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for providing hope
for cancer patients at ECU Health

2025 Cancer Care Impact Report

Thanks to the generous support of donors, **ECU Health Cancer Care** at the **Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Tower** continues to provide compassionate, cutting-edge care to patients and their families. Your donations have made a significant impact on our ability to deliver comprehensive services that enhance the patient experience and improve outcomes. With a network that includes **eight community hospitals**, ECU Health Cancer Care extends throughout our region, ensuring that patients receive high-quality care close to home. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families. **Thank you** for being a part of this life-changing work.

Your support fuels initiatives such as:



Supportive services and personalized support for patients and caregivers including **1:1 counseling** for patients and caregivers, **support groups** and **massage therapy**. These services foster emotional well-being and provide physical relief during challenging times.



Access to life-saving screenings such as **free breast cancer screenings** for patients without insurance and **lung cancer screenings** with low-dose CT. These initiatives **remove barriers to care**, allowing more people access to crucial cancer screenings.



Unique, patient-focused programs such as “Santa’s HOPE,” a pop-up Christmas gift shop for adult cancer patients with ECU Health Cancer Center, where patients and their families can shop for free. This unique program is **fully funded through philanthropic dollars**.

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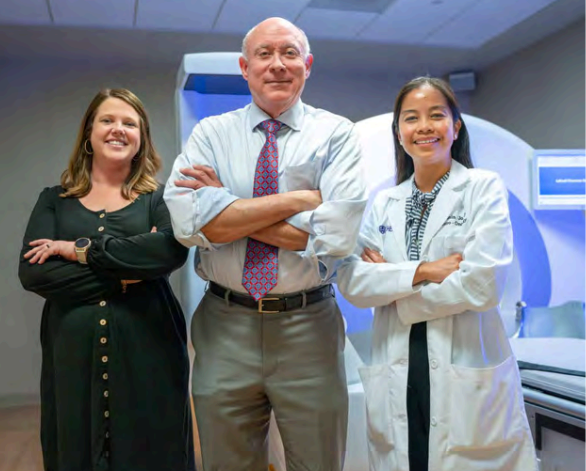
Our impact at ECU Health Cancer Care is made possible because of generous donors like you. Your support is just as vital as the care we provide—allowing us to offer cutting-edge therapies, recruit top specialists, advance early detection, and most importantly, give our patients renewed hope. There are no words that fully capture our gratitude for the way your generosity sustains us and transforms lives. On behalf of our entire team and the patients we serve, thank you for making a difference.

- **Emmanuel E. Zervos, M.D., F.A.C.S., MBA**

Executive Director, ECU Health Cancer Care

Drs. Mary and Spencer Raab Distinguished Professor in Adult Oncology





SPECIAL RECOGNITION | Gold Seal of Approval®

We are proud to announce that ECU Health Medical Center has earned **The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Brain Tumor Care**. This prestigious certification recognizes our program's **dedication to delivering safe, high-quality care** to brain tumor patients.

Our **comprehensive neuro-oncological care program**, led by a board-certified neuro-oncologist, offers a range of interventions supported by state-of-the-art technology. Through interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative clinical trials, we continue to improve brain tumor knowledge, treatments and outcomes.

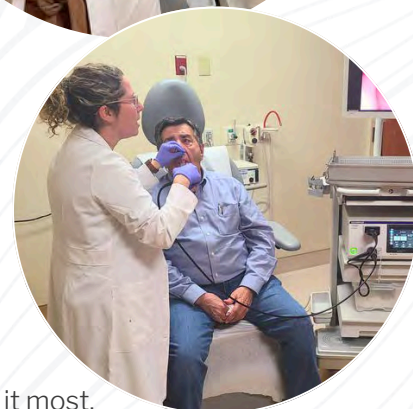
REVOLUTIONIZING CARE IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

In the fall of 2024, ECU Health Cancer Care at the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Tower proudly opened **eastern North Carolina's first Head and Neck Cancer Multidisciplinary Clinic**. This groundbreaking clinic brings together a patient's entire team of specialists in an outpatient setting, **revolutionizing care** for individuals battling head and neck cancers. Patients in eastern North Carolina now have access to the same state-of-the-art equipment and technology found at the nation's most prestigious institutions—all close to home.

This milestone was made possible through the **generous philanthropic efforts** led by the ECU Health Foundation through major contributions including one from a local grateful patient. This combined support enabled the acquisition of the Olympus EVIS Universal Endoscopic Video Platform. This advanced system delivers **unparalleled imaging quality**, empowering ENT providers to swiftly develop precise treatment plans. Equipped with three cutting-edge, highly advanced scopes, this technology is designed to tackle some of the most challenging cancer sites.

In this new outpatient clinic, physicians can now perform biopsies, laser treatments and injections without requiring patients to undergo procedures in the operating room. By providing access to these advanced diagnostic and treatment options locally, we are not only **transforming cancer care** but also reaffirming our commitment to improving the health and well-being of our community in eastern North Carolina.

We are especially grateful for the partnership with Dr. Brian Brodish and Dr. Jamie Grubey of Eastern Carolina ENT Head and Neck Surgery. Their leadership in managing this multidisciplinary clinic ensures patients have access to **lifesaving, transformative care**. Together, we are advancing the fight against cancer and bringing hope to those who need it most.



Pictured upper right: Dr. Jamie Grubey, Otolaryngologist

Pictured bottom right: Dr. Grubey performs a scope on a patient using the newly purchased ENT clinic equipment.

GROWING OUR TEAM

Over the past few months, we have expanded our team of providers to offer even more specialized care to our patients. These new additions strengthen our team and ensure our patients have access to world-class cancer care.

- **Dr. Justin Drake, Surgical Oncology**
- **Dr. Dominic Campano, Ortho Oncology**
- **Dr. Carlos Maroquin, Surgical Oncology/Transplant**
- **Dr. Sulochena Cherukuri, Medical Oncology**



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