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The mission of the Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center is to reduce the state cancer burden for all Virginians by addressing the confluence between biological, social, and policy drivers through high-impact, cutting-edge research; person-centered care across the continuum, from prevention through survivorship; community integration; and training the next generation of community-centric researchers and healthcare professionals

VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center Overview

Through innovative research, patient care, education and community engagement, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center is discovering, developing, delivering and teaching effective means to prevent, detect, treat and cure cancer and to making these advancements equally available to all. Founded in 1974, Massey was among the earliest cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). It is the only cancer center in the Richmond metropolitan region and one of only two NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the state, placing it among the top 4 percent of cancer centers in the country.

Comprehensive Status enables us to lead the charge – locally, regionally and nationally in the following areas:

- Translating research discoveries into advances in treatment and prevention
- Addressing cancer disparities to provide equal access to quality cancer care and screenings, leading the nation in establishing a 21st-Century model of equity for cancer research and care
- Conducting cancer research across multiple domains including basic science (laboratory), translational, clinical and population sciences research
- Developing and conducting clinical trials that test promising scientific breakthroughs. VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center leads Virginia in offering the largest selection of cancer clinical trials as well as a statewide clinical trials network that bring cutting-edge trials to patients throughout the commonwealth.

VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center also serves as a vital resource for education, offering academic programs and training for students, cancer researchers and oncology health care professionals as well as health outreach programs for cancer patients, caregivers and the community.

Use of state support in FY24

Category	Amount	Percent
Community Outreach and Engagement	1,498,533	7%
Clinical Research	5,161,002	23%
Training and Education	446,233	2%
Operating	2,642,569	12%
Faculty Recruitment, Retention & Start-up	3,213,070	14%
Research Development	6,879,473	30%
Shared Resources	2,659,120	12%
Total	\$ 22,500,000	

Support from the Commonwealth was crucial for meeting Comprehensive status criteria, improving the lives of Virginians and attracting some of the best and brightest minds to our communities. With this funding, Massey was able to: support 44 faculty researchers through recruitment, start-up packages, and research development; fund 10 shared resources; support 18 training and education initiatives throughout the state; facilitate 8 team science grants; support for clinical research that improve patient care for all Virginians; create more jobs for Virginians; and expand Massey’s clinical trials network to bring the latest therapies to the entire state and address cancer disparities in Virginia’s minoritized and vulnerable populations.