

Deliver better outcomes at reduced costs



Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease.¹

Cancer Resource Services

Optum® Cancer Resource Services is designed to deliver better outcomes at reduced costs by providing access to a national network of quality cancer centers. The program focuses on rare and complex cancers for which practice variability and expenses tend to be high. However, the program may be used for any type of cancer care.

Access to leading care

Cancer Resource Services provides access to top-performing cancer centers across the country. The Cancer Centers of Excellence (COE) Network comprises 39 leading cancer centers, each meeting strict evaluation criteria based on the following:

- Multidisciplinary approach to care
- Program depth and breadth
- Best-practice medicine
- Patient- and family-oriented programs and services
- Patient volume
- Treatment planning and coordination
- Clinical research
- Patient safety



The financial cost of cancer

Cancer-related direct medical costs in the U.S. were **\$183 billion** in 2015 and are projected to increase to **\$246 billion** by 2030.²

590+

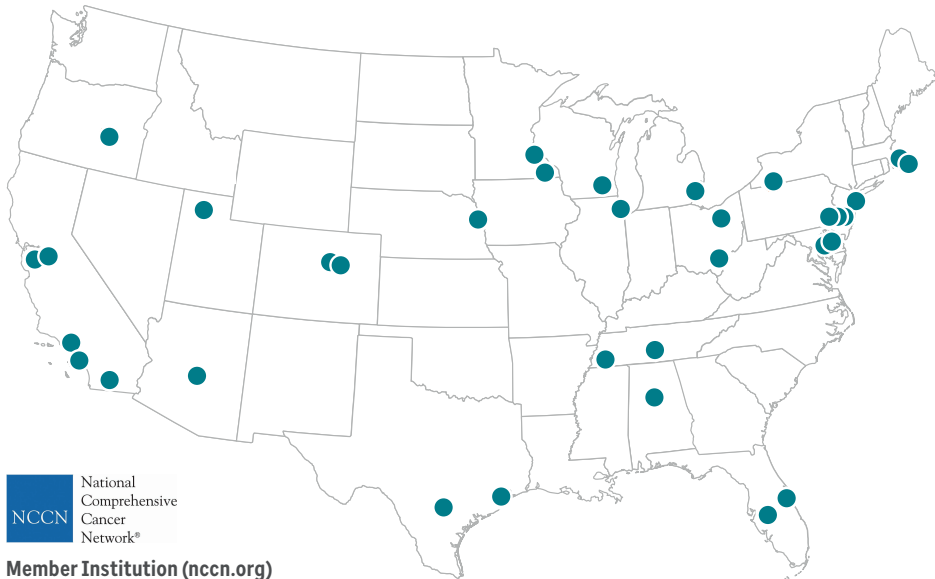
referrals in the last 5 years³

While the Cancer COE Network is intended to complement local hospital and physician care, treatment at a COE may be the best option even if it's far from home. Potential benefits include:

- Higher rates of accurate diagnoses and appropriate therapy
- Fewer complications
- Planned and coordinated care provided by a team of experts who specialize in the many types of cancer, including rare cancers
- Higher survival rates, shorter stays and decreased costs
- Expanded treatment options
- Second opinion on a diagnosis or treatment

Value-based care designed to deliver positive outcomes at a reduced cost

Approximately one-third of all new diagnoses are considered uncommon or complex, which can result in tens of thousands of dollars in treatment costs. We help lower case costs through shorter hospital stays and reduced unnecessary and inappropriate treatment. Nurse-to-nurse consultation is also available as needed.



Top 3 referred facilities:

1. University of Utah Hospital and Clinics
2. Dana Farber Cancer Institute
3. University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

22+ years

Optum Cancer Resource Services started supporting members in 2001

Up to 45%

savings through a COE⁴

To learn more, contact your Optum sales representative.

1. American Cancer Society. [Risk of dying from cancer continues to drop at an accelerated pace](#), January 12, 2022.
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