

The case for support of Bon Secours
St. Francis Health System Center of
Excellence for Hematological Malignancies
and Stem Cell Transplantation



Comfort
makes all the difference.

*“This unique facility will use the best treatments developed at the premiere centers in
the nation and abroad with an overlay of caring and spirituality.” - Dr. Gary Spitzer*

“What will be so exceptional about this center is not simply the technology and the attention, but the extraordinary compassion that is infused in everything at St. Francis.”

- Dr. Jeffrey Giguere



The VISION

The Bon Secours St. Francis Health System has been a leader in the treatment of blood malignancies in South Carolina for almost a decade. And as treatments have grown and changed, so have we. Recognizing the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program accomplishments to date and the need for comprehensive treatment of hematological malignancies, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and the staff of the Cancer Centers of the Carolinas have continued their collaboration and have expanded their vision to include a Center of Excellence for Hematological Malignancies and Stem Cell Transplantation that excels not only in technology and medical care, but in compassion and comfort. Now, we look to you to help us realize this vision so that we can continue to provide the high level of care our patients deserve.

We are embarking on a capital campaign to expand the ST. FRANCIS downtown Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Center into a Center of Excellence for Hematological Malignancies and Stem Cell Transplantation. Expanding in facility as well as capabilities, we will be able to offer comprehensive

treatment for a larger range of hematological malignancies, including Myeloma, Lymphoma, Leukemia and the growing area of Myelodysplasia. The treatments for these cancers are extremely complex, requiring advanced clinical skills, and they are not currently well serviced in the community, often forcing local patients to go out of state, if not farther, for treatment.

By increasing our capacity from 4 to 9 dedicated patient rooms, with 29 rooms on the entire floor, we will be more able to take local referrals and treat patients close to home and provide the support that is so necessary during a very difficult treatment.

Combining state-of-the-art nursing and technology, the Center would be equivalent to any other institution specialized in these malignancies in the country.



“Ours will be a center of personal care and intellectual excellence.”

- Dr. Gary Spitzer



The PLAN

In a combination of existing expertise, facility expansion, staff development, technological updates and spiritual care, we will be creating a Center of Excellence that is state-of-the-art with heart – an example and a resource for our region and beyond. This capital campaign is designed to fund an ongoing effort to escalate cancer care in this field of expertise. Another part of the new Center will be the purchase of an Apheresis machine - a device used to collect stem cells from bone marrow transplant patients. Currently, patients must be taken to another location for this procedure.

Build-out and Staffing

First Year Salaries for Staff*

2 Specialist Nurses	\$190,000
Data Manager/Office Coordinator	\$70,000
Spiritual Lead Nurse	\$70,000
Pharmacist (1/2 time)	\$60,000
Hematopathologist (from hospital)	
Total	\$390,000
Total Salary for 3 years	\$1,170,000

*Salaries estimated with benefits/no raises

Other

Staff Education	\$85,000
Office Equipment	\$70,000
Renovation and Expansion	\$675,000
BMT beds (5 additional beds), Nursing, Corridors Entrance	\$200,000
COBE® Spectra™ Apheresis System	\$73,800
Total	\$2,273,800



"They make you feel really comfortable here. You don't feel like you're alone. If you're scared, they're going to sit there with you and reassure you that things are going to be okay. They're just different here."

– St. Francis BMT patient

"A patient's road to recovery hinges so much on his or her attitude. Being in a caring atmosphere, and so close to home, that can make a huge difference."

- Dr. Suzanne Fanning



SPIRITUAL CARE

Overcoming cancer – particularly hematological cancers – is a physically, emotionally and spiritually taxing process. Even with the strongest treatment and the most sophisticated technology, most often it is the attitude, the faith and the will of the patient that makes the most difference in recovery.

As a faith-based institution, St. Francis is an atmosphere that truly believes in the spiritual aspect of healing.

There are a variety of programs from diverse chaplains to music therapy that augment the medical treatment of our patients. In its new incarnation, the Center would hire a full-time spiritual lead nurse to further focus and coordinate the patients' spiritual care, because we believe that healing requires treating not just the body, but the person – body and soul.



BMT Staff



"In addition to treating the physical needs of each patient, it is important to encourage the soul with grace, peace and hope."

– Wendy Emerick, RN



EXISTING EXPERTISE

The Center will have the benefit of the extraordinary expertise of Dr. Gary Spitzer, Dr. Jeffrey Giguere, Dr. Suzanne Fanning and Dr. Mark O'Rourke.

Dr. Spitzer has over 30 years experience in hematology and oncology. He was one of the early pioneers in bone marrow transplantation at M.D. Anderson Hospital, and has headed hematology/oncology and bone marrow transplantation departments at St. Louis University and Georgetown University. He has built strong relationships around the country while working in academia and research, and as a specialist clinician.

Drs. Giguere and Fanning are experienced clinicians who bring significant expertise, energy and commitment to the Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and to this program.

In addition to directing the care of transplant patients, Drs. Spitzer, Giguere and Fanning are clinical trial investigators. They regularly meet with their counterparts in prominent stem cell transplant programs across the U.S., and they work with multidisciplinary teams to maintain the high quality standards for patient care and laboratory support.

Dr. O'Rourke is board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology, geriatrics, and hospice and palliative medicine, and has years of experience in clinical trials, multidisciplinary cancer care, cancer prevention and quality measures in cancer care.

Partners in Cancer Centers of the Carolinas, Drs. Spitzer, Giguere, Fanning and O'Rourke will continue to work hand in hand with St. Francis keeping us in the forefront of this rapidly transforming field.



Dr. Gary Spitzer



Dr. Jeffrey Giguere



Dr. Suzanne Fanning



Dr. Mark O'Rourke



STAFF DEVELOPMENT



Caring for patients in treatment for hematological malignancies requires a very specialized staff, so we have built in money for staff development that will assure that our present and future nurses, doctors and

support staff will be able to continue to update their already remarkable standards of care, remaining current on the latest drugs and technologies.

“It’s a special place. You can feel it as soon as you step off the elevator. It is a place of both healing and hope and I could never imagine working anywhere else.”

- Terra Dillard, RN-Director

“The nurses are wonderful there. They’re there for you. It’s like family.”

- St. Francis BMT patient



“You need a subset of nurses with unique knowledge in treatment of these patients. Super nurses, as I see them.”

- Dr. Gary Spitzer



Top Left, left to right: Callie Fluhrer, Kate Downes, Priscilla Blassingame; Terra Dillard, RN-Director; Gerrie Black, RN; Nicole Vickery, RN
Bottom Left: Buz Tatum; Nicole Vickery, RN
Bottom Right: Lisa Ann Riley; Virginia Streetman, RN



WE NEED YOUR HELP

As a community leader, you have the unique opportunity to give in a way that most cannot, to provide for the people who need the most. Our community needs this Center. We can't make it a reality without your support.

Your gracious gift allows us to elevate the already exemplary care of the Bone Marrow Transplant

program at St. Francis. With your generosity, we will be able to extend the comforting hands and healing mission of St. Francis, continuing to be "a much softer environment for such an intense treatment."

For helping to expand this new and vital center for the people of Greenville and beyond, we thank you.

"My ability to treat a patient is greatly influenced by the resources and staff I have around me. This new center would magnify what is already great about St. Francis."

- Dr. Mark O'Rourke





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