

# VIRGINIA PIPER CANCER INSTITUTE

Raising funds to prevent, treat and eliminate cancer

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Cancer. The word alone elicits fear, and only the best care will do when a person is facing this disease. The Virginia Piper Cancer Institute at Abbott Northwestern Hospital is a national leader for comprehensive cancer care. With access to advanced technology, a compassionate team of health care experts who support the whole person and a collaborative healing environment, thousands of people choose the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute each year for their cancer care needs. Not content with just treating cancer once diagnosed, clinical staff also work to prevent and eliminate cancer through screening programs and research studies. With nearly 400 patients enrolled in more than 20 clinical and cancer control studies, at present, the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute is actively engaged in the fight against cancer.



Improved patient care and better health outcomes drive the culture of innovation at the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute. From Abbott Northwestern, research findings and best practices are shared across Allina Health to care providers around the globe. From cancer care coordinators who work with each patient in treatment, to precision medicine that targets only cancer cells, Virginia Piper Cancer Institute has established a preeminent and compassionate care model that strives to eliminate a dangerous disease. With Abbott Northwestern's patients in mind, Virginia Piper Cancer Institute clinicians have authored dozens of studies and have presented nationally on all varieties of cancer topics.

*"The providers have a standard of care that is really extraordinary, from the doctors and nurses to the lab techs and receptionists." – Grateful patient*

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### Advancing Excellence

Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation, with the generous support of the community, is raising funds for the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute at Abbott Northwestern. Your gift will help create innovations in patient care, support the whole person and strengthen scientific research, advancing excellence well into the future.

### Opportunities to support Virginia Piper Cancer Institute

- **Patient programs:** A cancer diagnosis begins what can be a difficult and overwhelming journey. Innovative treatment and supportive resources focus on the patient and his or her family to ensure the best possible outcomes. A prime example is the cancer care coordinator, a specially trained nurse who is a constant presence to answer questions, make appointments and provide support. Additionally, acupuncture and aromatherapy are used to lessen anxiety and pain during and after procedures. Social workers are available to help parents talk about a cancer diagnosis with their children. Philanthropy ensures that these and other patient-centered programs continue.
- **Research and prevention:** Physician leaders are involved in two research areas that have the potential to change the course of cancer: precision medicine which attacks the cancer at the genetic level, and immuno-oncology which uses the body's own immune system to find and fight cancer. Additional studies focus on other cancers, such as liver and pancreatic cancer, to develop new tests for early detection. Philanthropy ensures that we can continue to advance our understanding of cancer and how to eliminate it.

Philanthropic support advances the mission of Allina Health and Abbott Northwestern to restore health, prevent illness and provide comfort. By strengthening the ability of the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute to deliver world-class treatment, conduct research and support patients, you ensure that this national health care leader continues to be a dynamic place of healing and innovation for all patients and their families.

*"The incredible care, the expertise, the patience and the unconditional concern of everyone was beyond anything I could have imagined. There is truly a caring community here." – Grateful patient*

To learn more about the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute and how you can help, visit [allinahealth.org/cancer](http://allinahealth.org/cancer) or contact the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation at **612-863-4126**.