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Congratulations on our recent CoC Program achievements

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In 2015, Aurora Cancer Care had two networked programs up for re-accreditation and both received the Outstanding Achievement Award (see below).

The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a program of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS), recognizes cancer care programs for their commitment to providing comprehensive, high-quality, and multidisciplinary patient-centered care. The CoC is dedicated to



improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care.

More than 70 percent of all newly diagnosed cancer patients are treated in the more than 1,500 CoC-accredited cancer programs nationwide. The CoC Accreditation Program encourages hospitals, treatment centers and other facilities to become CoC-accredited. Cancer Program Standards Ensuring Patient-Centered Care establishes new requirements around patient-centered needs and expands the focus on improving the quality of care and patient outcomes.

With more than 80 years of experience in accreditation, the CoC is the recognized leader in setting standards for cancer care that focus on:

- The structure and process needs for high quality cancer programs
- Patient needs for support and involvement in care decisions



- Data usage to measure cancer care quality and to monitor treatment patterns and outcomes
- Physician and payor demands to decrease variations in care and improve efficiency



DID YOU KNOW? Only 17% of the accredited programs achieve the Outstanding Achievement Award!

These sites are: *Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington, Aurora Lakeland Medical Center and Aurora Medical Center Kenosha as the South Network and Aurora St Luke's Medical Center, Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Aurora West Allis Medical Center and Aurora Medical Center Washington County as the Milwaukee Network.* Our programs joined Aurora BayCare Medical Center's Cancer Program which achieved this honor in 2014.

Wheel & Sprocket helps Team Phoenix Athletes – one bike at a time

By Dawn Groshek, Grant Specialist Senior, Aurora Health Care Foundation

In the midst of a group of 30-40 riders, Jon Sison rides near the back to make sure everyone is riding safely. As the general manager of Wheel & Sprocket's Brookfield store, he is personally interested in helping Team Phoenix athletes succeed.



"We're all about helping more people 'enjoy their ride,' that's our motto, and we strive to help others out," said Jon. "The other thing is that my mother-in-law passed away from breast cancer, so this is a way I can help honor her."

Jon and his team at the Wheel & Sprocket Brookfield store are doing that by partnering with Aurora's Team Phoenix program, a cancer survivorship program that trains survivors to compete in a local triathlon. In 2015, the program nearly doubled in size, with 47 athletes from the greater Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha areas coming together to train for a triathlon – swim, bike and run.

It's the biking portion where Jon and his team come in. Wheel & Sprocket supports the athletes by loaning them a bike to participate in the program. Through the partnership, the athlete receives a brand new bike for the season. The team is able to train at the Brookfield store as well as "on the road," with Wheel & Sprocket personnel available to assist them. After the triathlon, the athletes are able to purchase the bike at a discount.

"I know it's been very good for the athletes. Not every athlete would have been able to afford to purchase a bike to participate in the program," said Barb Paegelow, a past Team Phoenix athlete and the 2015 volunteer coordinator.

Jon, who is a 30-year Alpine ski instructor, also has a passion to coach.

He and his team attend every bicycle practice and triathlon to help athletes with fit adjustments and body mechanics. They also help them learn the basics of bike maintenance.

"We have riders who have never ridden a bike before. We have riders who haven't ridden in 20 years... and the abilities are the same," said Jon. "We ride with them, we coach them on their pedaling, their position, we even stop them as well to do some adjustment and try to explain to them why this is comfortable and more efficient."

"Just having the support of Jon here at the practice, it's really made a difference," said Barb. ■

Learn more about how you can support Team Phoenix. Contact Dawn Groshek with the Aurora Health Care Foundation at dawn.groshek@aurora.org or 414-649-3636.



Jon Sison helps Team Phoenix athletes prepare for a ride at Hart Park.

Aurora Annual Clinical Research Recognition Event 2015 Research Champion Award: Michael Mullane MD, Medical Oncologist, Aurora Cancer Care

By Randall Lambrecht, PhD, Senior Vice President, President Aurora Research Institute
Aurora Sinai Medical Center

On September 30, 2015, the sixth Annual Greater Milwaukee Clinical Research Recognition Event was held at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center. We are pleased to announce that Michael Mullane, MD, received the Research Champion Award. This award is given to a researcher who demonstrates outstanding dedication and commitment to research at Aurora and has extensive visibility in the research community.

Dr. Mullane was nominated by so many caregivers in so many categories that the title of Research Champion is clearly well deserved. In addition to launching the Hereditary Cancer Prevention and Management Center, he is co-investigator on nearly 100 active clinical trials. He is a diligent oncologist who thoroughly discusses treatment plans with both patients and clinicians to coordinate optimal care.

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Dr. Mullane grew up in Kenosha. He graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1985. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and was a chief resident at the affiliated VA Medical Center in Minneapolis. He then completed a hematology and medical oncology fellowship with an emphasis on basic science research at the Washington

University School of Medicine. While at Washington University, he received the American Society of Hematology Stratton-Jaffe Award. He has been in clinical practice in southeastern Wisconsin for 20 years. He recently completed the City of Hope Intensive Course in genetic cancer risk assessment. In addition to a busy general medical oncology practice, he is the medical director of the Hereditary Cancer Prevention and Management Center at the Vince Lombardi Cancer Center, Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center. Dr. Mullane and his wife, Heidi, are parents of two wonderful daughters, Caitlin and Meghan. He was blessed to be the bone marrow donor for his brother and best friend, Kevin, who continues in complete remission from chronic myelogenous leukemia. Michael and Kevin celebrate that ongoing remission with an annual trip to baseball's World Series. ■



Michael Mullane, MD (left) receiving award from Randall Lambrecht, PhD (right)

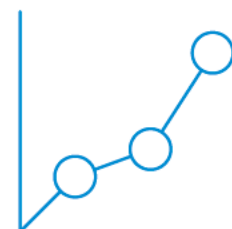
CoC Program achievements continued from cover.

Five elements are key to the success of a CoC-accredited cancer program:

1. The clinical services provide state-of-the-art pretreatment evaluation, staging, treatment and clinical follow-up for cancer patients seen at the facility for primary, secondary, tertiary or end-of-life care.
2. The cancer committee leads the program through setting goals, monitoring activity, evaluating patient outcomes and improving care.
3. The cancer conferences provide a forum for patient consultation and contribute to physician education.
4. The quality improvement program is the mechanism for evaluating and improving patient outcomes.
5. The cancer registry and database is the basis for monitoring the quality of care.

In 2004, the CoC launched the Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA) which is designed to recognize cancer programs that strive for excellence in demonstrating compliance with the CoC standards and are committed to ensuring high quality cancer care. A CoC-accredited cancer program is eligible to earn the OAA after completing the accreditation survey and receiving a Performance Report that indicates an accreditation award of "Three-Year with Commendation." Specifically, the program must receive commendation ratings for the seven commendation level standards and no deficiencies for the remaining 27 standards.

We congratulate our cancer caregivers in providing best practice cancer care to our patients. ■



Welcome new Aurora Cancer Care experts



Elizabeth Dickson, MD *Gynecologic Oncology*

Dr. Dickson earned her medical degree at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine, Maywood, Illinois. She completed both her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

With survivorship as her main goal, Dr. Dickson believes in a team approach to cancer care, incorporating research, integrative medicine and state-of-the-art techniques to treat not only the patient's disease, but also support her whole being through cancer treatment and beyond. Dr. Dickson is trained in minimally invasive approaches, including traditional laparoscopy and robotic surgery. She has advanced research training and is committed to continuing research to better care for women with cancer.



Andrew Navarrete, MD *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*

Dr. Navarrete earned his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison. He completed his residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison. Dr. Navarrete completed a fellowship in hand and microsurgery at UCLA, Los Angeles.

Dr. Navarrete has special interest in restorative procedures for patients with cancer. In addition, he performs reconstructive surgery of the face, body and extremities related to cancer, reconstructive microsurgery, skin cancer treatment and reconstruction, breast surgery and body contouring. Dr. Navarrete also has specialized training in hand and wrist surgery.



Wesley Papenfuss, MD *Complex Surgical Oncology*

Dr. Papenfuss earned his medical degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He completed his general surgery residency at Iowa Health System, Des Moines, Iowa. He completed a surgical oncology fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. He is board certified in general surgery and complex general surgical oncology by the American Board of Surgery.

Dr. Papenfuss educates and cares for patients during the surgical phase of their cancer treatment. He performs surgery for cancers of the esophagus, stomach, liver and pancreas. He also treats patients with intraabdominal and retroperitoneal sarcomas and those with melanomas.



Nyama Sillah, MD *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*

Dr. Sillah earned her medical degree at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health and completed her plastic and reconstructive surgery residency at University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, both in Madison. She also completed an aesthetic and reconstructive surgery fellowship at Harvard University in Boston and specializes in surgical and nonsurgical cosmetic procedures.

Dr. Sillah provides a wide spectrum of plastic and reconstructive surgery procedures including general plastic surgery, breast reconstruction, breast reduction and wound care.

In addition, she performs cosmetic and aesthetic treatments including but not limited to facial plastic surgery, breast augmentation, breast lift, body contouring, tummy tuck, arm lift, thigh lift, liposuction, vaginal rejuvenation, and injection of Botox and many various types of filler for the treatment of fine lines and wrinkles.

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