

Tumor Registry



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We have recently learned that you were seen at Lehigh Valley Hospital. We want you to know that our concern for you continues and we will be interested in your progress for the rest of your life.

One of the ways the hospital can follow your progress is through the efforts of the Tumor Registry. The Tumor Registry is a system designed to collect, maintain and analyze information about persons with a diagnosis of cancer, as well as those with certain blood disorders and benign tumors.

Through the Tumor Registry we collect data from your medical record and physicians' records that are pertinent to your diagnosis. All medical information is kept confidential. Data are then compiled with that of others who have diagnoses similar to yours. The staff of the Tumor Registry then analyze that data and prepare reports for use by the hospital and medical staff to evaluate the results of treatment and the quality of care. It is only through diligent analysis that we can ensure we are providing the best possible care for our patients. In addition, we may provide data, without disclosing your identity, to physicians on the medical staff to assist in research or articles for publication in medical journals.

At the Tumor Registry we will obtain updated information about your progress throughout your life. This will be done in several ways:

- *If you are readmitted to the hospital, a copy of your record will be reviewed by a member of the Tumor Registry staff. This will allow us to collect information about the most current follow-up care you have received.*
- *A letter requesting specific information about your progress will be sent annually to your attending physician or family medical doctor.*
- *If follow-up information is not available through either of these methods, we will contact you by letter, requesting information about your progress.*

You are very important to us and we want to maintain contact with you. By providing us with any changes to your name or address, you will enable us to maintain a more efficient and accurate Tumor Registry.

Please remember that we are interested in providing the highest quality of care to each patient. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Tumor Registry at **610-402-0519**.