



### Northwest Cancer Specialists Awarded Grant to Develop Management Program for Oral Chemotherapy

Northwest Cancer Specialists (NCS) has been awarded a grant from CareOregon to study how to help patients make more informed decisions about the pros and cons of oral chemotherapy.

"Our study will shed more light on the many factors influencing patient decisions about oral therapy including treatment costs, side effects and impact on lifestyle. While oral treatments may eliminate the need for IV treatments, they require patients to take medications according to often complex schedules. Our goal is to develop an oral therapy management program that can be replicated at Northwest

Cancer Specialists and in other treatment settings" explained Margaret McGuinness, Pharmacy Manager at Northwest Cancer Specialists.

Margaret will lead the development and testing of the program at Northwest Cancer Specialists Rose Quarter Cancer Center and will replicate the program at all NCS sites throughout Portland and Vancouver. [Read press release.](#)

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### Local Cancer Centers Unite to Support National Cancer Survivors Day!

Northwest Cancer Specialists, Legacy Cancer Services, Providence Cancer Center and OHSU Knight Cancer Institute joined forces to celebrate survivorship on Sunday, June 6, in Portland, Ore. Cancer survivors of all ages, their friends, families and healthcare providers participated in an afternoon of live music, refreshments, creative and wellness activities, special guest appearances, fun-filled activities for children and raffle prize giveaways. The day's festivities concluded as survivors were honored for their courage and determination.

National Cancer Survivors Day is an annual, worldwide celebration that is held in hundreds of communities throughout the United States, Canada, and other participating countries. Participants unite in a symbolic event to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be meaningful and productive.

Mortality rates for most major cancers are declining, and today, more people survive cancer than ever before. According to the National Cancer Institute, 8.4 million Americans - nearly one in 30 - are living with a history of cancer.

Join Northwest Cancer Specialists' [survivorship registry](#) to stay informed of our upcoming educational classes and events.



*Photograph of Mark Fenske, thyroid cancer survivor, provided by Joni Schrantz.*



## NCS Clinical Trials

Northwest Cancer Specialists believes in supporting innovation through investments in research including an award winning clinical trials program that offers patients access to a wide variety of trials.

Since all new therapies must be evaluated through clinical trials, the greater the number of people who participate, the faster emerging anti-cancer therapies can be brought to market. These trials also provide patients with access to therapies that are still in development, but might offer specific advantages for their type of cancer.

In the last decade, NCS has helped to develop the vast majority of new treatments that have been brought to market. As part of our affiliation with the US Oncology Research network, oncologists are able to participate in a clinical trial research program that has played a pivotal role in 35 of the last 41 cancer drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

For a list of trials currently being offered at Northwest Cancer Specialists, [click here](#).

## NCS EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

### [Natural Medicine and Cancer](#)

Vancouver Cancer Center  
June 17

### [Wasabi Team SOAR \(Survivors on a River\) Recruiting Paddle](#)

June 26

### [Healing Through Art](#)

Vancouver Cancer Center  
July 13

### [The New Norm](#)

Cancer Survivorship Program  
Vancouver Cancer Center &  
St. Vincent Office

### [Group Yoga, Stretching & Pilates](#)

Every Wednesday  
Vancouver Cancer Center

More [educational classes and events](#).

## NCS Physicians Support Project Access Now

Project Access NOW (PAN) is a nonprofit that coordinates a network of volunteer physicians and other health care providers, making it easier for them to donate medically necessary care to the low-income uninsured in our communities. By helping navigate the health care system, Project Access NOW can get them the care they need.

### [Dr. Jeffrey Manashe is one of 2,400 PAN physician volunteers](#)

*"My decision to participate in Project Access Now was an easy one. As physicians, we have an obligation to care for people suffering illness regardless of economic status. Participation in PAN is meaningful to me both as a way to satisfy that obligation and as an expression of solidarity and collegiality with other physicians."*

### [Project Access NOW Thanks Dr. Miklos Simon](#)

*"It would be great to see other doctors participate. We became physicians to help, that's the bottom line. If there's a way to help and focus on healing, it would be hard to say we don't want to do it. Project Access NOW helps move forward with the notion that there is no limit to help. It sounds like a cliché, but it's very rewarding."*

### [Project Access NOW Thanks Dr. Anthony Van Ho](#)

Dr. Van Ho advises physicians to *"think more globally, not just through your individual feelings. It's important to be creative and share the experience together. To volunteer in [Project Access NOW] matters as a team effort."*