Virginia Cancer Institute

You've come to the *right place.*

A guide for cancer and blood disorder patients.

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Welcome to *Virginia Cancer Institute*

Virginia Cancer Institute is the largest private practice in Central Virginia dedicated to the treatment of cancer and blood disorders. We offer a comprehensive range of diagnostic, therapeutic and treatment services, seven convenient locations and unrivaled efficiency.

Defining the standards

Virginia Cancer Institute is recognized nationally for quality cancer care. In 2003, we were one of seven practices chosen by the American Society of Clinical Oncology to set the national standards that all oncology and hematology practices follow. We are the first practice in Central Virginia to earn recognition from the Quality Oncology Practice Initiative Certification Program.

Unlimited care

As an independent private practice, we are not constrained by the capabilities of a single hospital or health system. That means we are free to offer our patients the treatments that are best for them. We constantly investigate new procedures and technologies that will help our patients. In fact, our participation in clinical trials rivals that of many academic medical centers.

QCP

QOPI® Certification Program

Quality Cancer Care: Recognizing Excellence

Attique Samdani, MD

Our promise *to you.*

- *To treat you with dignity and respect.*
- *To involve you in the development of your treatment plan.*
- *To seek out the best treatment options for you, including clinical trials.*
- *To provide educational materials to help you make informed decisions.*
- *To help you improve your quality of life.*
- *To take the time to explain your options and answer all your questions.*

Personal *attention*. Leading-edge *care*.

Our goal is to make your treatment as effective as it can be and as easy on you and your family as possible. That's why we've invested in the latest cancer-fighting technologies and placed them where they are most convenient to you.

On-site infusion centers

Your prescribed medications will be administered in one of our comfortable infusion centers by experienced, caring nurses. They will guide you through what may be a new and stressful process. We encourage you to bring anything to make you more comfortable. Drinks and snacks will be available.

We welcome your family and friends, but ask that you limit the number to one or two. We welcome your children into our treatment room, but ask that those under age 12 be accompanied by an adult other than the patient.

Expert diagnostics

Computerized tomography (CT) scans provide a highly detailed image of the cancerous area so your physician can make an accurate diagnosis. Bone densitometry measures bone mineral density to help doctors diagnose osteopenia and osteoporosis. Both of these technologies are located at our West End – Reynolds Crossing office, with fast scheduling, fast results and convenient hours that even include Saturdays.

Clinical trials

Clinical trials are research studies that evaluate new treatment options. Over the years, we have participated in a broad range of clinical trials that have greatly benefited our patients. Ask your physician for more information about clinical trials or visit our website, vacancer.com.

Pain management

Pain management is an important part of your care. Your physician will rely on you to describe your pain as accurately as possible and to take your prescribed medications as directed. If you have any questions about pain management, please feel free to ask.

Education and support

The more you know about your condition, the more you'll be able to make informed decisions about your care. We offer a variety of educational materials to help you with these decisions. Please feel free to ask our staff for assistance.

What you can *expect.*

Here are a few things you should know when you visit Virginia Cancer Institute.

Your first visit

Please arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment to complete the registration process. Bring with you:

- Your health insurance and prescription cards
- All medications you are currently taking — either a list or the medications themselves
- Completed preregistration forms, if provided
- Referral forms, if required by your insurance
- A government-issued photo ID

If you need to reschedule your appointment, or if you're going to be late, please notify us as soon as possible.

Subsequent visits

Please bring your insurance card and government-issued photo ID each time you come.

Emergencies

For life-threatening emergencies, call 911 immediately. For non-life-threatening emergencies, call our office. You can reach us 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Financial

We participate with many insurance plans and keep up with changes in coverage. We will file all the necessary claims with up to two carriers.

We ask that you:

- Secure any referral form that your insurance requires
- Pay your copayment at the time of service

We accept cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and money orders. Financial counseling is also available. Contact our business office for assistance.

Kim Leavers, RN

Lab tests

LabCorp is located in each of our offices to perform laboratory tests. However, some specialized tests require sending the samples to a hospital or private laboratory. A separate bill will be sent to your insurance company by LabCorp, the hospital or private laboratory for any laboratory tests. If you receive a bill from LabCorp, the hospital or private laboratory and have questions about the charges, please call their business offices or their customer service departments for assistance.

Prescriptions

By law, certain medications require a written prescription. For your safety, we prefer to provide written prescriptions to you at the time of your office visit rather than calling them in to a pharmacy. For refills, call your pharmacy, or ask them to call us for a refill order. Since it's very important for you to take your medications, please have them refilled at least three days before running out.

Medical records

Your medical records are confidential and will not be shared without your written request. All records will be kept for six years following your final visit. At your request, we will fax your records to another physician free of charge or provide copies to you for a nominal fee.

Hospitalization

Our physicians admit patients to most hospitals in the Richmond area. However, not every physician practices at every hospital. If you require a hospital stay, we will recommend a hospital attended by your physician. If you prefer a different hospital, another of our physicians who practices at that facility will oversee your care.

Our physicians

Yuvraj Choudhary, MD
MEDICAL DEGREE: Armed Forces Medical College, Pune University
RESIDENCY: Case Western Reserve University
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: Case Western Reserve University

Joseph P. Evers, MD
MEDICAL DEGREE: Georgetown University
RESIDENCY: Emory University
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: Georgetown University

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MEDICAL DEGREE: Medical College of Wisconsin
RESIDENCY: VCU School of Medicine
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: VCU School of Medicine

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MEDICAL DEGREE: Medical College of Baroda, India
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MEDICAL DEGREE: University of Córdoba, Argentina
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MEDICAL DEGREE: Saba University School of Medicine
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MEDICAL DEGREE: Osmania Medical College, India
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FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: SUNY at Stony Brook

Ghulam D. Qureshi, MD
MEDICAL DEGREE: University of the Punjab
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FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: Columbia University, New York and VCU School of Medicine

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RESIDENCY: University of Arizona
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: University of Virginia

Gisa Schunn, MD
MEDICAL DEGREE: University of Munich School of Medicine
RESIDENCY: University of Pennsylvania
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: West Virginia University

Maurice C. Schwarz, MD
MEDICAL DEGREE: VCU School of Medicine
RESIDENCY: Medical College of Georgia
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: Emory University

David F. Trent, MD, PHD
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RESIDENCY: VCU School of Medicine
FELLOWSHIP IN HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY: VCU School of Medicine

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MEDICAL DEGREE: Baylor College of Medicine
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Our nurse practitioners

Catherine B. Anderson, MS, NP-C
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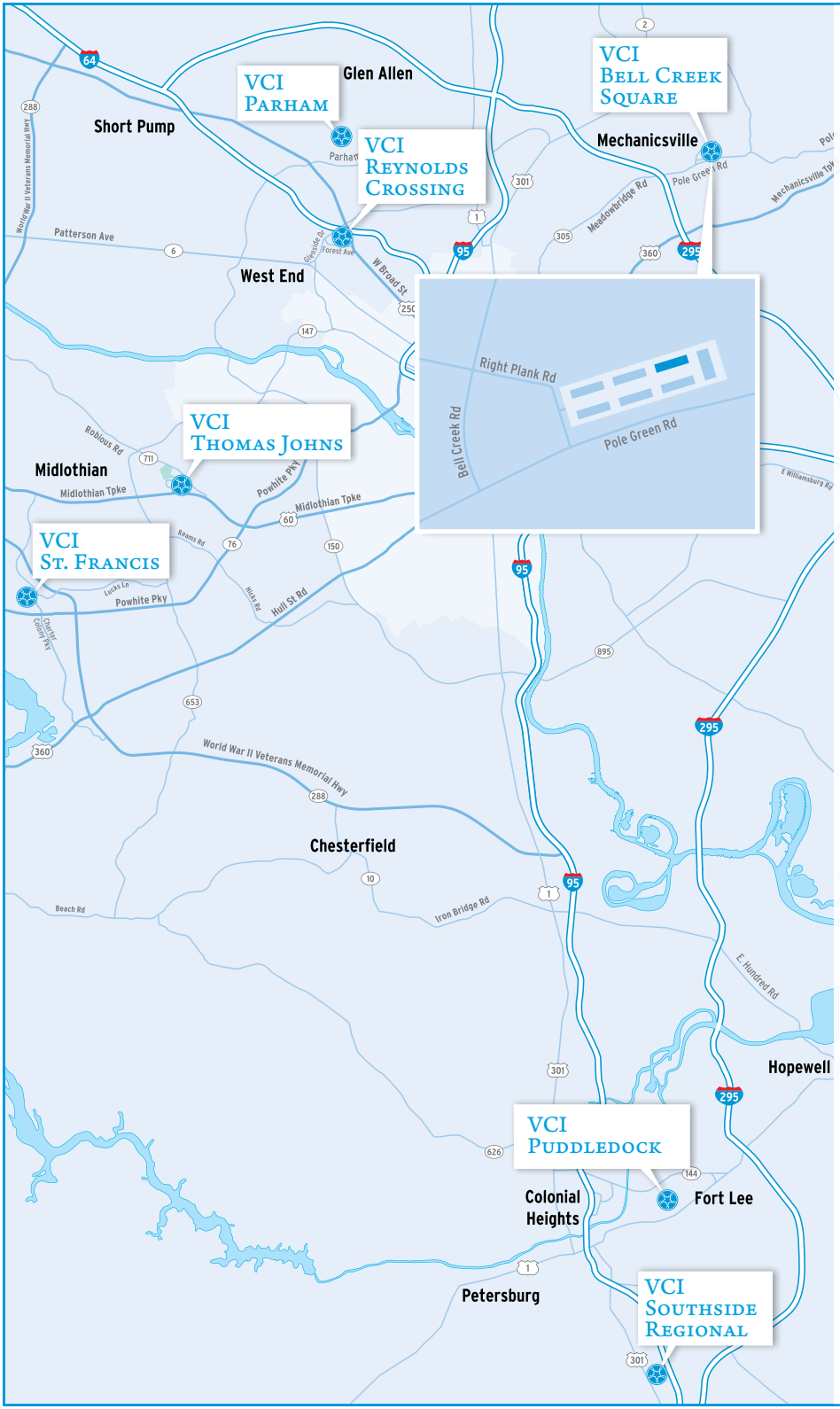
Community General Hospital, Syracuse, NY, Nurse Practitioner Program
Excelsior College, MS-Nursing and Clinical Systems Management



Reynolds Crossing
6605 West Broad Street, Suite A
Henrico
From Broad, turn into the Reynolds Crossing campus and take third right into a large parking lot. VCI is in the one-story building.
(804) 287-3000

Thomas Johns Cancer Hospital
1401 Johnston Willis Drive, Suite 100
Richmond
From Midlothian Turnpike, turn onto Johnston Willis Drive. Turn right at the big hospital directory, then right at the stop sign and follow the road to the Thomas Johns Cancer Hospital located on the left. Free valet parking is available.
(804) 330-7990

Parham Doctors' Hospital
7660 East Parham Road, Suite 102
Henrico
Come around the back of the building, pass the Emergency Room Department, and you will see the MOB 1 Entrance sign. Enter MOB 1, pass the elevators on the right and the VCI lobby will be on your left side.
(804) 346-3182

Bell Creek Square Medical Office Park
7501 Right Flank Road, Suite 600
Mechanicsville
From I-295, exit at Pole Green Road, turn left onto Bell Creek Road, right onto Right Flank Road, then after the credit union turn into the medical park. VCI is the last office on the left.
(804) 559-2489

St. Francis Medical Center
14051 St. Francis Boulevard, Suite 1200
Midlothian
From Charter Colony Parkway, turn left onto Center Point Parkway, left onto St. Francis Boulevard, then right into the parking lot of the Bon Secours Cancer Institute.
(804) 378-0394

Southside Regional Medical Center
210 Medical Park Blvd., Suite 200
Petersburg
Located in the new building next to the hospital. There are two main entrances; "Cancer Center" and "Main Entrance." Walk through the main entrance and take the elevator to the second floor. VCI is located in Suite 200.
(804) 431-1100

Puddledock
4730 Puddledock Road, Suite 100
Prince George
From I-95 South, take exit 54 for VA-144/Temple Avenue. Turn right on to VA-144 S/Temple Avenue, and then a right on to Puddledock Road (State Route 645) and VCI will be the fifth medical building on the right.
(804) 452-3850

Our locations

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