

ONCOLOGY CARE

Oncology care is the specialty focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of cancer. It encompasses a comprehensive approach to caring for patients throughout their cancer journey, from the initial diagnosis to treatment and survivorship.

Key aspects of oncology care:

- **Diagnosis:** Oncologists use various tools like biopsies, blood tests, and imaging techniques to identify the type and stage of cancer.
- **Treatment Planning:** Once a diagnosis is confirmed, the oncologist works with the patient to develop a personalized treatment plan.
- **Treatment Delivery:** Oncologists, along with other specialists like radiation oncologists and surgeons, deliver the planned cancer treatments.
- **Management and Support:** Oncology care also involves managing the side effects of treatment, providing pain relief, and emotional support to patients and their families. This may include referrals to supportive care specialists like psychologists or social workers.
- **Survivorship Care:** Oncologists also play a role in survivorship care, which focuses on monitoring the patient's health after treatment to detect any recurrence and manage long-term effects of cancer or its treatment.