

Thoracic Cancer Program

overview

The Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Thoracic Cancer Program, which treats tumors of the esophagus and the chest cavity, as well as lung cancer, offers a wide spectrum of options for patients with early to advanced lung cancer or suspected lung cancer. The program team also provides close monitoring and follow-up for lung cancer survivors.

Most lung cancer patients require more than one modality to achieve a positive outcome. Minimally invasive surgeries are available for eligible patients, along with aggressive and highly targeted radiation therapies (stereotactic body radiation therapy). Advanced techniques (4D computed tomography planning and/or respiratory gating) are used for all radiation patients to compensate for respiratory motion.

New chemotherapeutic options may use more than one drug, and combinations of chemotherapy and radiation therapy are showing greater effectiveness in halting metastatic disease. These combinations are often used to shrink large, invasive tumors to make surgery a viable option. Any of these treatment modalities may be used palliatively to treat or prevent complications when a cure is not possible.

- Sub-specialty trained physicians are nationally recognized for their expertise in treating lung cancer
- Prompt access for referred patients
- Treatment includes: pre-operative pulmonary rehabilitation for patients whose health may be too compromised to consider immediate or standard surgery or other treatments; respiratory care during chemotherapy or radiation therapy; intensive care using sophisticated tools to manage critical illness.
- Twice monthly tumor board meetings include specialists from all disciplines — thoracic surgeons, pulmonologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, radiologists and pathologists. Each patient is carefully evaluated to assess comorbidities before finalizing any treatment plans. Survival outlook and quality of life issues are also considered.
- Smoking Cessation Program helps patients quit using tobacco and remain tobacco free.
- Team physicians participate in local and national multi-institutional research studies. Whenever possible, patients are offered the opportunity to participate in clinical trials.

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Thoracic Cancer Program Team

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we work with you

Our physicians and staff work closely with referring physicians to coordinate treatment and follow-up care. The Thoracic Cancer Program team provides an initial evaluation report after the patient's first visit and subsequent progress reports. Consultations are available.

contact us

To refer a patient, or receive more information about the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Thoracic Cancer Program, please call 414-805-0505 or 866-680-0505. If you desire a physician consultation, please call 414-805-4700 or 877-804-4700. You may also learn more about our cancer programs and physicians at froedtert.com/cancer.