

The UC Davis Cancer Care Network

United in patient-focused cancer care

The UC Davis Cancer Care Network is a collaboration of hospital-based cancer centers in Northern and Central California dedicated to providing first-rate care to patients close to home. Through the network, the expertise of a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center is linked with the unique insights of hospital-based community cancer centers. Oncology teams at participating sites are committed to working together to provide the latest diagnostic techniques and treatment approaches to their patients.

Using technology as a foundation

Interaction across network sites is facilitated through “virtual tumor boards.” Using state-of-the-art telemedicine technology, teams of specialists in different locations meet via real-time videoconferencing, share medical information and agree on treatment plans. Patients then receive care in their own communities and from their own physicians. Virtual tumor boards also provide opportunities to assess patients’ needs for novel treatments available through clinical trials and for referrals to UC Davis for specialty care.

How it works

Hospital-based cancer care providers become members of the network through an evaluation process led by a UC Davis management team. The agreements are flexible and based on member needs. Network physicians at member sites have associate physician diplomat or volunteer clinical faculty appointments with UC Davis.

Directed by a leader in patient care

Scott Christensen, a UC Davis associate professor of hematology and oncology, serves as medical director of the network. He is responsible for overseeing clinical quality, strategic planning, fiscal direction and clinical trials participation for network members. He is a physician noted for his dedication to patient quality-of-life and expertise in breast cancer, sarcomas, melanoma, pain management, hospice care and improving access to innovative treatments.

Find out more

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Key goals of the network

- Provide first-rate community-based medical care to cancer patients
- Broaden access to new treatments available through clinical trials
- Ensure ongoing interactions among medical teams at multiple locations who are involved in patient care
- Increase access to specialty and subspecialty cancer care available at UC Davis

Participating sites

FREMONT-RIDEOUT CANCER CENTER
Marysville
www.frhg.org

MERCY CANCER CENTER
Merced
www.mercymercedcares.org

REGIONAL CANCER CENTER
AT VALLEYCARE
Pleasanton
www.valleycare.com
www.vmoc.com

TAHOE FOREST CANCER CENTER
Truckee
www.tahoecancercenter.com

UC DAVIS CANCER CENTER
Sacramento
www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cancer

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