



You have unique
needs as an older adult
facing a cancer journey.
We have specialty
expertise to help.

OLDER ADULT ONCOLOGY PROGRAM

at ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER



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What is the Older Adult Oncology Program?

This specialized program aims to identify any age-related changes or conditions that could affect your cancer treatment and provides support and other services to address them.

We bring our cancer physicians and geriatric specialists together to ensure that your cancer care is designed to meet your needs.



We want to ensure that you feel seen, heard and supported throughout your cancer journey.”

— **Desi Carozza**
MD, FAAHPM, HEC-C

Medical Director
Older Adult Oncology Program



Why This Matters

Normal aging typically means change. Some changes are physical like your hearing, vision, mobility and muscle strength. Others are emotional, financial, social and cognitive.

In addition, aging may bring chronic health issues like heart disease, diabetes and obesity that can mean that you see multiple physicians, take several medications — and need specialty expertise.



Our expert team has unique training to meet the needs of older adults.



How Older Adult Oncology Care works

Once referred by your primary oncologist or care team, we will evaluate key age-related areas of your health and wellness:

- **Gait speed**

We'll observe how quickly you normally walk and if you need a cane or other assistive device to walk short distances.

- **Cognition**

Can you recall and repeat a series of three words and draw a clock with a given time?

- **Medications**

What medications do you take and could they be causing interactions that affect your quality of life?

- **Mobility**

Have you fallen in the last six months? How steadily are you able to move around?

- **Independence**

How well can you manage daily tasks on your own?
How is your vision, hearing and emotional well-being?

Connection to Added Support

The results of your evaluation will help us integrate support services into your cancer treatment plan to maximize your care.

YOUR SUPPORT MAY INCLUDE:



Physical, occupational or speech therapy to help you build strength, maintain independence and reduce falls.



Hearing assistance devices to ensure you can hear and understand your care team.



Nutrition counseling to evaluate and address malnutrition or risk of malnutrition.



Resources for medications, financial concerns, or transportation.



Social support for you and your caregiver.



Facilitating communication and collaboration with your other healthcare providers.

A cancer diagnosis can be stressful and we all need help navigating next steps.



Roswell Park offers the Older Adult Oncology Program to patients who are **65 and older** and referred by their primary oncologist or care team.



Make an appointment
for your consultation

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