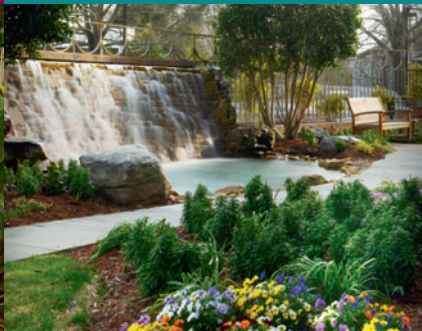


CANCER RESOURCE GUIDE

McLeod



McLeod
Center for Cancer
Treatment & Research

OUR MISSION

The mission of McLeod Cancer Services is to provide holistic, high-quality and service-oriented care, education and research to oncology patients and their families in a safe and efficient manner.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that each person is a unique individual, entitled to clarity, dignity, honesty and respect. As part of our commitment to quality, we conduct clinical research and reach out to the community we serve. We recognize the intricacies of a cancer diagnosis, and understand that an individual with cancer is not only being treated for the disease itself, but is a complex human being whose diagnosis impacts the whole person, physically, emotionally and spiritually, as well as the entire family and support system. Our goal is to provide care, education, and avenues of support to address these complex needs in a professional, yet comforting, environment. We are dedicated to compassionately serving all those who come to us and believe not only in the power of knowledge, but also in the power of perseverance and hope.

WELCOME

from the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research Medical Directors

Cancer is not one disease. In fact, it is a group of perhaps thousands of different diseases which share some common characteristics. For this reason cancer treatments are very complex and increasingly personalized. At McLeod, we have a team approach to diagnosing and treating this disease. Physicians representing various specialties, nurses, research staff, tumor registrars, rehabilitation therapists and pharmacists, all collaborate in recommending treatment plans for our cancer patients, especially in challenging cases.

For more than 35 years, McLeod has been the only comprehensive community cancer program accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons in the region. Commission on Cancer-accredited programs demonstrate excellence in various key elements which are crucial to the treatment of a complex group of diseases. This includes offering state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment facilities, a cancer conference board, tumor registry, and quality improvement programs.

In addition to state-of-the-art clinical programs, we provide urgently needed educational and support services for families coping with this challenging illness. We also play a critical role in funding the greatest source of hope for all cancer patients and people at risk for the disease: research.

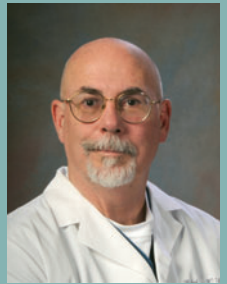
As the Cancer Center for this region, we are proud that McLeod Health made the commitment to unify and improve upon this excellence by opening the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment & Research in 2014. We are fully aware that the number of patients who will be diagnosed in the coming decades will increase dramatically as the baby boomers age. The facilities, technology and team approach which has been established here at McLeod will be ready to take on this challenge in the coming years.

The McLeod Cancer Center serves as a focal point for the next generation of cancer care in our region, providing patients and their families with the highly sensitive, sophisticated and personal care they expect and deserve. It offers additional space with the patient's comfort in mind, expanded access to preventative medicine, individualized treatment focusing on each patient's diagnosis, care and recovery, as well as state-of-the-art technology.

We hope you find the information in this guide helpful and encouraging whether you are a patient, caregiver or physician.



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AT THE CENTER OF

HOPE

A NEW ERA IN
EXTRAORDINARY CANCER CARE



THE THEME OF A RIVER OF LIFE

Water, the symbol of life and renewal, is an integral part of the design of our Cancer Center. It reminds us of strength, direction and hope. The motif of a gently flowing stream, with no beginning and no end, connects the radiation oncology unit with medical oncology. The infinity of the stream symbolizes the continuous journey, the ebb and flow, of cancer treatment and recovery. A break in the stream represents the sometimes rocky and challenging pathway to survivorship. Waterfalls continuously replenish the stream.



The McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research is dedicated to the physical and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families. A beacon of hope and healing for the communities we serve, the Cancer Center has been designed with the patient as the focus offering the highest quality, individualized care with convenient access to all cancer services. From diagnosis and treatment to recovery and support, hope lives in the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research.



Located within the McLeod Cancer Center are Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology physician offices, treatment areas for Infusion Services and Radiation Therapy, the Inspirations Gift Shop, the Spa at McLeod and the McLeod Choice Pharmacy.





Infusion Services

Infusion Services is an outpatient department that provides infusion treatments with a specialty in Oncology and Hematology. This team works closely with the Physician, Pharmacist, and other support areas to provide safe and holistic care to the patients as well as their families. Any questions concerning the patient's diagnosis, treatment, and side effects can be and are provided by this team. The department includes large windows overlooking a beautiful healing garden with a waterfall to promote relaxation during treatment. The Infusion Services department also offers ample room for a family member or friend to remain with the patient and provide support while they receive treatment. McLeod Infusion Services treats approximately 100 patients per day.



McLeod Radiation Oncology

The mission of the McLeod Radiation Oncology Department is to serve as the regional radiation therapy center, providing radiation care at local and regional levels allowing cancer patients to receive the highest quality care while remaining close to home. McLeod Radiation Oncology is one of only 11 American College of Radiology accredited centers in South Carolina, and one of only 741 in the United States.



McLeod Oncology Navigators

After a diagnosis of cancer, patients may feel overwhelmed and confused. Often, treatment of this disease can be complicated. McLeod Oncology Navigators are there to help at every step of the way. This team is comprised of experienced clinical staff whose primary goal is to help patients on the cancer journey, from diagnosis to survivorship. The navigators work with patients and their doctors, helping to "navigate" them through the confusing system of appointments and follow-up care. Navigators also provide education about disease processes and treatments, and assist with locating resources within the McLeod Health system and community. For more information, call (843) 777-4673.

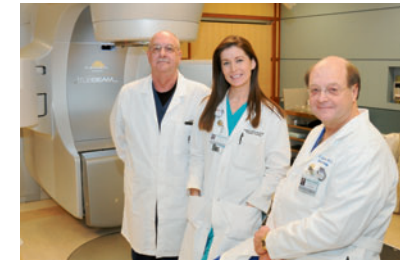
McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates

The physicians of McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates care for patients diagnosed with cancer and blood diseases. These six oncology and hematology physicians include: Dr. Rajesh Bajaj, Dr. Rommel Lu, Dr. Michael Pavy, Dr. Sreenivas Rao, Dr. Jamie Smith, and Dr. Karim Tazi. They are also supported by nurse practitioners and a PGY2 oncology trained PharmD. This exceptional team of physicians collectively represent more than 90 years of experience in winning the battle against cancer.



Stereotactic Radiosurgery

McLeod Health has installed a "super" linear accelerator with the goal of expanding treatment options for cancer patients in the region. This advanced technology involves special equipment to position the patient and precisely deliver a large radiation dose to a tumor in the brain or body, reducing the amount of time during treatment and resulting in fewer treatments. This form of radiation therapy is called Stereotactic Radiosurgery. Advantages of this linear accelerator include the degree of precision it offers, the submillimeter accuracy which minimizes harm to healthy tissue and adjacent critical structures such as the spinal cord or lungs, and a platform that will move in six dimensions to position the patient in the best possible way for treatment. In addition to the treatment of brain tumors, this unit can also be used to treat primary and metastatic lung and liver cancer depending on the size of the tumor and its location. Stereotactic body radiation therapy also provides a treatment option for patients with early stage lung cancer who may not be candidates for surgery because of other medical conditions such as heart disease.





+ McLeod Cancer Research
 For more than 30 years, McLeod has participated in cutting edge cancer research and made clinical trials available to people living in northeastern South Carolina and southeastern North Carolina. McLeod's involvement in cancer research is supported by multiple research partners, including the National Cancer Institute and the Southeast Clinical Oncology Research Consortium (SCOR). McLeod is dedicated to providing area residents the opportunity to participate in a clinical trial that best suits the unique needs of the individual.



+ McLeod Cancer Clinic
 The McLeod Cancer Clinic provides cancer care services, including chemotherapy and radiation therapy on an outpatient basis to persons from Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties who have no insurance coverage. In order to receive care in the McLeod Cancer Clinic, a physician must refer the patient and there must be a biopsy proven diagnosis of cancer. Patients also must meet certain income criteria.



+ Infusion Pharmacy
 A specialty pharmacy that prepares intravenous medications used in the treatment of cancer is located within the Infusion Services department of the Cancer Center. Staff members working in this pharmacy are specially trained in the preparation and dispensing of medication. In addition, the pharmacists provide education to patients regarding medication side effects as well as other supportive services.



+ Oncology Social Worker
 McLeod offers patients the assistance of a certified oncology social worker. This staff member provides a range of support to cancer patients and their families, such as assisting with information on support groups/programs, community resources for transportation and financial concerns such as Disability and Medicaid.

+ Oncology PharmD
 Oncology Specialized Pharmacists assist physicians at McLeod in the care of patients with cancer. These pharmacists have additional training in oncology and available chemotherapeutic agents used for treatment of these diseases. They work alongside our physicians and nurses to recommend, design, implement and monitor treatment plans for patients with cancer in addition to managing supportive care issues such as nausea, vomiting and pain.



+ Cancer Conferences
 Cancer patients at McLeod benefit from the multi-disciplinary approach of clinical experts who meet and review information for cancer patients to arrive at the individualized best course of treatment for each patient. The McLeod Cancer Conference brings experts around the table from medical and radiation oncology, pathology, surgery, radiology, navigation, social work, and nursing. Using their collective skills, knowledge, and specialties, these experts review imaging and pathology as well as surgical plans to optimize the plan for treatment. The focus keeps the patient in the center of the conversation as we understand a cancer diagnosis affects not only the patient but their family and support system as well. The recommendations from this expert team are provided to the patient's physician to support their plan of care. The mission of the McLeod Cancer Conference is to provide patients with the best cancer treatment plan available for each specific diagnosis. The McLeod Cancer Conference meets weekly to discuss patient cases. In addition, they convene for specialty cancer conferences focused on Breast and Neuro Oncology cases.





Oncology Unit

On the seventh floor of the McLeod Tower is the inpatient unit for Oncology and Hematology. This unit features 31 large private patient rooms, each equipped with recliners and sleeper sofas to provide comfortable accommodations so that families may remain at their loved one's bedside. The rooms are complemented with natural lighting and soothing decor to provide a calm and healing environment. The nursing and support staff on this unit are specially trained to care for cancer patients and their families. Oncology certified nurses, care management, social work, nutrition services, pharmacy, physical therapy and spiritual care are all present on the unit to work with patients and families during their admission. Volunteers round on the unit to offer patients and families newspapers, books, magazines, movies, crafts and music. Innovative approaches such as massage and pet/music therapy are also offered to patients and families to assist with pain control and the healing process.

Cancer Registry

The McLeod Cancer Registry dates back to the early 1950's when data first began to be collected from cancer diagnoses in this region of South Carolina. All cases of cancer diagnosed and/or treated at McLeod are analyzed for demographics, primary site, histology, diagnosis, stage of disease, treatment modalities, disease recurrence, and yearly follow-up status. These statistics are submitted to the South Carolina Central Cancer Registry and to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), with the data being used for reporting and publication purposes. The Cancer Registry is currently following more than 9,295 cases diagnosed at McLeod, with more than 21,000 cases included in the registry since the reference year of 1994.

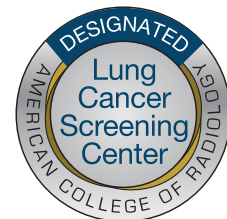
Lung Cancer Screening Program

McLeod offers a Lung Cancer Screening Program that is coordinated by the Lung Oncology Navigator. The screening is recommended for adults aged 55 to 80 years who have a 30 pack-year smoking history (30 pack-year is equivalent to one pack per day for 30 years or two packs per day for 15 years) and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. Participants in the McLeod Lung Cancer Screening Program receive a low-dose CT scan; a professional reading and interpretation of findings by a McLeod Radiologist who will either recommend a one-year follow-up or further testing; free smoking cessation counseling; results sent to their primary care physician; and referrals to a pulmonologist or cardiothoracic surgeon if anything of concern is detected on the scan. For more information, call the Lung Oncology Navigator at (843) 777-5640.



Lung Cancer Screening Center

McLeod Regional Medical Center is designated as a Lung Cancer Screening Center by the American College of Radiology (ACR). McLeod is the only hospital in this part of South Carolina to achieve this designation. In order to receive this elite distinction, facilities must be accredited by the ACR in computed tomography (CT) in the chest module, as well as undergo a rigorous assessment of its lung cancer screening protocol and infrastructure. Also required are procedures in place for follow-up patient care, such as counseling and smoking cessation programs.



Interventional Radiology Advancements

Recent advancements in Radiology at McLeod Regional Medical Center have included a 320-slice CT scanner and enhanced imaging technology known as ClearRead Bone Suppression. McLeod was the first hospital in South Carolina to install both of these pieces of technology that not only improve the safety of diagnostic testing, but also allow for earlier detection of diseases such as lung cancer.





+ Ablation

State-of-the-art, minimally invasive cancer therapies available at McLeod include radiofrequency, microwave and cryoablation of tumors in the lung, liver and kidneys. These modalities use a specific type of energy to thermally ablate or kill tumors. Each procedure requires the CT-guided placement of one or more probes into a tumor by an Interventional Radiologist. Ablation is achieved by using extremely high or low temperatures. Most procedures are performed on an outpatient basis and patients return to their normal activities the following day.

+ PET/CT

With a continued focus on quality care and improved patient experience, McLeod Regional Medical Center recently became the first hospital in the state to install the Siemens Biograph mCT, an innovative PET/CT scanner which offers accurate, fast and comfortable exams for a wide range of patients. The new PET/CT scanner offers exceptional patient comfort with a large 78-cm cylinder. Its open design and fast scan times may help patients feel less claustrophobic. The unit's innovative dose-reduction technologies also minimize patient exposure to radiation. Additionally, the system's fast scan times result in less patient motion, optimizing both image quality and the overall patient experience. Exams that previously lasted 40 minutes are now performed in less than 20 minutes. The combined PET/CT technology also increases the physician's ability to diagnose diseases that may have previously remained unidentified. Oncologists can characterize the tiniest cancer lesions more precisely, which permits better staging and monitoring of changes in activity over time. This allows for a more accurate assessment of treatment response.



+ Toshiba Aquilion ONE 320-slice CT

This CT scanner offers patients access to unprecedented technology that provides faster, more precise results and shorter procedure times, thereby reducing the amount of radiation exposure patients receive. It is also the world's first CT system capable of showing organ function in real time and the only system capable of imaging bone and soft tissue in motion.



+ ClearRead Bone Suppression

This software is the most significant advancement in chest radiography since digital imaging became available. Using the world's most common imaging exam, the chest X-ray, this technology enhances the clarity of digital images by removing bone, giving radiologists and physicians a better opportunity to spot underlying diseases that might go unnoticed on a traditional chest X-ray. Patients receive diagnoses at earlier stages when more treatment options are available and survival rates are higher.



+ McLeod Breast Health Center

The first in the region to achieve a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence designation by the American College of Radiology (ACR) and accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, the McLeod Breast Health Center promotes continuity of care by providing the full spectrum of services for women, from prevention and diagnosis to treatment and support. The goal is to make the individual patient's entry into the system as painless and seamless as possible. McLeod also provides the latest in breast health technology with three digital mammography units located in Breast Imaging at McLeod Regional Medical Center and a fourth digital mammography unit located on the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit. Additionally, the Breast Health Center collaborates with the McLeod Foundation, Komen Lowcountry and the American Cancer Society to provide free screening and diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds to low income women with no insurance coverage or hospital only insurance.





Library

One of the best ways to meet the challenges associated with a cancer diagnosis is for patients to become active participants in their care by educating themselves about their specific type of cancer. The Library within the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment & Research houses a variety of resources to assist patients in better understanding their diagnosis, side effects of treatment and long-term survival issues. It also serves as a resource to family members, caregivers, survivors, community members, students and staff.



HOPE Fund Committee

The HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund Committee consists of community members who have been touched by cancer either as a patient or caregiver. This advisory group approves the funding of cancer patient support services such as transportation, nutrition and medication assistance as well as provides oncology staff with improved access to immediate fund needs for patients. They also support the Cancer Center's volunteer program and educational resources for patients and families.



Massage Therapy Students

An evidence-based program in cancer care, massage therapy has been proven beneficial for patients undergoing cancer treatment. This form of therapy reduces pain, increases relaxation, decreases muscle tension and stimulates the lymphatic system. McLeod has a partnership with Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter that not only helps cancer patients treated at the hospital, but also assists the massage therapy students in meeting their program requirements. The students offer hand and arm massages once a week to cancer patients receiving infusion treatment at McLeod as an inpatient or outpatient. The purpose of the massage therapy internship is to enhance the treatment experience of the patients and meet the training and clinical requirements of the students. During their clinical rotations at McLeod, the student interns are also directly supervised by an instructor.

Genetic Counselor

Peggy Walker, a Clinical Genetic Counselor with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine's University Speciality Clinics, offers community outreach counseling at McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates. Her primary goal is to identify individuals and families at increased risk of cancer in order to promote awareness, early detection and cancer prevention. Genetic counselors are uniquely qualified to address both the genetic and emotional aspects related to cancer risk or diagnosis. Genetic counseling for individuals at risk for breast, ovarian, colon and other cancers includes: assessing a person's risk of developing cancer based on a detailed cancer-focused personal and family medical history; determining whether the history is suggestive of an inherited cancer syndrome; coordinating genetic testing with outside reference laboratories for patients with appropriate genetic risk; and reporting and explaining the results of the genetic testing to the patient and their physician.



Volunteers

A specially trained volunteer staff is available to assist cancer patients and families in the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research. These volunteers offer resources and comfort to cancer patients undergoing treatment including refreshments, newspapers, puzzle books and blankets.



Support Groups

Through support groups, patients and families receive comfort and understanding from each other. Support groups are great sources of information from ways to help reduce anxiety to sharing experiences. At McLeod, there are support groups available for breast cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumors, and multiple myeloma. Other supportive therapies offered are Artful Expressions, where patients have the opportunity to express themselves through various art forms. For more information, call (843) 777-5695.



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A plastic and reconstructive surgeon is a physician who specializes in plastic and reconstructive procedures, including post-mastectomy breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.

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A critical care specialist is a primary provider of care for critically ill patients while they are hospitalized.

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Palliative Care

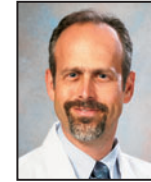
Working with the patient's primary care physician, the Palliative Medicine physician provides care to patients who are near the end of life but also treats patients who have serious illnesses and wish to continue evidence-based, aggressive treatments. This form of medicine allows for less pain and improved control of symptoms which offers the potential for continued treatments.

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A Pathologist is a physician concerned with the study of the nature, origin, progress and cause of diseases.

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Otolaryngology

Otolaryngologists are physicians trained in the medical and surgical management and treatment of patients with diseases and disorders of the ear, nose, throat and related structures of the head and neck.

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Radiology

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Recognized nationally for its quality initiatives and methodology, McLeod Health has a leading regional presence in Northeastern South Carolina and Southeastern North Carolina and a reputation for dedication to its patients and their families. McLeod is constantly seeking to improve its patient care with efforts that are physician led, data-driven and evidence-based. The 15-county area McLeod serves has a population more than one million, including those who live in Southeastern North Carolina.

Founded in 1906, McLeod Health is a locally owned and managed, not-for-profit organization supported by the strength of more than 750 members on the medical staff

and over 1,800 full time nurses. In addition to its modern facilities, premier technology and equipment, McLeod is dedicated to improving the health of the residents of those communities served.

McLeod Health is composed of more than 7,100 full time employees and over 70 physician practices in ten counties. With six hospitals, McLeod Health also operates a Health and Fitness Center, Sports Medicine and Outpatient Rehabilitation Center, a Behavioral Health Center, Hospice, and Home Health Services. The hospitals within McLeod Health include: McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Darlington, McLeod Dillon, McLeod Loris, McLeod Seacoast and McLeod Health Cheraw.

McLeod Choice Pharmacy

The McLeod Choice Pharmacy offers a large selection of over-the-counter products, immunizations, and quality medications at competitive prices. Most major insurance is accepted including Medicare Part D plans. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The McLeod Choice Pharmacy is also a convenient option for cancer patients to have their medications filled following their doctor's appointment or treatment session. The Pharmacy is located on the west side of the McLeod Concourse near the Center for Cancer Treatment and Research.



Spa at McLeod

The Spa at McLeod offers treatments for those on the go as well as manicures, pedicures, waxing, facial treatments and massages. The Spa is located on the McLeod Concourse near the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Guest House at McLeod

The Guest House at McLeod offers comfortable accommodations in a caring environment to out-of-town families with loved ones being treated at McLeod Regional Medical Center. The convenient on-campus location, low-cost, safety and caring staff makes the Guest House a wonderful alternative to waiting rooms, motels or driving long distance. The room rates for the McLeod Guest House are only \$20 per night for the first registered guest and \$5 for each additional guest. The Guest House at McLeod is located at 422 East Cheves Street across from McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, South Carolina. For more information on the Guest House and availability, call (843) 777-7292.





+ Inspirations Gift Shop

The Inspirations Gift Shop offers wigs, scarves, hats and caps that can help patients feel more confident about their appearance during cancer treatment. In addition, the gift shop also offers retail items such as jewelry, handbags, robes, books, toiletries and snacks for both the patient and their loved ones. Inspirations is conveniently located within the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call (843) 777-5206.



+ McLeod Foundation

The McLeod Health Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit, charitable foundation governed by a regional volunteer Board of Trustees. The mission of the Foundation is to generate philanthropic and community support to perpetuate medical excellence at McLeod Health. The McLeod Foundation and the H.O.P.E. Fund support the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research by providing funding for such programs as the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit, the L.I.F.T. Program, and technological advancements. Funds raised from the “An Evening of Hope” Cancer Benefit as well as annual gifts support these and many other programs benefiting cancer patients and their families.



+ McLeod Hospice

For more than thirty years, the staff and volunteers of McLeod Hospice have committed themselves to providing a compassionate approach to hospice care in a manner that affirms life, giving patients and their families the support they need. McLeod Hospice allows the patient to remain at home or in other settings such as Assisted Living and long-term care facilities. In addition, the 24-bed McLeod Hospice House provides inpatient care for acutely ill patients.

+ McLeod Palliative Care

McLeod Palliative Care offers specialized comfort care services at the end of life for both the patient and family in the McLeod Hospice House and McLeod Regional Medical Center. This team focuses on relieving suffering and improving quality of life in any stage of a progressive, incurable illness. Their objective is on the needs of the patient, whether those needs are for pain and symptom control, counseling, spiritual needs, or coordinating links to other community services. This level of care is available to help patients and their families throughout the course of their illness in conjunction with aggressive medical therapy.



+ McLeod Health & Fitness Center

The McLeod Health & Fitness Center is the only medically-based wellness center in the greater Florence area. The Center offers an array of professionally-managed programs to help people of all ages and fitness levels improve their overall health and quality of life. Membership opportunities include specialized medical memberships. This state-of-the-art facility provides numerous amenities including more than 100 group fitness classes a week, cardio and strength training, free weights, racquetball courts, indoor and outdoor tracks, a six-lane multipurpose pool, warm water exercise pool, full service day spa, on-site grill and more.



+ Cancer Rehabilitation (STAR® Program)

The McLeod STAR Program® (Survivorship Training and Rehabilitation) is a unique cancer rehabilitation program designed to minimize the side effects of cancer treatment, and support cancer survivors in functioning at the highest level possible. Whether you are newly diagnosed, currently undergoing cancer treatment or a long-term cancer survivor, the goal of the program is to return you to the activities you enjoy. For more information on the services offered through the STAR Program®, please call (843) 777-2699.

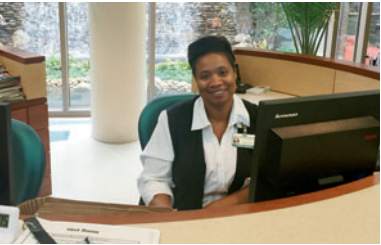


OTHER McLEOD SERVICES



Courtesy Parking

McLeod Courtesy Parking is a free, friendly and convenient service for McLeod Health patients and visitors of the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research as well as the McLeod Tower, Pavilion, Day Hospital and McLeod Medical Parks East and West. McLeod Courtesy Parking Attendants can assist with doors, wheelchairs, information and directions. The attendants are licensed, insured and committed to the responsibility of the highest standards of security. Patients and visitors can also park on the third level of the West Parking Deck and walk across the enclosed connector to the second floor of the Cancer Center and the offices of McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates.



Registration

The McLeod Registration staff registers patients for outpatient services, including infusion and radiation treatment and PET/CT scans. They are responsible for collecting information related to the patient's medical care and obtaining financial details for the purpose of ensuring payment for services.

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Breast Oncology Navigator (843) 777-5418

Lung Oncology Navigator (843) 777-5640

Prostate and Colon Oncology Navigator (843) 777-6339

Neuro-Oncology Navigator (843) 409-1533

Certified Oncology Social Worker (843) 777-5695

**McLeod Physician Access Center (Transfer Center):
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