need to make. The patient navigator understands your needs and provides the ability for you to focus on healing.

A patient navigator is a registered nurse (RN) who is available to you and your family as an advocate, guide, and moral supporter that can assist you from initial diagnosis through your recovery.

The Patient Navigator Will:
- Help you gather all your medical records.
- Coordinate referrals to cancer specialists that have expertise in diagnosing and treating cancer.
- Assist with accessing specialists and scheduling appointments.
- Coordinate access to services and other resources needed.
- Answer general questions about cancer.
- Help you and your caregiver understand your personalized plan of care.
- Keep track of your treatment progress.
- Provide information to make your visits easier, such as directions, parking, transportation, and hotels.
- Provide information on cancer research trials.
Baylor Garland Breast Imaging Center offers a range of women’s imaging services for residents in and around Garland.

We are recognized as a Breast Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology for our digital mammography, stereotactic biopsy and breast ultrasound programs. Our caring staff is ready to provide you with quality screening and diagnostic mammography, as well as bone density screenings, breast ultrasounds (sonograms), and breast biopsies.

Community Outreach

The power of health begins with prevention and early detection.

Caring for cancer patients and their families requires comprehensive planning to provide the diagnostic and treatment capabilities for the entire episode of care. This means reaching beyond the hospital’s doors with information, education, and support to enable cancer patients to take control of their own health in a preventive and meaningful way. One of the ways Baylor Medical Center at Garland fulfills this role is through community health events and outreach activities.

Baylor Garland sponsors a variety of awareness events and screenings, including For Women For Life™ and It’s a Guy Thing, our annual women’s and men’s health fairs, community health screenings, and skin cancer screenings. We offer community education on a variety of topics that stress the importance of regular screenings to promote early detection of cancer. We are also able to offer our new lung cancer screening CT exam, designed to identify early signs of lung cancer in patients with a long history of smoking.

Support groups offer an environment where cancer patients as well as their loved ones can talk about their disease and receive support and encouragement from others. Baylor offers a variety of cancer support groups. Call 1.800.4BAYLOR for times and locations.

The Baylor Garland Cancer Resource Center offers patients and families access to a wealth of information about cancer and all of the resources available, whether in the hospital or outside in the community.
Supportive and Palliative Care Services

When facing a life-threatening illness, we go beyond advanced medical treatments and offer compassionate care to help you and your family members cope. This service is called palliative care.

The primary mission of the Palliative Care Program is to provide symptomatic relief to patients, improve their quality of life, and assist with advance care planning or direction. The Baylor Garland Palliative Care team includes physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers, therapists, pharmacists, and other health care professionals. These dedicated team members are trained to help you with the issues you may face in dealing with a critical illness.

The Baylor Garland Palliative Care Consultation Service is hospital-based, and different from hospice care in that patients are often continuing active treatment of their disease. You may continue to receive treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation, while also working with the Palliative Care team.

Hospice services are available at Baylor Garland. We work closely with hospice providers in the community and the patient’s attending physicians to address the discomfort, fears, and issues that often accompany a difficult illness. This collaborative approach helps to meet the specific needs of terminally ill patients and their families, promoting comfort and preserving dignity while offering options and choices.

Clinical Trials

If you’re fighting cancer, it’s nice to know your hospital is doing all it can to fight cancer with you. At Baylor, this means we offer advanced treatments today, and conduct clinical trials that may lead to even better treatments tomorrow. Every research study we conduct has you in mind.

By taking part in a clinical trial, you can:

• Play a more active role in your own health care
• Help others by contributing to medical research
• Have the satisfaction of aiding in progress against disease
• Receive the most recent information and evidence-based care from our experts

To see if you qualify for enrollment in one of our clinical trials call 1.800.4BAYLOR, where you can learn more about active research trials.

Genetic Screening

About 5-10% of the time, cancer is caused by hereditary (or inherited) factors. By learning if you have a genetic link, you can better understand your risk of developing certain kinds of cancers. Baylor offers genetic counselors who meet with individuals and their families to review their personal and family histories. The genetic counselor helps determine a patient’s cancer risks, explains benefits and limitations to genetic testing, and helps with recommendations to reduce cancer risk or provides suggestions for early cancer detection methods.

For more information about the Genetic Counseling Program at Baylor Health Care System or to schedule an appointment, please call 1.800.4BAYLOR.
Valet parking is available 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Baylor Garland Main Entrance. Valet parking is also available at the Physician Office Building next door to the hospital from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For a physician referral or for more information about cancer care services, call 1.800.4BAYLOR or visit us online at BaylorHealth.com/GarlandCancer.