

Better. Communities.



The University of Illinois Cancer Center is a community-based entity, dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer on the people of Illinois and beyond, through an integrated program of excellence in patient care, research, education, and community engagement, on the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of cancer. Our presence knows no boundaries, as we align ourselves with any number of organizations and institutions to service our neighbors and expanding communities however they may need us. Good health makes things better.



Better. Leadership.



The University of Illinois Cancer Center is comprised of over 250 researchers, clinicians, faculty and staff. We work collaboratively across four campuses in Chicago, Urbana-Champaign, Rockford and Peoria, and across 11 disciplines of study. We are thinkers, innovators, risk-takers and generators of ideas. We are crossing boundaries of science and we are leading the way to a new generation of how cancer is screened, treated and prevented.

“The University of Illinois Cancer Center is creating one of the country’s first community focused Cancer Centers. Utilizing partnerships with community members and political leaders, we are creating a new model to address the cancer burdens found in our Chicago communities.” -

Robert Winn, MD, Cancer Center Director



Better. Science.



The University of Illinois Cancer Center is organized into four thematic research programs:

Population Health, Behavior and Outcomes. We are distinguished by our expertise in the health of underserved and ethnic minority populations. Our focus is on cancer prevention, cancer control and cancer survivorship.

Carcinogenesis and Chemoprevention. We explore the mechanisms of carcinogenesis, from initiation through promotion and proliferation, and chemoprevention. Our emphasis is on hormone-dependent cancers, such as breast, prostate, liver and oral cancers.

Cancer Targets and Therapeutics. Our concentration is on the development of novel therapeutics that target molecules critical to the survival of cancer cells, as well as to employ these targeted agents to devise innovative, state-of-the-art delivery and imaging technologies to treat tumors and to evaluate their response to therapy.

Cancer Biology. Here we delve into the mechanisms that underlie tumor development and progression, with a strong emphasis on the signaling proteins and pathways, and the gene regulators that are de-regulated in tumors.

Our research takes us from bench, to bedside, to the community. We are constantly seeking a more complete understanding of the behavior of cancer, using state-of-art technology and developing innovative tools to meet the demands of cancers' evolution. Our science is better, and our outcomes are better as a result.

