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### CANCER AND SENIORS

Today more seniors are surviving cancer due to early detection and improved treatments. In fact, 16% of all American seniors are cancer survivors.

Early detection and screening have contributed to improved outcomes and survival rates. Newer and less toxic cancer treatments are also part of the story. Recent studies suggest that for certain cancers, older as well as younger patients benefit from aggressive treatment.

### RANKED #1 IN ILLINOIS IN CANCER AND GERIATRICS

The University of Chicago Hospitals is a national leader in research, education and patient care. In fact, this is the top ranked hospital in Illinois for both oncology and geriatric care according to *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

Cancer specialists here conduct wide-ranging, cutting-edge research. Doctors in the program offer the newest cancer treatments, including the latest breakthrough drugs and treatment methods. People from throughout the Midwest, the nation, and around the world turn to our cancer program for effective solutions.

The geriatric medicine program is a national leader in meeting the complex and varied health needs of adults age 65 and older. We have 12 full-time doctors, giving the University of Chicago Hospitals one of the largest groups of geriatricians in the United States. These physicians are fellowship-trained and board certified in geriatric medicine. In addition to their training in internal medicine, they have received further training specifically in caring for older adults.

### GERIATRIC CANCER SURVIVORS PROGRAM

The Geriatric Cancer Survivors Program is for older adults who currently have cancer (or who have had cancer in the past) and require care tailored to their special medical needs and concerns as they age. This includes:

- Patients undergoing active treatment for cancer, such as radiation therapy or chemotherapy
- Patients who have decided on "watchful-waiting" with conditions like prostate cancer or slowly progressing leukemia



- Patients who are long-term cancer survivors, not in active treatment nor in "watchful-waiting", but who need on-going care, special attention, and careful screenings to stay healthy

Our program combines the special skills of our cancer experts and our geriatrics specialists. In addition to physicians, our care team includes nurses, social workers, physical therapists, nutritionists, and others who are trained to work with older cancer survivors. The program includes counseling, screening, informational programs, transportation to outpatient visits, and other services.

### A RESOURCE FOR PHYSICIANS

The Geriatric Cancer Survivors Program serves as a referral resource for physicians in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Physicians can refer patients for

diagnostic evaluation, for periodic consultation, or for comprehensive on-going care. Patients are welcome to come to us for a second opinion.

### YOUR FAMILY IS PART OF OUR TEAM

When appropriate, we believe that family involvement can be an important component of the care plan for cancer survivors. Depending on the circumstances, spouses, adult children, and other care givers will be included in the decision making.

### HOW TO REACH US

If you would like to make an appointment, or learn more about our Geriatric Cancer Survivors Program, please call us at 773-702-5700.