

Dignity Health Research Institute

Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento

Cancer Research Program

Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento provides comprehensive treatment with a multidisciplinary approach. The exceptional care provided to patients is augmented by Dignity Health's commitment to ongoing leadership in the field of cancer research.

Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento believes in the benefits of clinical research and its ability to elevate the level of care for all. Our physicians and staff are focused on identifying new technology, procedures and treatment that will positively impact our patients, improving their symptoms, their prognosis and their quality of life.

About the Program

Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento is proud to be a part of multi-center national and international clinical research trials. The program is led by dedicated physicians and professional research staff. This team actively participates in numerous National Institutes of Health studies as well as Industry Sponsored pharmaceutical and medical device trials.

The mission of the oncology research program is to support continued innovation in the field of oncology care, with the goal of finding new ways to provide timely and effective treatment to patients diagnosed with cancer.

Our Investigators

Medical Oncology:

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Delphine Ong, MD

Sonia Reichert, MD (*Medical Director of Research at Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento*)

John Schwerkoske, MD

Gurvinder Shaheed, MD

Sam Shihabi, MD

Shahzad Siddique, MD

Radiation Oncology:

Melissa Lemieux, MD

John Stevenson, MD (*Medical Director for Radiation Oncology at Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento*)

Matt Wheatley, MD

Ellen Wiegner, MD



Dignity Health
Research Institute
California & Nevada



To learn more about ongoing trials with Dignity Health Research Institute of California & Nevada, call 916.851.2283 or email Research@DignityHealth.org.

Dignity Health Cancer Institute Research Program

For more information or to inquire about participation in an ongoing trial, please call 916.556.3301 or email OncologyResearch@DignityHealth.org.

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Carmichael, CA 95608

Mercy Cancer Center
9394 Big Horn Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Mercy Cancer Center
550 W. Ranch View Dr., Suite 3000
Rocklin, CA 95765

Woodland Healthcare Cancer Center
515 Fairchild Court
Woodland, CA 95695

Dignity Health Research Institute California/Nevada

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Thoracic Surgery:

Trevor Williams, MD

GYN Oncology:

Kevin Elliott, MD (*Medical Director of Gynecologic Oncology at Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento*)

Wiley Fowler, MD

Research Program Resources

In addition to the investigators listed above, the research program includes a dedicated Research RN as well as Research Coordinators; dedicated research office space; a secure research drug room and research lab for processing research lab specimens.

Current Active Clinical Trials

Among the cancers regularly included in trials are breast; lung; prostate; gynecologic; and blood cancers.

About Dignity Health Research Institute

Dignity Health as a system offers more than 1,000 active clinical trials and research protocols to its patients in Arizona, California and Nevada.

Dignity Health Research Institute for California & Nevada provides centralized research administration infrastructure and support including contracting, budgeting, financial management and IRB oversight for all research sites across our California and Nevada markets.



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