

WATSON CLINIC^{LLP}

Cancer & Research Center

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW. . .

- ❖ Watson Clinic LLP opened in 1941 and our doctors have been treating patients with cancer for many generations.
- ❖ We opened our Cancer Center in 2003 to house a collaborative group of oncology specialists. We have one of Polk County's largest teams of cancer care specialists, all dedicated to enhancing the quality and range of services available for patients, their families and the community.
- ❖ Watson Clinic Cancer & Research Center is one of only a handful of freestanding cancer centers in the entire nation to hold a three-year accreditation with commendation by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. In 2013 and 2016, we were the only accredited facility in Florida to win the Outstanding Achievement Award, and one of only 72 in the nation.
- ❖ Our Watson Clinic physicians customize their treatment plans to meet individual patient requirements while providing the latest therapy innovations in a record amount of time.
- ❖ We use an interdisciplinary approach to cancer treatment, which includes experienced oncologists working in collaboration with elite cancer care specialists, such as surgical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, gynecologic oncologists, radiologists, urologists, gastroenterologists, thoracic surgeons, pulmonologists, nurses, social workers, and other professionals as appropriate.
- ❖ Our physicians meet regularly in a multidisciplinary forum to discuss treatment options for all patients and to investigate options for more complex patient cases.
- ❖ Care and research go hand-in-hand as we offer a variety of clinical studies to give patients the latest innovations in therapies. Currently we have research trials being conducted for patients diagnosed with breast, lung, colon, gastrointestinal, pancreatic, genitourinary, leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and head and neck cancers.
- ❖ Some of the state-of-the-art treatment options available at Watson Clinic include: Position Emission Tomography (PET), Computerized Tomography (CT), PET/CT combined, 3D mammography, breast MRI for imaging and biopsy guidance, 3-dimensional conformal radiation therapy, Electronic Portal Imaging, Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) using the area's most sophisticated linear accelerators, high dose rate brachytherapy (HDR), an Open MRI, Mammosite Therapy, RapidArc Radiotherapy and Stereotactic Radiosurgery or SRS.
- ❖ Community outreach and patient services include a comprehensive Arts in Medicine program, which focuses on the creative arts as a healing outlet for cancer patients, a popular informational lecture series, ongoing chemotherapy education classes, a cancer committee that works closely with the American Cancer Society, Team Discovery and Tobacco Free Partnership, and much-needed support groups for cancer patients and their caregivers. Also, there are highly trained nurse navigators to help counsel and assist patients through every step of the process – from diagnosis through treatment to survivorship and follow-up care.
- ❖ Watson Clinic Cancer & Research Center specialists utilize the most technologically advanced methods to treat cancer. With some of the latest radiation therapy alternatives, progressive surgical interventions and state-of-the-art equipment, we can offer one of the most important therapies of all — hope.