VCU Massey Cancer Center is working toward a future without cancer – one discovery, one successful therapy and one life saved at a time. Massey is among the top 4 percent of cancer centers in the country designated by the National Cancer Institute to lead and shape America’s cancer research efforts. Working with all kinds of cancers, Massey conducts every form of cancer research; provides state-of-the-art cancer treatments and cutting-edge clinical trials; serves as a vital resource for oncology education, teaching and training; and promotes cancer prevention. Since 1974, Massey has been an internationally recognized center of excellence. Massey provides award-winning cancer care at multiple sites throughout Virginia by leading cancer sub-specialists and offers one of the largest cancer clinical trial menus, as well as a statewide network that brings trials to communities across the Commonwealth. Its 1,000-plus researchers, clinicians and staff members are dedicated to improving the quality of human life by discovering, developing, delivering and teaching effective means to prevent, detect, treat and ultimately cure cancer. Visit Massey online at masseycancercenter.org or call 877-4-MASSEY for more information.
Discovering Tomorrow’s Treatments Today

It takes patients working together with doctors and researchers to discover new and better cancer treatments. It takes patients willing to participate in clinical trials.

A clinical trial is a research study using volunteers to test promising new drugs and devices to find better ways for preventing, diagnosing or treating diseases. Millions of patients have taken part in clinical trials, and today’s cancer treatments were tested this way.

If you are considering participating in a clinical trial, please think about it carefully and discuss it in detail with your medical team to understand the potential benefits and risks. Those who participate in clinical trials get first access to the latest, cutting-edge cancer therapies, medical devices or treatment approaches. They also play an active role in turning new discoveries into improved health care, and they contribute to medical knowledge that may help others in the future. Clinical trial participants receive expert health care, including close monitoring over their health and side effects during the trial. Participants can also leave the trial at any time for any reason.

VCU Massey Cancer Center is designated by the National Cancer Institute to conduct clinical trials to lead the nation’s fight against cancer. Massey offers more than 100 trials on more than 20 types of cancers to evaluate the latest cancer therapies for adult and pediatric patients. More information about clinical trials at Massey, including a list of all open trials, is available at [www.masseytrials.com](http://www.masseytrials.com).

Dedicated Support Staff

Participating in a clinical trial may involve longer or additional clinic or hospital visits. If you wish to participate, VCU Massey has dedicated staff available to assist you in receiving the resources and personal care you may need as you undergo your clinical trial cancer treatment. By connecting you to a variety of support services, Massey better ensures that your mental, physical and spiritual needs are met while your cancer is being treated.

Support Services for Clinical Trial Participants

Massey’s dedicated staff can help connect you with a variety of services and support available at VCU Health and throughout the community, including but not limited to the following:

- **Child care resources and referral**
- **Complementary/holistic therapies**
  - Art therapy
  - Music therapy
  - Healing touch
  - Pet therapy
- **Elder care services**
- **Fertility referrals**
- **Financial assistance programs**
  - Limited financial assistance to those who qualify
  - Co-pay assistance programs
  - Help with applying for public benefits
- **Hair loss – Massey’s Magical Touch Salon**
  - Wigs
  - Scarves
  - Hats
  - Turbans
- **Healing garden – Becky’s Garden**
- **Home care and hospice services**
- **Insurance coverage/authorization consultation**
- **Legal assistance – Medical Legal Partnership-Richmond at Massey**
  - LiNC (Legal Information Network for Cancer)
  - Central Virginia Legal Aid
  - Legal Aid Justice Center
- **Nutrition information and guidance**
- **Palliative care – symptom and pain management**
- **Patient resource library**
  - Informational materials about cancer, including brochures, pamphlets, books, DVDs and more
- **Patient volunteers/advocates**
- **Smoking cessation resources**
- **Support counseling**
  - Chaplaincy, spiritual support
  - Psychological therapy
- **Support groups, both for patients and for their family and friends**
  - Look Good...Feel Better workshop
  - Connection to other national and local support organizations
- **Temporary lodging**
- **Transportation services**

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