Genetic testing has many purposes, including helping people make important life and lifestyle decisions. Individuals need accurate information and discussion in order to make an informed decision regarding genetic testing for hereditary cancer syndromes. The Mercy Regional Cancer Center employs an oncology certified nurse practitioner who walks patients through the process and offers a thorough explanation of the benefits, risks and limitations of genetic testing for hereditary cancers.

We offer a wealth of extra services that our cancer patients often request, including, but not limited to: complementary medicine, emotional support, exercise programs, financial counseling, nutrition counseling, pain management, pastoral care, support groups and transportation to treatment appointments. For more information, call Mercy HealthLine at (608) 756-6100 or toll-free (888) 39-MERCY.

Most services provided by the Mercy Regional Cancer Center require a referral from your physician. Please contact your physician, call one of the departments listed in this brochure, or call Mercy HealthLine at (608) 756-6100 or toll-free (888) 39-MERCY.

Cancer is very frightful, regardless of what stage you're in—very scary. When you're going through it, you're not thinking right. You need compassion, you need care, you need friends. The Mercy staff, the doctors, the nurses, were all right there. Even during my radiation treatment, they stayed right beside me and were very friendly.

Denise Weeden, breast cancer survivor

They said, 'We're going to get you through this,' and they did. And, 'We're going to prevent this down the road,' and they have. They've been with me every step of the way. Thanks to Mercy, I'm here for my kids and I will be here for my kids for many years to come. I can't thank them enough for that.

Casey Freeman, melanoma survivor
Medical oncology and hematology
608.756.6871 | 800.928.1103
Medical oncology, which involves chemotherapy, is integral to many patients' cancer treatment. The hematology/medical oncology department offers:
- The latest, leading-edge chemotheraphy regimens
- Newly developed cancer treatment protocols via access to national clinical trials
- An inviting treatment area for our patients' convenience and comfort
- Outpatient transfusions, a cost-efficient option for select patients
- A Cancer Resource Center that helps patients and families learn more about their conditions
- Hematology and medical oncology services are offered in Janesville and at Mercy Walworth Hospital and Medical Center, Lake Geneva.

Radiation oncology
608.756.6500 | 800.261.6565
Our radiation oncology department offers many advanced treatment capabilities in one convenient location. We strictly adhere to, and often exceed, national treatment standards set by the National Cancer Institute, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group and American College of Radiology to assure each of our patients receives the highest level of care.

The department's soothing environment offers comfort and privacy among friendly and familiar faces, and private dressing rooms with a personal locker and robe.

Surgical oncology
608.756.7277
Our surgical oncology department at Mercy Terrace is staffed by board certified surgeons and support professionals with years of experience. The surgical oncology department employs:
- Technologically advanced procedures, including minimally invasive techniques that offer the advantages of faster in-hospital recovery, faster healing, less pain, and minimum risks as compared to traditional surgical techniques.
- A wide variety of cancer-related surgeries for all stages of cancer treatment, including reconstructive surgeries that help patients look and feel their best, leading to emotional healing.
- Continuous multidisciplinary review of individual cases through pathways such as the Tumor Board and the Mercy Cancer Registry. In this way, the surgeons seek to guarantee our patients receive quality care that's held to the highest standards.

TRUST IN THE QUALITY OF CARE YOU RECEIVE
Because the Mercy Regional Cancer Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer (CoC), you can rest assured you are in excellent hands. Approval by the CoC is given only to those programs that have voluntarily committed to provide the best in diagnosing and treating cancer. The CoC also honored us with the Outstanding Achievement Award, for three consecutive surveys, 2005, 2008, 2011. Our Center is the only cancer program in south-central Wisconsin and northern Illinois to receive this distinction.

In addition, Mercy Health System is the proud recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation's highest presidential honor given for quality and organizational excellence.

Our entire staff—with our combined knowledge and expertise—understands what each patient is experiencing. We know that our patients require not only state-of-the-art technology to heal, but also the human touch. It is this spirit of compassion and kindness that makes our Center stand out. How do we know? Our patients tell us so, every day.

Since 1990, the Mercy Regional Cancer Center has helped hundreds of cancer patients and their families meet the challenges of cancer head on. Our care program offers the full range of resources necessary to detect and treat cancer, and help our patients not only recover, but also thrive.

I felt like I was in such good hands. The staff had a system in place and they walked me through the process. Everyone had the unified goal to make sure I got the attention I needed. I made a lot of friends here at Mercy. It's been an amazing journey.

Heidi Wood, breast cancer survivor