

The GI Cancer Program at Scott & White

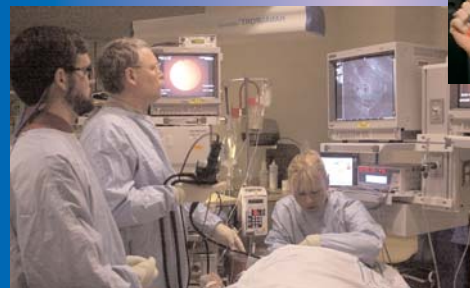
Expertise—Technology—Coordination

Scott & White Clinic and Hospital, one of the nation's leading medical centers, is proud to announce the inauguration of its new GI Cancer Program, a center for diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of malignancies of the GI tract.

It is through the expertise of its staff members, state-of-the-art technology, and careful coordination of its multidisciplinary team that the Scott & White GI Cancer Program is equal to any worldwide.



Introducing
The GI Cancer Program
at
 SCOTT & WHITE



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Highly skilled medical professionals from multiple disciplines offer patients of the GI Cancer Program a remarkably high level of expertise in the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of gastroenterologic malignancies.

This broad-based team includes **Dr. Mohsen Shabahang**, a trained surgical oncologist and **Dr. Raymond Staniunas**, a colorectal surgeon.

Team members from

Expertise

Gastroenterology include **Dr. Richard Erickson**, a specialist in the use of Endoscopic Ultrasound, as well as

Dr. Tushar Patel, Dr. James T. Sing, Dr. Joseph White, and Dr. Mark Jeffries.

Other team members include **Dr. Lucas Wong** who serves Scott & White as Chief of the Section of Medical Oncology and **Dr. Cathy Clausen**, a Radiation Oncologist.

Drs. Paul Neese and Mark Montgomery, both of whom are Interventional Radiologists, add immensely to the team with their expertise in Radiofrequency Ablation. Dedicated Surgical Pathologists are **Dr. Lisa Lopez-Camarillo, Dr. Lubna Sayage-Rabie, and Dr. V. O. Speights.**

Lisa Keville, I(ASCP), MHSM heads the research team that facilitates entry of cancer patients into national protocols.

Genetic counseling is offered by **Sheila Dobin, Ph.D.** and **Jennifer Saucier, M.S.** The team is supported by an oncology social worker, nutritionists, and entrostomal therapists.

The immense collective expertise of the GI Cancer Team is further augmented by state-of-the-art medical technology.

Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS), used at Scott & White since 1995, is an invaluable tool in the diagnosis and evaluation of cancers of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, and the hepatobiliary system. Although Scott & White has had endoscopic ultrasound capabilities for a number of years, it is available only in a limited number of medical centers in the United States. As a corollary, transrectal ultrasound is regularly utilized to evaluate anorectal disease.

One of the many treatment techniques utilized by the interventional radiologists on the team is **Chemoembolization**. In this procedure, a catheter inserted into an artery in the patient's groin allows a high concentration of a chemotherapy drug to be injected directly into a tumor without subjecting the entire body to it. Also included in the injection, are particles that block the flow of blood to the diseased tissue.



Coordination

Radiofrequency (RF) Ablation is another of the techniques used by the team to kill a tumor without major invasion of the body. In this procedure, a probe placed in a tumor deposits RF energy causing the tissue around the probe to heat up to a temperature above which cells break apart and die.

Bringing all of these elements together into a cohesive whole is Nurse Coordinator, **Jeana Hearn, B.S.N., R.N., O.C.N.**, a 25-year oncology veteran. Ms. Hearn is the contact point for patient referrals and makes all appointments needed to diagnose and treat patients with suspected GI malignancies. Her knowledge and skills enable all aspects of a patient's diagnosis, evaluation and treatment to be coordinated

between the relevant medical specialties.

With regular meetings and frequent consultations, the team works closely together to assure that a patient receives the very best of care derived from the multiple specialties and disciplines involved.



The GI Cancer Center Team: **Front Row**-Sheila Dobin, Ph.D.; Jeana Hearn, RN; Lisa Lopez-Camarillo, M.D.; Cathy Clausen, M.D.; Mohsen Shabahang, M.D. **Second Row**-Paul Neese, M.D.; Lucas Wong, M.D.; Richard Erickson, M.D.; Mark Montgomery, M.D.; Raymond Staniunas, M.D.

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