Y Access Line
Patient transfers for cancer care and treatment
Smilow Cancer Hospital

I am confident that both the depth of expertise of our faculty and the specialization of our clinical programs at Smilow Cancer Hospital will provide your patients with access to the most advanced cancer care available for their diagnoses. Our physicians are committed to working with you to be sure each of your patients is provided with a personalized treatment plan, which may include standard therapy, access to treatment on a clinical trial, surgical options, radiation therapy, and palliative and supportive care. Our entire team is dedicated to excellence in cancer care, and I am proud of the exceptional group of physicians, nurses and staff at Smilow Cancer Hospital and at our Care Centers throughout Connecticut. Thank you for trusting our team with your patients’ care.

Cancer treatment and care
Smilow Cancer Hospital provides the very best cancer care available for adult and pediatric patients, bringing together some of the nation’s best minds to develop new methods to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. Referred cases and second opinions are welcomed.

Our teams of physicians represent every cancer specialty and hail from some of the world’s leading cancer institutions. In addition to providing comprehensive, compassionate cancer treatment, they collaborate with Yale Cancer Center’s internationally recognized researchers to translate cutting-edge discoveries into the most advanced cancer care available. This includes the ability to study genetic mutations of individual tumors to develop targeted treatments, immunotherapies and prevention strategies to improve our patients’ outcomes.

At Smilow Cancer Hospital, we are committed to making sure each patient has an outstanding and positive cancer care experience and to a steadfast focus on patient- and family-centered care. We offer the latest in screening and diagnosis, genetic counseling, treatment, psychosocial support, pain management, rehabilitation and long-term, follow-up care.

Clinical trials
Our patients often have access to clinical trials not available at most hospitals. Smilow Cancer Hospital’s Phase I Clinical Trial Infusion Center is the only one of its kind in Connecticut. This new center provides essential options for patients with advanced cancers seeking new therapies when standard treatments are no longer an option. Many Phase I trials are offered with newly developed targeted therapies; others test new combinations of approved therapies and new applications. In collaboration with Yale Cancer Center, Smilow Cancer Hospital currently has more than 40 Phase I clinical trials available to patients.

Smilow’s multidisciplinary clinical programs
At Smilow Cancer Hospital, patients will find 13 multidisciplinary clinical programs, each led by a physician. This specialization results in development of a unique, comprehensive treatment plan for each patient that may include surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, a combination of treatments or conservative monitoring. Smilow Cancer Hospital is a leader in personalized cancer care through innovative tumor profiling techniques used to analyze each patient’s cancer.

- Brain Tumor Program
- Breast Center
- Endocrine Program
- Gastrointestinal Cancers Program
- Gynecologic Cancers Program
- Head and Neck Cancers Program
- Hematology Program
- Liver Cancer Program
- Melanoma Program
- Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Program
- Prostate and Urologic Cancers Program
- Sarcoma Program
- Thoracic Oncology Program

Key components of our clinical programs
- Personalized care, led by a physician, in collaboration with a team of specialists
- Consultation with and involvement of outside primary care and referring physicians
- Rapid access to appointments and relevant tests
- Genetic testing and counseling
- High-risk screening, evaluation and surveillance
- Palliative care and access to dedicated pain management resources

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With one call to our 24/7 Y Access Line at 888-YNHH-BED (888-964-4233), referring physicians receive quick access to a cancer specialist for transfer to Smilow Cancer Hospital. Trained paramedics facilitate admission, bed assignment and critical care transport, using the Yale New Haven Health System inter-hospital emergency helicopter, SkyHealth, when necessary.