

Innovative and Compassionate Cancer Care

Katmai Oncology—Anchorage, Alaska



When diagnosed with cancer, you have countless questions. You want to ask the right questions but, like many people, you may feel overwhelmed and uncertain even about what questions to ask. The most important thing to ask your physician is this: Are you a dedicated cancer specialist who can provide the specific expertise I need?

In Alaska, the choice is clear. Katmai Oncology serves all Alaskans in offering high quality, personalized state-of-the-art hematology and oncology care in a supportive, caring setting.

"Our team includes six board certified physicians as well as registered nurses who are Oncology Nursing Certified with specialty training in chemotherapy infusion, and advanced nurse practitioners with oncology experience," says Ellen H. Chirichella, M.D., who is triple board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology.

"In addition to providing the finest cancer care, we also have numerous support staff and programs," adds Dr. Chirichella. "These include a phlebotomist, financial counselor, new patient coordinator, a survivorship program and palliative care, making sure all patients' needs both medical and non-medical are addressed."

A Regional Leader

The largest oncology practice in Alaska, Katmai Oncology is also the only Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) certified group in the state whose goal is to promote excellence in cancer care by helping practices create a culture of self-examination and improvement. The physicians have specialty expertise in benign and malignant hematology, solid tumor malignancy and post transplant care.

"We actively participate in national clinical trials, in close collaboration with Providence Alaska Medical Center and its research department," explains Katmai physician, Jeanne Anderson, M.D., Director of Research at PAMC.

"As a group, we also have relationships with many experts throughout the country and collaborate with physicians at SCCA/University of Washington, MD Anderson, the Mayo Clinic and other institutions, often sparing patients an expensive and time consuming trip out of state, while continuing to provide evidence based, world class care, close to home," adds Dr. Chirichella.

Caring for the Community and Beyond

Katmai Oncology is actively invested in the community, supporting numerous local cancer non-profit events, including those sponsored by ACS, BCFA, hospice

and other organizations. They also have weekly outreach clinic which includes infusion services on the Kenai Peninsula.

"We don't just treat your cancer," notes Dr. Shannon Smiley. "We work as a team to provide a seamless continuum of care to make cancer treatment and recovery effective, convenient and accommodating — one patient at a time."



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Katmai Oncology is the region's cancer care leader. For more information, or to schedule a consultation, please call 907.562.0321. Visit the website at www.katmaioncology.com