



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

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.

Use of state support in FY25

Category	FY25
Faculty Recruitment and Start-up	\$ 5,963,482
Clinical Research	\$ 1,331,242
Operating	\$ 2,366,856
Faculty Effort	\$ 2,864,963
Shared Resources	\$ 1,943,330
Pilot Research Projects	\$ 3,329,908
Community Outreach and Engagement	\$ 1,402,723
Trainee Support	\$ 407,340
Total	\$ 19,609,845

Additional FY25 funds beyond those listed above were committed in FY25 to faculty recruitment and pilot research projects that will be spent in FY26. Of the \$2.5M specified for pediatric cancer research, \$551,889 were spent in FY25 and the remainder was committed to faculty recruitment and pilot projects that will be spent in the coming years.

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 25 faculty, 29 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.