

VISION FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW

Comprehensive Cancer Care Close to Home



In 2011, Yuma Regional Medical Center took the first step toward improving cancer care for our region. Over the next few years YRMC and the community dreamed together, planning a vision for a healing space for patients. On July 25, 2014, the dream of YRMC Cancer Center became a reality. Not only did we open the doors to a new, state-of-the-art cancer facility, but we marked the beginning of comprehensive cancer care for our community members – the kind of care they deserve.

Over the last decade, the YRMC Cancer Center has expanded its vision and capabilities, providing cutting-edge cancer treatments and technology, the latest in research and clinical trials, and a compassionate care team



that includes nationally recognized medical and radiation oncologists. The Center offers a full-spectrum of cancer care services concentrated in one location – focusing on the entire patient journey – mind, body and spirit.

YRMC has demonstrated its commitment to top-notch cancer care by implementing many innovative advancements. We acknowledge, however, that our success belongs to our entire community. Without partnerships with medical professionals, community organizations, patients and families, these successes would not be possible. With plenty more to come, we look back with pride on our major milestones and the positive impact they have had on our friends and neighbors.

2023, Raju Vaddepally, MD and Abhinav Chandra, MD, won one of four Cancers 2020 Best Paper Awards



MAJOR MILESTONES TIMELINE

- 2012**
 - Joined Mayo Clinic Care Network
 - McDaniel Endowment Fund Established
 - Asked the community to Dream Big and help plan what healing, comprehensive cancer care should look like
- 2013**
 - Community Health Needs Assessment continues to indicate strong need for local cancer care
 - Broke ground on new facility
 - Launched clinical trials program
- 2014**
 - Opened new state-of-the-art facility
 - High risk genetic testing offered
 - First Quality Oncology Practice Initiative Certification
- 2015**
 - Serenity Garden opened thanks to Foundation of YRMC donors
 - Lymphedema service launched
- 2016**
 - Cancer care is no longer a top need in the Community Health Needs Assessment
 - Art Heals exhibit opened
 - Added a wide bore CT scanner
 - Piloted a Community Health Worker Program through a Susan G. Komen Grant
- 2017**
 - Launched Survivorship Program
- 2018**
 - One of three cancer centers nationwide to be chosen by the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) to share best practices in the treatment of multiple myeloma
 - Patient satisfaction score consistently above 93%
 - Four nurses achieved certification in adult oncology
 - First American College of Radiology (ACR) Accreditation
- 2019**
 - ACCC Innovator Award winner for implementation of genetic cancer screening and testing
- 2021**
 - Recruited first fellowship trained oncology surgeon to community
- 2022**
 - Cancer Center lobby updated thanks to Foundation of YRMC donors
- 2023**
 - Yuma County among lowest cancer mortality rates in Arizona
 - YRMC is key participant in advancing diversity in cancer clinical trials
 - Cancer Center receives \$20,000 from the Flinn Foundation for research, symposium support and lung screenings

