

# CANCER RESOURCE GUIDE

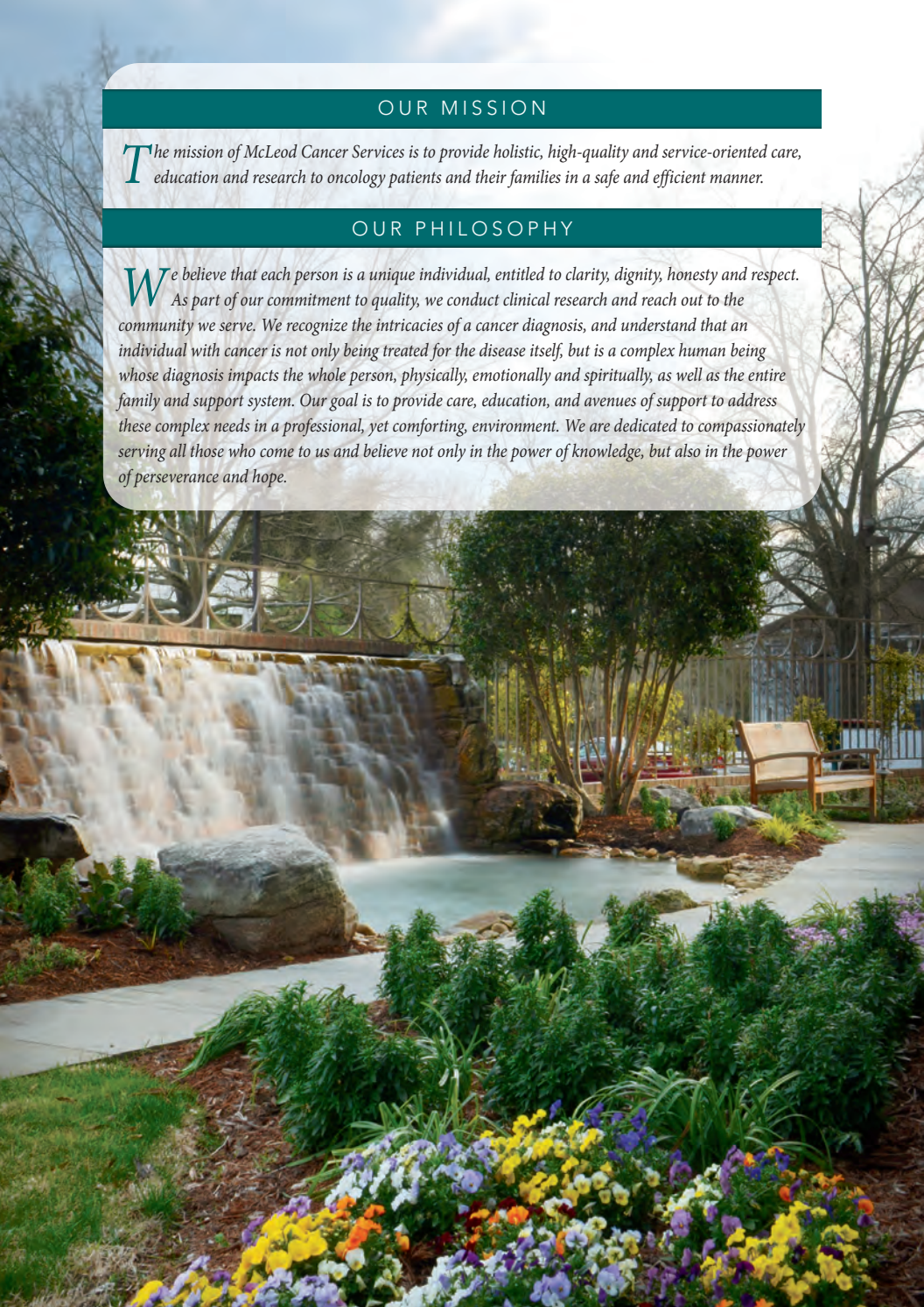
# McLeod

# RESOURCE GUIDE



**McLeod**  
Center for Cancer  
Treatment & Research





## OUR MISSION

The mission of McLeod Cancer Services is to provide holistic, high-quality and service-oriented care, education and research to oncology patients and their families in a safe and efficient manner.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that each person is a unique individual, entitled to clarity, dignity, honesty and respect. As part of our commitment to quality, we conduct clinical research and reach out to the community we serve. We recognize the intricacies of a cancer diagnosis, and understand that an individual with cancer is not only being treated for the disease itself, but is a complex human being whose diagnosis impacts the whole person, physically, emotionally and spiritually, as well as the entire family and support system. Our goal is to provide care, education, and avenues of support to address these complex needs in a professional, yet comforting, environment. We are dedicated to compassionately serving all those who come to us and believe not only in the power of knowledge, but also in the power of perseverance and hope.

# WELCOME

from the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research Medical Directors

Cancer is not one disease. In fact, it is a group of perhaps thousands of different diseases which share some common characteristics. For this reason, cancer treatments are very complex and increasingly personalized. At McLeod, we have a team approach to diagnosing and treating this disease. Physicians representing various specialties, nurses, research staff, tumor registrars, radiation therapists and pharmacists, all collaborate in recommending treatment plans for our cancer patients, especially in challenging cases.

For more than 45 years, McLeod has been accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons. Currently, we are the only Comprehensive Community Cancer Program in the Pee Dee region. Commission on Cancer accredited programs demonstrate excellence in various key elements which are crucial to the treatment of a complex group of diseases. This includes offering state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment facilities, a cancer conference board, tumor registry, and quality improvement programs.

In addition to state-of-the-art clinical programs, we provide urgently needed educational and support services for families coping with this challenging illness. We also play a critical role in funding the greatest source of hope for all cancer patients and people at risk for the disease: research.

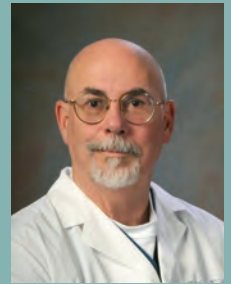
As the Cancer Center for this region, we are fully aware that the number of patients who will be diagnosed in the coming decades will increase dramatically as the baby boomers age. The facilities, technology and team approach which has been established here at McLeod will be ready to take on this challenge in the coming years.

The McLeod Cancer Center serves as a focal point for the next generation of cancer care from the inland to the coast, providing patients and their families with the highly sensitive, sophisticated and personal care they expect and deserve. As local people caring for local people, our cancer services in Florence and Little River offer soothing spaces with the patient's comfort in mind, expanded access to preventative medicine, individualized treatment focusing on each patient's diagnosis, care and recovery, as well as state-of-the-art technology.

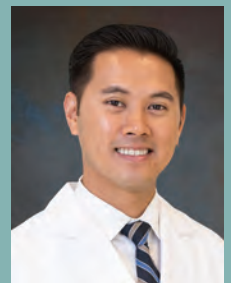
We hope you find the information in this guide helpful and encouraging whether you are a patient, caregiver or physician.



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AT THE CENTER OF

# HOPE

EXTRAORDINARY CANCER CARE



THE THEME OF A RIVER OF LIFE

Water, the symbol of life and renewal, is an integral part of the design of our Cancer Center. It reminds us of strength, direction and hope. The motif of a gently flowing stream, with no beginning and no end, connects the radiation oncology unit with medical oncology. The infinity of the stream symbolizes the continuous journey, the ebb and flow, of cancer treatment and recovery. A break in the stream represents the sometimes rocky and challenging pathway to survivorship. Waterfalls continuously replenish the stream.



*The physicians and staff of the McLeod Cancer Centers in Florence and Little River are dedicated to the physical and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families. A beacon of hope and healing for the communities we serve, our cancer services are designed with the patient as the focus offering the highest quality, individualized care with convenient access for all. From diagnosis and treatment to recovery and support, hope lives in the McLeod Cancer Centers.*



Located within the McLeod Cancer Center are Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology physician offices, treatment areas for Infusion Services and Radiation Therapy, the Inspirations Gift Shop, the HOPE Resource Center and the McLeod Choice Pharmacy.







## Infusion Services

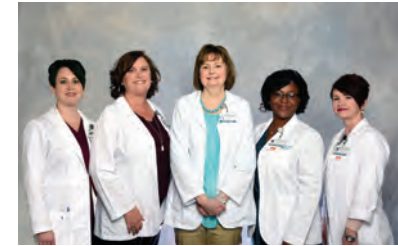
Infusion Services is an outpatient department that provides infusion treatments with a specialty in Oncology and Hematology. This team works closely with the Physician, Pharmacist, and other support areas to provide safe and holistic care to the patients as well as their families. Any questions concerning the patient's diagnosis, treatment, and side effects can be and are provided by this team. The department at McLeod Regional Medical Center includes large windows overlooking a beautiful healing garden with a waterfall to promote relaxation during treatment. The Infusion Services department also offers ample room for a family member or friend to remain with the patient and provide support while they receive treatment. McLeod Infusion Services in Florence treats nearly 100 patients per day. On the Coast, infusion services are offered at McLeod Health Seacoast. The coastal team has 11 chairs in their department and care for approximately 35 patients a day.

## McLeod Radiation Oncology

The mission of the McLeod Radiation Oncology Department is to serve as the regional radiation therapy center, providing radiation care at local and regional levels allowing cancer patients to receive the highest quality care while remaining close to home. The department at McLeod Regional Medical Center has the distinction of being the only accredited radiation oncology department within 60 miles of Florence. The team is accredited by the American College of Radiology – Radiation Oncology Practice Accreditation (ACR-ROPA). Of the 2,300 radiation oncology facilities in the United States, only 776 are accredited by ACR-ROPA. Additionally, the department has also achieved international recognition as a Novalis Certified Radiosurgery Center. McLeod was the first cancer center in South Carolina to achieve this designation and is currently one of only 11 centers in the USA and one of only 50 in the world.

## McLeod Cancer Navigators

After a diagnosis of cancer, a McLeod Cancer Navigator is available as needed to provide patients with education about their cancer diagnosis and treatment plan as well as to answer any questions the patient or their family may have. Additionally, McLeod Cancer Navigators can help connect patients to additional resources that may be needed to ensure access to care. As patients move into the “new normal” after the completion of active treatment, McLeod Cancer Navigators are also available to assist with the transition of managing cancer survivorship. For more information, please call (843) 777-0899.



## McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates

The physicians of McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates care for patients diagnosed with cancer and blood diseases. The six oncology and hematology physicians include: Dr. Rajesh Bajaj, Dr. Ravneet Bajwa, Dr. Michael Pavy, Dr. Jamie Smith, Dr. Sreenivas Rao and Dr. Viji Motilal Nehru. On the coast, Dr. Donny Huynh and Dr. Kerolos Rizk care for cancer patients. This exceptional team of physicians collectively represent more than 100 years of experience in winning the battle against cancer.





**+** **Stereotactic Radiosurgery**  
 McLeod Health provides care to patients utilizing a “super” linear accelerator which expands treatment options available to cancer patients in the region. This advanced technology involves special equipment to position the patient and precisely deliver a large radiation dose to a tumor in the brain or body, reducing the amount of time during treatment and resulting in fewer treatments. This form of radiation therapy is called Stereotactic Radiosurgery. Advantages of this linear accelerator include the degree of precision it offers, the submillimeter accuracy which minimizes harm to healthy tissue and adjacent critical structures such as the spinal cord or lungs, and a platform that will move in six dimensions to position the patient in the best possible way for treatment. In addition to the treatment of brain tumors, this unit can also be used to treat primary and metastatic lung and liver cancer depending on the size of the tumor and its location. Stereotactic body radiation therapy also provides a treatment option for patients with early stage lung cancer who may not be candidates for surgery because of other medical conditions such as heart disease.



**+** **McLeod Cancer Research**  
 For more than 35 years, McLeod has participated in cutting edge cancer research and made clinical trials available to people living in northeastern South Carolina and southeastern North Carolina. McLeod’s involvement in cancer research is supported by multiple research partners, including the National Cancer Institute and the Southeast Clinical Oncology Research Consortium (SCOR). Most recently, McLeod joined the Guardian Research Network, a nationwide healthcare system research consortium, to enhance the hospital’s research efforts of bringing more novel diagnostic and treatment options to patients. McLeod is dedicated to providing area residents the opportunity to participate in a clinical trial that best suits the unique needs of the individual.

**+** **McLeod Cancer Clinic**  
 The McLeod Cancer Clinic provides cancer care services, including chemotherapy and radiation therapy on an outpatient basis to persons from Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties who have no insurance coverage. In order to receive care in the McLeod Cancer Clinic, a physician must refer the patient and there must be a biopsy proven diagnosis of cancer. Patients also must meet certain income criteria.



**+** **Infusion Pharmacy**  
 A specialized pharmacy that prepares intravenous medications used in the treatment of cancer is located within the Infusion Services department of the Cancer Center. Staff members working in this pharmacy are specially trained in the preparation and dispensing of oncology medications. In addition, the pharmacists provide education to patients regarding medication side effects as well as other supportive services.



**+** **Oncology Social Workers**  
 McLeod offers patients the assistance of licensed oncology social workers. Our Oncology Social Workers are professionals who provide psychosocial services to patients, their families, and significant others after a cancer diagnosis to provide emotional support, counseling, and education. These social workers can link patients and families to a variety of services necessary when diagnosed with cancer such as assisting with information about support groups/programs, community resources, information regarding transportation needs, and financial concerns such as disability and Medicaid.



**+** **Oncology PharmD**  
 Our Oncology Specialized Pharmacists assist physicians at McLeod in the care of patients with cancer. These pharmacists have additional training in oncology and available chemotherapeutic agents used for treatment of these diseases. They work alongside our physicians and nurses to recommend, design, implement and monitor treatment plans for patients with cancer in addition to managing supportive care issues such as nausea, vomiting and pain.







**+** **Outpatient Dietitian**  
To meet the nutritional needs of McLeod Cancer Center patients, McLeod offers the services of an Outpatient Certified Oncology Dietitian. Blake Dwyer, MS, RD, CSO, LD provides services to patients with a current or previous cancer diagnosis and who are actively followed by an oncologist at McLeod Regional Medical Center. To make an appointment with Dwyer, ask your Oncologist for a referral or call 843-687-5017.



**+** **Cancer Conferences**  
Cancer patients at McLeod benefit from the multi-disciplinary approach of clinical experts who meet and review information for cancer patients to arrive at the individualized best course of treatment for each patient. The McLeod Cancer Conference brings experts around the table from medical and radiation oncology, pathology, surgery, radiology, navigation, social work, and nursing. Using their collective skills, knowledge, and specialties, these experts review imaging and pathology as well as surgical plans to optimize the plan for treatment. The focus keeps the patient in the center of the conversation as we understand a cancer diagnosis affects not only the patient but their family and support system as well. The recommendations from this expert team are provided to the patient's physician to support their plan of care. The mission of the McLeod Cancer Conference is to provide patients with the best cancer treatment plan available for each specific diagnosis. The McLeod Cancer Conference meets weekly to discuss patient cases. In addition, they convene for specialty cancer conferences focused on Breast, Lung and Neuro Oncology cases.

**+** **Oncology Unit**  
On the seventh floor of the McLeod Tower is the inpatient unit for Oncology and Hematology. This unit features 31 large private patient rooms, each equipped with recliners and sleeper sofas to provide comfortable accommodations so that families may remain at their loved one's bedside. The rooms are complemented with natural lighting and soothing decor to provide a calm and healing environment. The nursing and support staff on this unit are specially trained to care for cancer patients and their families. Oncology certified nurses, care management, social work, nutrition services, pharmacy, physical therapy and spiritual care are all present on the unit to work with patients and families during their admission. Volunteers round on the unit to offer patients and families newspapers, books, magazines, movies, crafts and music. Innovative approaches such as massage and pet/music therapy are also offered to patients and families to assist with pain control and the healing process.



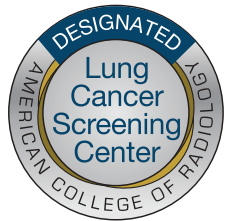
**+** **Cancer Registry**  
The McLeod Cancer Registry dates back to the early 1950's when data first began to be collected from cancer diagnoses in this region of South Carolina. All cases of cancer diagnosed and/or treated at McLeod are analyzed for demographics, primary site, histology, diagnosis, stage of disease, treatment modalities, disease recurrence, and yearly follow-up status. These statistics are submitted to the South Carolina Central Cancer Registry and to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), with the data being used for reporting and publication purposes. The Cancer Registry is currently following more than 9,519 cases diagnosed at McLeod, with more than 30,445 cases included in the registry since the reference year of 1994.





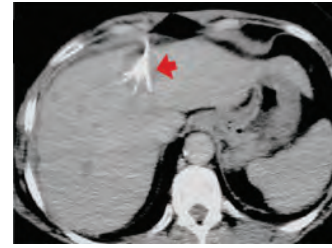
**+** **Lung Cancer Screening Program**  
 McLeod offers a Lung Cancer Screening Program that is coordinated by the Lung Screening Nurse Navigator. The screening is recommended for adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history (20 pack-year is equivalent to one pack per day for 20 years or two packs per day for 10 years) and still smoke or have stopped smoking in the last 15 years and do not currently exhibit any symptoms of lung cancer. Participants in the McLeod Lung Cancer Screening Program receive a low-dose CT scan with a professional reading and interpretation of findings by a McLeod Radiologist who will either recommend continued annual screening or further testing. Results are sent to the primary care physician; and referrals to a pulmonologist or cardiothoracic surgeon are made if anything of concern is detected on the scan. For more information, call the Lung Screening Nurse Navigator at (843) 777-5953 or (843) 366-2220 in Little River.

**+** **Lung Cancer Screening Center**  
 The American College of Radiology has designated McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Health Dillon, McLeod Health Cheraw, McLeod Health Clarendon, and McLeod Health Seacoast as Lung Cancer Screening Centers. The ACR Lung Cancer Screening Center designation is a voluntary program that recognizes facilities that have committed to practice safe, effective diagnostic care for individuals at the highest risk for lung cancer. In order to receive this elite distinction, facilities must be accredited by the ACR in computed tomography (CT) in the chest module, as well as undergo a rigorous assessment of its lung cancer screening protocol and infrastructure. Also required are procedures in place for follow-up patient care, such as counseling and smoking cessation programs.



**+** **Ablation**  
 State-of-the-art, minimally invasive cancer therapies available at McLeod include CT Microablation and Cryoablation for tumors in the lung, liver and kidneys. These modalities use a specific type of energy to thermally ablate or kill tumors. Each procedure requires the CT-guided placement of one or more probes into a tumor by an Interventional Radiologist. Ablation is achieved by using extremely high or low temperatures. Most procedures are performed on an outpatient basis and patients return to their normal activities the following day.

**+** **PET/CT**  
 With a continued focus on quality care and improved patient experience, McLeod Regional Medical Center (remove recently) became the first hospital in the state to install the Siemens Biograph mCT, an innovative PET/CT scanner which offers accurate, fast and comfortable exams for a wide range of patients. The new PET/CT scanner offers exceptional patient comfort with a large 78-cm cylinder. Its open design and fast scan times may help patients feel less claustrophobic. The unit's innovative dose-reduction technologies also minimize patient exposure to radiation. Additionally, the system's fast scan times result in less patient motion, optimizing both image quality and the overall patient experience. Exams that previously lasted 40 minutes are now performed in less than 20 minutes. The combined PET/CT technology also increases the physician's ability to diagnose diseases that may have previously remained unidentified. Oncologists can characterize the tiniest cancer lesions more precisely, which permits better staging and monitoring of changes in activity over time. This allows for a more accurate assessment of treatment response.



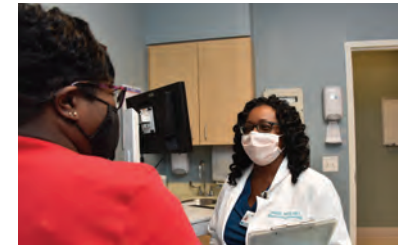


**+** **McLeod Breast Health Center**  
The first in the region to achieve a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence designation by the American College of Radiology (ACR) and accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), the McLeod Breast Health Center promotes continuity of care by providing the full spectrum of services for women, from prevention and diagnosis to treatment and support. The goal is to make the individual patient's entry into the system as painless and seamless as possible. McLeod also provides the latest in breast health technology with four Hologic Genius 3D digital mammography units located in Breast Imaging at McLeod Regional Medical Center and a fifth Hologic Genius 3D digital mammography unit located on the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit. We also provide 3D Stereotactic breast biopsy procedures and Bone Density (Dexa) scans. Additionally, the Breast Health Center collaborates with the McLeod Health Foundation, the Best Chance Network and the American Cancer Society to provide free screening and diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds and breast biopsies to low income women with no insurance coverage or hospital only insurance.

**+** **HOPE Resource Center**  
One of the best ways to meet the challenges associated with a cancer diagnosis is for patients to become active participants in their care by educating themselves about their specific type of cancer. The HOPE Resource Center within the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment & Research houses a variety of resources to assist patients in better understanding their diagnosis, side effects of treatment and long-term survival issues. It also serves as a resource to family members, caregivers, survivors, community members, students and staff.

**+** **HOPE Fund**  
The HOPE (Helping Oncology Patients Everyday) Fund is overseen by a group of community members who have been touched by cancer either as a patient or caregiver. These advisory groups at McLeod Regional Medical Center and McLeod Health Seacoast approve the funding of cancer patient support services such as transportation, nutrition and medication assistance as well as provides oncology staff with improved access to immediate fund needs for patients. The Fund also supports the HOPE Coordinator, the Cancer Center's volunteer program and educational resources for patients and families.

**+** **Genetic Counseling**  
At McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates, we offer pre-test counseling about genetics, obtain a collection of a patient's family history and determine if they are suitable for genetic testing. Our primary goal is to identify individuals and families at increased risk of cancer in order to promote awareness, early detection and cancer prevention. We have a dedicated Nurse Practitioner who is available to address both the genetic and emotional aspects related to cancer risk or diagnosis. Genetic counseling for individuals at risk for breast, ovarian, colon and other cancers includes: assessing a person's risk of developing cancer based on a detailed cancer-focused personal and family medical history; determining whether the history is suggestive of an inherited cancer syndrome; coordinating genetic testing with outside reference laboratories for patients with appropriate genetic risk; and reporting and explaining the results of the genetic testing to the patient and their physician. Genetic testing involves a sample of saliva or blood that is sent to a genetics lab for analysis. The lab results are then compared with the patient's DNA to determine whether they have any of the cancer-causing genes. More than 90 percent of the insurance companies currently cover hereditary cancer panel testing. For more information, please call (843) 777-5951 or 366-3891.







## **Volunteers**

A specially trained volunteer staff is available to assist cancer patients and families in the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research. These volunteers offer resources and comfort to cancer patients undergoing treatment including refreshments, newspapers, puzzle books and blankets.



## **Support Groups**

Through support groups, patients and families receive comfort and understanding from each other. Support groups are great sources of information from ways to help reduce anxiety to sharing experiences. At McLeod, there are support groups available for breast cancer, prostate cancer and brain tumors. Other supportive therapies offered are Artful Expressions, where patients have the opportunity to express themselves through various art forms. For more information, call (843) 777-5695.



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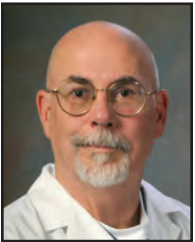


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This is a listing of physicians who attend the meetings of the McLeod Cancer Conference or serve as members of the McLeod Cancer Committee.



## General Surgery

A general surgeon is a surgical specialist engaged in the comprehensive care of surgical patients.

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McLEOD BREAST SURGERY SEACOAST ■ (843) 366-2940



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## Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

A plastic and reconstructive surgeon is a physician who specializes in plastic and reconstructive procedures, including post-mastectomy breast reconstruction and cosmetic surgery.

McLEOD PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

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General Surgery and  
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

# CANCER SPECIALISTS



## Pulmonology

A pulmonologist is a physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary (lung) conditions and diseases.

**McLEOD PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE ASSOCIATES ■ (843) 777-7863**



**Vinod K. Jona, MD**  
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Pulmonary Disease



**Abhijit P. Mahalingashetty, MD**  
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Internal Medicine  
and Pulmonary Disease



**Melissa Miara, DO**  
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Internal Medicine  
and Pulmonary Disease



## Neurosurgery

A neurosurgeon is a medical specialist who treats diseases and conditions affecting the nervous system, which includes the brain, spine and spinal cord, and the peripheral nerves.

**FLORENCE NEUROSURGERY AND SPINE AT McLEOD HEALTH ■ (843) 673-0122**



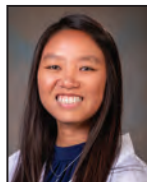
**William B. Naso, MD**  
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Neurosurgery



**Andrew H. Rhea, MD**  
Board Certified in  
Neurosurgery



**Thomas K. "Tripp" Hines, MD**  
Board Certified in  
Neurosurgery



**Catherine Tannahill, MD**  
Neurosurgery

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## Cardiothoracic Surgery

A cardiothoracic surgeon specializes in surgical procedures of the heart, lungs, esophagus and other organs in the chest.

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**S. Cary Huber, MD**  
Board Certified in  
Thoracic Surgery and  
Cardiovascular Surgery



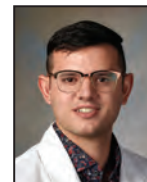
**Srinivas Kolla, MD**  
Board Certified in  
Thoracic Surgery



## Palliative Care

Working with the patient's primary care physician, the Palliative Medicine physician provides care to patients who are near the end of life but also treats patients who have serious illnesses and wish to continue evidence-based, aggressive treatments. This form of medicine allows for less pain and improved control of symptoms which offers the potential for continued treatments.

**McLEOD PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM ■ (843) 777-2224**



**Ryan Fuchs, DO**  
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**Erin Lusher, DO**  
Board Certified  
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Board Certified in Hospice  
and Palliative Medicine,  
Internal Medicine and  
Geriatric Medicine



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## Pathology

A Pathologist is a physician concerned with the study of the nature, origin, progress and cause of diseases.

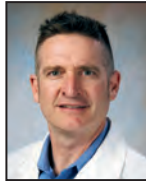
PEE DEE PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES, PA ■ (843) 777-2064



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Pathology



**Sharon S. Mitchell, MD**  
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Pathology



**Philip J. Quann, MD**  
Board Certified in  
Pathology

PALMETTO PATHOLOGY, P.A. ■ (843) 716-7502



**Susan Stuber, MD**  
Board Certified in Pathology



## Urology

A Urologist is a surgical specialist who treats the diseases of the male and female urinary tract, which includes the kidneys, bladder and prostate in men.

McLEOD UROLOGY ASSOCIATES ■ (843) 777-7555



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and Reconstructive Surgery



**Matthew Kaufman, MD**  
Urology, Robotic-Assisted Surgery

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## Radiology

A Radiologist is a physician who specializes in diagnosing and treating diseases and injuries using medical imaging techniques, such as x-rays, CT, MRI, PET, nuclear medicine and ultrasound.

McLEOD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER -  
DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY ■ (843) 777-2087



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Board Certified in Radiology



**W. Shawn Conwell, MD**  
Board Certified in Radiology



**Richard Grinstead, DO**  
Board Certified in Radiology



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Board Certified in Radiology,  
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Radiology



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and Nuclear Medicine



**Mary Beth Lewis, MD**  
Board Certified in Radiology;  
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**Katherine Sterner, MD**  
Board Certified in Radiology



Recognized nationally for its quality initiatives and methodology, McLeod Health has a leading regional presence in Northeastern South Carolina and Southeastern North Carolina and a reputation for dedication to its patients and their families. McLeod is constantly seeking to improve its patient care with efforts that are physician led, data-driven and evidence based. The 18-county area McLeod serves has a population of more than one million, including those who live in Southeastern North Carolina. Founded in 1906, McLeod Health is a locally owned and managed, not-for-profit organization supported by the strength of approximately 900 members on its medical staff and more than 2,900

licensed nurses. In addition to its modern facilities, premier technology and equipment, McLeod is dedicated to improving the health of the residents of those communities served. McLeod Health is composed of approximately 15,000 team members and more than 100 physician practices throughout its 18-county region. With seven hospitals, McLeod Health also operates three Health and Fitness Centers, a Sports Medicine and Outpatient Rehabilitation Center, Hospice and Home Health Services. The hospitals within McLeod Health include: McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Health Dillon, McLeod Health Loris, McLeod Health Seacoast, McLeod Health Cheraw, McLeod Health Clarendon and McLeod Behavioral Health.

## McLeod Choice Pharmacy

The McLeod Choice Pharmacy offers a large selection of over-the-counter products, immunizations, and quality medications at competitive prices. Most major insurance is accepted including Medicare Part D plans. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The McLeod Choice Pharmacy is also a convenient option for cancer patients to have their medications filled following their doctor's appointment or treatment session. The Pharmacy is located on the west side of the McLeod Concourse near the Center for Cancer Treatment and Research.



## Guest House at McLeod

The Guest House at McLeod offers comfortable accommodations in a caring environment to out-of-town families with loved ones being treated at McLeod Regional Medical Center. The convenient on-campus location, low-cost, safety and caring staff makes the Guest House a wonderful alternative to waiting rooms, motels or driving long distance. The room rates for the McLeod Guest House are only \$20 per night for the first registered guest and \$5 for each additional guest. The Guest House at McLeod is located at 422 East Cheves Street across from McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, South Carolina. For more information on the Guest House and availability, call (843) 777-7292.



## Inspirations Gift Shop

The Inspirations Gift Shop offers wigs, scarves, hats and caps that can help patients feel more confident about their appearance during cancer treatment. In addition, the gift shop also offers retail items such as jewelry, handbags, robes, books, toiletries and snacks for both the patient and their loved ones. Inspirations is conveniently located within the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call (843) 777-5206.





## OTHER McLEOD SERVICES



### **McLeod Foundation**

The McLeod Health Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit, charitable foundation governed by a regional volunteer Board of Trustees. The mission of the Foundation is to generate philanthropic and community support to perpetuate medical excellence at McLeod Health. The McLeod Foundation and the HOPE Fund support the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research by providing funding for such programs as the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit, transportation and medication assistance as well as technological advancements. Funds raised from the "An Evening of Hope" Cancer Benefit as well as annual gifts support these and many other programs benefiting cancer patients and their families.



### **McLeod Hospice**

For more than 35 years, the staff and volunteers of McLeod Hospice have committed themselves to providing a compassionate approach to hospice care in a manner that affirms life, giving patients and their families the support they need. McLeod Hospice allows the patient to remain at home or in other settings such as Assisted Living and long term care facilities. In addition, the 24-bed McLeod Hospice House provides inpatient care for acutely ill patients.

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### **McLeod Palliative Care Programs**

McLeod Inpatient Palliative Care team offers specialized comfort care services at the end of life for both the patient and family in the McLeod Hospice House and McLeod Regional Medical Center. This team focuses on relieving suffering and improving quality of life in any stage of a progressive, incurable illness. Their objective is on the needs of the patient, whether those needs are for pain and symptom control, counseling, spiritual needs, or coordinating links to other community services. This level of care is available to help patients and their families throughout the course of their illness in conjunction with aggressive medical therapy. McLeod also now offers Home-Based Palliative Care which revolves around regular visits from Nurse Practitioners in the homes of chronically-ill patients. These Nurse Practitioners work on a consultative basis with primary care physicians to enhance the patient's quality of life by alleviating symptoms related to their chronic illnesses. This improves the patient's ability to perform daily activities and to tolerate continued medical treatment. The Nurse Practitioners also help patients and their families understand their disease processes and options for treatment as well as establish goals of care.



### **McLeod Health & Fitness Center**

The McLeod Health & Fitness Center is the only medically-based wellness center in the greater Florence area. The Center offers an array of professionally-managed programs to help people of all ages and fitness levels improve their overall health and quality of life. Membership opportunities include specialized medical memberships. This state-of-the-art facility provides numerous amenities including daily group fitness classes for all skill levels, cardio and strength training, a performance training space with athletic turf, free weights, racquetball courts, indoor and outdoor tracks, a six-lane multipurpose pool, warm water exercise pool, full service day spa, on-site café and more.





## Registration

The McLeod Registration staff registers patients for outpatient services, including infusion and radiation treatment and PET/CT scans. They are responsible for collecting information related to the patient's medical care and obtaining financial details for the purpose of ensuring payment for services.

[www.mcleodcancer.org](http://www.mcleodcancer.org)

[www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net)

[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

[www.chemotherapy.com](http://www.chemotherapy.com)

[www.bmtinonet.org](http://www.bmtinonet.org)

American Cancer Society: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Managing Lymphedema: [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org)

Breast Cancer: [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org)

Ovarian Cancer: [www.ovarian.org](http://www.ovarian.org)

Pancreatic Cancer: [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)

International Myeloma Foundation: [www.myeloma.org](http://www.myeloma.org)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)



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## Center for Cancer Treatment & Research

### Oncology Support Services:

Breast Health Nurse Navigator (843) 777-5418 or (843) 366-3913 (Seacoast)

Lung Oncology Nurse Navigator (843) 777-5640

Lung Screening Nurse Navigator (843) 777-5953 or (843) 366-2220 (Seacoast)

Lung Nodule Nurse Navigator (843) 777-7878

Concurrent Treatment Navigator (843) 777-6339

Neuro-Oncology Nurse Navigator (843) 777-5779

Survivorship Nurse Navigator (843) 777-5653

Oncology Social Workers (843) 777-5695 or 777-6321

Oncology Certified Dietitian (843) 777-5931

McLeod Physician Access Center (Transfer Center):

(843) 777-6762 or 1-800-877-6762

[www.mcleodcancer.org](http://www.mcleodcancer.org)

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