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## **Hartford Hospital cancer program recognized among Top 100 nationally**

The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at Hartford Hospital, which provides innovative, compassionate and evidence-based care to more than 3,000 new cancer patients and tens of thousands of existing cancer patients annually, has been recognized by *Becker's Hospital Review* as one of the Top 100 Great Oncology Programs in the country for 2016.

The cancer program at Hartford Hospital, also known as the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation in the listing compiled by *Becker's*, which was based on cancer care rankings in *U.S. News & World Report*, CareChex and designations by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Blue Distinction Center and the National Cancer Institute. The Hartford program was one of only two in Connecticut to be listed in the ranking, and one of seven in all of New England.

"This is a tribute to the outstanding dedication and clinical innovation that our staff of providers and caregivers brings to the patients who come through our doors," said Peter Paul Yu, MD, physician-in-chief for the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute, which includes the cancer program at Hartford Hospital. "The staff at Hartford Hospital should be enormously proud of the difference they are making in the lives of cancer patients."

"We are pleased and honored to be recognized in this prestigious national ranking of high-quality cancer programs," said Andrew Salner, MD, medical director for the Hartford Hospital cancer program. "We take great pride in the level of sophisticated and individualized care we are able to bring to our patients every day. We also are proud of our innovative research, patient and family support and survivorship programs."

The cancer program at Hartford Hospital includes ten different disease management teams of specialist physicians, nurses, researchers and others, each focused on a specific cancer type. The teams meet weekly to collaboratively develop standards of care while offering a comprehensive personalized plan for each patient, from



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diagnosis to rehabilitation. In 2015 it was recognized with an Outstanding Achievement Award from the national Commission on Cancer, and CareChex has ranked the program among the Top 50 in the nation for medical excellence in cancer care. The program has been a member of the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program from 2007 to its conclusion in 2014 – the only designation of its kind for any cancer program in New England.

The Hartford Hospital cancer program is part of the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute, which encompasses the resources of five cancer programs at hospitals across Connecticut. As the charter member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance, cancer programs within the Cancer Institute, including Hartford Hospital, are able to provide patients with access to leading-edge innovations in treatment, technology and research.

The *Becker's* list was based on an editorial review of hospitals across the nation providing comprehensive cancer care involving teams of specialists, participation in clinical trials and personalized treatment programs. The monthly publication has published an annual list of Great Oncology Programs since 2012.

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*The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute offers cancer patients across Connecticut a single standard of world-class care based on superior clinical expertise, compassion and support for patients and access to leading-edge advances in technology, clinical research and protocols. The Institute is the charter member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance, a pioneering partnership established to bring the very latest advances in cancer research and treatment to broader population of patients and communities. The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute includes the cancer centers at Backus Hospital, Hartford Hospital, MidState Medical Center, The Hospital of Central Connecticut and Windham Hospital.*

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