New Patient Information
The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Comprehensive Cancer Center
Your diagnosis, treatment and recovery—one expert team, multiple convenient locations
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Your First Day at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

Thank you for trusting your care to the physicians and nursing teams of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. It is important to us that we deliver all of the care, compassion and support you need on your journey toward recovery. Our goal is to provide you with the best, most advanced care available, in a setting that is positive and encouraging. When you come to UAB, you will be visiting with a team of physicians and nurses who specialize in your unique condition. The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center provides a Nurse Coordinator (Patient Care Coordinator) to arrange all of the tests and exams that may be necessary, and to ensure that your initial visit runs smoothly. When you arrive at UAB, our volunteer Cancer Center Ambassadors and Patient Navigators will also be there to provide support and help make your experience with UAB the best it can possibly be.

Preparing for Your First Visit

Because your first visit as a cancer patient can seem overwhelming, we encourage you to come prepared with a few items for your physical and emotional comfort.

- A family member or friend for help and support
- Any test results, X-rays, slides and other information related to your diagnosis—request these from the doctor who made the diagnosis
- A notebook to record information from your care team and write down questions you might have during your visit
- This brochure and the information enclosed in it
- Comfortable, layered clothes—temperatures can vary within the facility
- Any legal paperwork that might be pertinent to your care—power of attorney, advance directive, etc.
Patient Services and Resources

**Patient Navigation (866) 843-8277**

Patient Navigation is a free, confidential patient support program in which trained "navigators" guide patients through the cancer care system. Our Patient Navigators are available to help you find the short-term housing, local transportation or social and financial services you may need while undergoing your treatment. The program offers improved access to health care services and information, fewer delayed and missed appointments and increased satisfaction with your health care experience.

**The Kirklin Clinic Guest Relations (205) 801-8623**

At UAB, we want patients and visitors to have a positive experience from the moment they come in the door. Whether you need directions, wheelchair assistance, language assistance or help in solving a more complicated problem, please call The Kirklin Clinic Guest Relations.

**Supportive Care Resources**

Supportive Care is a medical specialty that is an important part of your UAB cancer care team. Beginning at the time of diagnosis, specialty-trained physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners help cancer patients with treatment planning and symptom management, including pain control and treatment of side effects. The Supportive Care team also includes counseling services and nutrition guidance. For more information, please call the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care at (205) 975-8190.

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center also provides a variety of supportive services to help patients, families and caregivers cope with the many challenges of cancer. Available are monthly patient education seminars, cancer support groups and the Courage Companions program, which provides patients and caregivers with one-on-one emotional support. Join the CarePages online community, shop our mastectomy boutique and seek compassionate support from our volunteer services group as well as many other social and clinical support areas. For more information on these services, please call (205) 996-5364.

The Kirklin Clinic Patient Resource Library is a one-stop information source for all medical-related questions. The library provides a variety of resources for research, including Internet access, medical booklets, reference texts and tapes. The library also is our home for UAB's American Cancer Society Patient Navigator program. The Patient Resource Library is located on the second floor of The Kirklin Clinic and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call (205) 502-9956.

**UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Clinical Trials (205) 934-0337**

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center strives for excellence in its role as a regional cancer referral center and as a cutting-edge research entity. Talk with your doctor about clinical trials that may be available to you.

**Pastoral Care (205) 934-4254**

The Pastoral Care Department at UAB is a staff of caring, professional chaplains representing various denominations and faiths who are available to address the spiritual and pastoral needs of patients and their families.
The Kirklin Clinic®
2000 6th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233

CANCER OUTPATIENTS, with the exception of patients receiving radiation therapy and gynecologic cancer care, are seen in specialty clinics housed under one roof in The Kirklin Clinic® at UAB. A parking deck adjoins The Kirklin Clinic® with available valet parking. Wheelchairs with escorts are available at the valet parking entrance on the second level.

The Kirklin Clinic® at Acton Road
2145 Bonner Way, Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35243

THE KIRKLIN CLINIC® AT ACTON ROAD is located off I-459 in Birmingham’s southern suburbs. This state-of-the-art facility offers the expertise of specialists and comprehensive cancer services with the convenience and atmosphere of a private community doctor’s office. The clinic also has a library and computers reserved for patient use. Ground-level parking space is ample and convenient.

Hazelrig-Salter Radiation Oncology Center
1700 6th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233

THE HAZELRIG–SALTER RADIATION ONCOLOGY CENTER offers comprehensive cancer care for patients in need of radiation oncology services. As a member of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, this new facility is one of the country’s most technologically advanced centers of its size.

UAB Women & Infants Center
1700 6th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233

THE UAB WOMEN & INFANTS CENTER provides comprehensive, compassionate care for women diagnosed with gynecologic cancers. As part of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, the multidisciplinary team of physicians works together to design a treatment plan customized to each patient’s individual needs using state-of-the-art technology and to assist women with the physical and emotional challenges associated with their cancer diagnosis.