

The mission of the University of Virginia (UVA) Cancer Center is to reduce the burden of cancer for the patients of today, through skilled, integrated and compassionate care and to eliminate the threat of cancer for the patients of tomorrow, through research and education in an environment that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion

UVA Cancer Center Overview

The UVA Cancer Center addresses its mission by providing clinical care and education, and promoting cutting-edge cancer research. Since July 1987, it has been designated by the National Cancer Institute (“NCI”, the federal government’s principal agency for cancer research and training) as an NCI-designated cancer center. In February 2022, it achieved designation as the highest level of NCI center – a Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of only 57 such centers in the country. Comprehensive Cancer Centers are a step up from NCI-designated Cancer Centers because they demonstrate excellence across the full spectrum of research, training, and outreach. Securing this elite status was a priority for UVA, not because of the accolades it brings, but for what it means for our patients and community. For example, comprehensiveness enables us to:

- Further address cancer burden and risk factors across the state of Virginia;
- Enhance our ability to provide expert, cutting edge, compassionate care *closer to home* for patients, family members, survivors, and those at risk of a cancer diagnosis;
- Increase the number of clinical trials developed at UVA, shortening the time required to move discoveries in our labs to real solutions for patients;
- Attract and retain the highest caliber students, researchers, physicians, nurses, investigators, and healthcare staff who will serve the community with the highest level of care; and
- Harness the resources of the entire University in the fight against cancer.

Virginians deserve to have a resource in their own backyard that allows them to obtain cancer care that is close to the science, and we are poised to meet this need now and in the future.

Pursuant to Item 185, B.2, Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session 1 Acts of Assembly, UVA submits this report on its use of state funds in cancer research in FY 24:

Category	FY24
Faculty Recruitment and Start-up	\$ 5,311,280
Clinical Research	\$ 5,798,243
Operating	\$ 3,643,653
Faculty Effort	\$ 2,006,109
Shared Resources	\$ 1,644,541
Pilot Research Projects	\$ 3,297,736
Community Outreach and Engagement	\$ 1,096,533
Trainee Support	\$ 142,039
Total	\$ 22,940,134

Of these funds, \$930,126 were spent on pediatric cancer research-specific activities. Additional FY24 funds beyond those listed above were committed to faculty recruitment and pilot research projects that will be spent in FY25.

The funding from the Commonwealth was of great benefit to the UVA Comprehensive Cancer Center and the people of Virginia. With the increased funding we were able to support the recruitment of over 15 new faculty members, awarded over 50 pilot projects to spur the development of new research, purchased state of the art laboratory equipment to be shared by multiple investigators, and added staff to our Office of Clinical Research. We are optimistic that these investments will return great rewards in terms of reducing the burden of cancer for the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.