

Welcome to Our Center

Welcome to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Merrimack Valley. Our facility offers exam rooms and infusion areas, as well as access to helpful programs and services including clinical trials, genetic counseling, nutrition, social work, and many other oncology support services.

Your Care Team

A team of professionals work together, with you and behind the scenes, to care for you. Depending on your diagnosis and needs, your team may include a medical oncologist, hematologist, nurse, social worker, dietitian, and pharmacist. Other staff members, such as clinical assistants, clinical trials staff and administrative staff, also support your care.

Clinical Trials

As a patient at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Merrimack Valley, you have access to many of Dana-Farber's open clinical trials. Talk with your doctor or another member of your care team who can help determine if a clinical trial could be right for you. Learn more at www.dana-farber.org/clinicaltrials.

Cancer Genetics and Prevention

Genetic Counselors can help you learn more about cancer risk based on your personal and family history and can arrange for genetic testing. Genetic test results can help guide decisions about cancer treatment and clarify the risks of cancer for your family. Our physicians can also provide tailored medical recommendations based on family history and genetic test results. Learn more at www.dana-farber.org/cancergenetics.

Interpreter Services

Language assistance is available and free to all patients and their companions. To request an interpreter, please contact a member of your care team.

Nutrition

Balanced nutrition is an important part of cancer treatment. A healthful diet can help rebuild your body's cells and energy level, especially if you are receiving chemotherapy or radiation. Our registered dietitians have special training in oncology and integrative nutrition and will work to:

- Tailor an eating plan that fits with your diagnosis and treatment
- Address changes in appetite or weight
- Manage treatment side effects, such as nausea, vomiting, taste changes, and bowel irregularities
- Help you learn more about foods, vitamins, and herbal supplements
- Coping with advanced cancer and planning for the future

To meet with a registered dietitian, tell your doctor or nurse. Learn more at www.dana-farber.org/nutrition.





Supportive Oncology Services

We have a team of experts who can help maximize your quality of life during treatment. This can include oncology social workers, palliative care specialists, and appropriate links to other resources, including psychiatry and support groups.

Licensed clinical social workers in oncology are available to provide consultation, guidance, and supportive counseling and can help you with issues including:

- Distress in response to diagnosis and treatment
- Impact of cancer on family, caregivers, and children
- Impact of cancer on other life domains (e.g., work, school, finances)
- Coping with advanced cancer

Supportive oncology services can also help you manage treatment side effects and cope with illness. We will work with you and your cancer care team to address physical, emotional, or spiritual concerns that may arise, and can assist with planning for the future.

To meet with a member of our supportive oncology team, please tell your doctor or nurse.

For assistance with practical needs, our **resource specialist** can help explore options, based on eligibility availability, regarding transportation needs, food assistance, and utility protection, as well as help identify and apply to community-based financial assistance programs. Call 978-620-2020 to speak with a resource specialist.

Specialty Pharmacy Services

In addition to our pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who dispense the medications you receive during your visit, we also have a fully accredited specialty pharmacy available to fill any oral oncology medications that you take at home. Our pharmacy can ship these specialty prescriptions directly to your home at no charge, or you can pick up your prescription at any of Dana-Farber's outpatient pharmacy locations at Merrimack Valley, Chestnut Hill, or Longwood. Learn more at www.dana-farber.org/pharmacy.

Quiet Room

This tranquil room on the first floor offers a peaceful oasis where staff, patients, and their loved ones can reflect, relax, meditate, or just be. The room is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cafe

Visit our cafe on the first floor for a variety of food and beverages, open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are interested in scheduling any of these services, please talk with your doctor or nurse, or call 978-620-2020.

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