

*“Cancer can change your life at the drop of a hat. Don’t let it change yours.”*

- Sarah Cannon, aka Minnie Pearl



## DIAGNOSIS

When identifying cancer, the earlier the diagnosis is made, the better the chance of a cure. SCCC utilizes the most advanced techniques to identify the nature and extent of the specific disease. State-of-the-art technologies include:

- Mammography
- Bronchoscopy
- Computerized Tomography (CT)
- Endoscopy
- Fiber Optics
- Fluoroscopy
- Radioactive Isotope Techniques
- Stereotactic Breast Biopsy
- Ultrasound
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Sentinel Node Biopsy
- Minimally Invasive Surgical Biopsy

The patient’s own family physician together with the cancer team specialists identify the patient’s specific disease, and a treatment plan is designed for optimal effectiveness.



### Directions to Natchez Medical Park:

From Dickson: Go south on Hwy 46 to I-40. Cross over the Interstate and proceed .8 miles past Ravenwood Subdivision. The Natchez Medical Park sign will be on your left.

From East of Dickson: Go West on I-40 to exit 172. Turn left onto Hwy 46 S and proceed .8 miles past Ravenwood Subdivision. The Natchez Medical Park sign will be on your left.

From West of Dickson: Go East on I-40 to exit 172. Turn right onto Hwy 46 S and proceed .8 miles past Ravenwood Subdivision. The Natchez Medical Park sign will be on your left.

From South of Dickson: Go north on Hwy 46 towards I-40. The Natchez Medical Park sign will be on your right approximately 1 mile before I-40 ramp.

**The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at  
Natchez Medical Park**

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## THE SARAH CANNON CANCER CENTER

*Great cancer care where you need it.*



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## HERS WAS THE GIFT OF LOVING LIFE

Sarah Cannon, creator of the beloved character Minnie Pearl, worked tirelessly to promote the importance of cancer education, screening and early detection.

For more than four decades, the irrepressible Minnie Pearl and the soft-spoken Sarah Ophelia Cannon lived “right next door to one another” beneath the flower-decked brim of Minnie’s trademark straw hat, sharing a warmth, wit and honesty from the same mind and heart.

During her tenure on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, she received numerous accolades from her fans and peers in the entertainment industry. Her dedicated efforts for the American Cancer Society, coupled with her personal bout with breast cancer, led her to receive the Society’s National Courage Award in 1987.

Today, her memory is honored by all those who receive care through the comprehensive cancer program at The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center. We are proud she chose to share her name - and her spirit - with all of us.

## THE SARAH CANNON CANCER CENTER

The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center (SCCC) is a comprehensive program designed to meet the medical needs of individuals undergoing cancer treatment. While all services/treatment may not be available at each hospital in the TriStar family, they are accessible through The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center Network. The network of 10 affiliated medical facilities throughout Tennessee and south central Kentucky allows our patients treatment and medical care in a community setting close to home. Your oncologist will be aware of all the services available through The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center Network.

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## TREATMENT

In addition to the newest minimally invasive procedures and access to innovative, research-based approaches, we offer patients the benefits of all major treatment methods, including surgery, medical oncology, and radiation oncology.

### Surgery

Surgery is the primary treatment for many types of cancer, especially if the disease is localized to one area of the body. Surgery also can confirm a diagnosis, determine how far a person's cancer has advanced, relieve side effects or ease pain. Thanks to new and more sophisticated techniques, surgeons are able to achieve remarkable results. Inpatient and outpatient surgical suites are equipped for the most advanced surgical procedures, including video-guided, microscopic, and laser surgeries.

### Medical Oncology

Medical oncology is another important treatment specialty that uses powerful cancer fighting drugs, hormones and immuno-stimulants to help the body stop or slow the growth of malignant cells. Chemotherapy is a therapeutic method utilizing drugs that interfere with the cancer's ability to reproduce and grow. This form of treatment can be administered on an inpatient or outpatient basis.

### Radiation

### Oncology

The radiation oncology department at The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center is a state-of-the-art comprehensive radiation therapy facility. Our center is staffed by board-certified radiation oncologists leading a team of highly qualified professionals including certified medical physicists, certified medical dosimetrists, certified radiation therapists and oncology nurses. Radiation oncology services within SCCC offer new methods of treatment such as:

- High Dose Rate Brachytherapy (HDR)
- Conventional External Beam Radiation Therapy
- Conformal, 3-D Treatment Planning
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Radiosurgery to treat brain tumors or vascular congenital abnormalities.
- Stereotactic Body-frame Radiotherapy



## SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

Specialized, innovative medical services are available to individuals with symptoms caused by cancer and its treatment. Symptom treatments are aimed at enhancing a person's ability to carry out a normal lifestyle. Treatment methods include: behavioral therapy, pain management therapy including pharmacology and non-pharmacology intervention, intraspinal and extradural narcotics, electrical stimulation, surgery, neurolysis, counseling for pain management, treatments for lymphedema and access to rehabilitation services.

## THE CANCER TEAM

As cancer care becomes more specialized, patients and their families work with a team throughout the treatment process. Each team brings together professionals with experience and expertise in a range of disciplines - medicine, nursing, social work, psychology, pastoral counseling, pharmacology, nutrition and rehabilitation. The oncology nursing staff is made up of highly skilled and trained nurses. Their specialized nursing skills, along with a genuine concern for each patient, translate into superior care.

The team's collaboration strengthens the individual treatment plan, encourages patient involvement and ensures a continuous flow of communication. This underlying spirit of cooperation fosters a climate of trust and concern that is conducive to healing.



## TRIALS

Our patients can participate in clinical research trials and receive treatment often unavailable at other sites across the country. Clinical trials have led to scientific advances that have helped to improve and lengthen the quality of life for cancer patients across the country. Access to these trials is available through our affiliation with the Sarah Cannon Research Institute (SCRI). SCRI is one of the largest, community-based cancer research support programs in the country.

## EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Prevention is the best cure of all. The purpose of The Sarah Cannon Cancer Center is not simply to treat cancer, but also to preserve human life and promote health and well-being. In keeping with our commitment to education and prevention, a variety of resources are available for patients, families, friends and the community-at-large. Frequent educational programs are available through The Minnie Pearl Cancer Foundation's Patient Resource Center, hospital education programs or at [TriStarHealth.com](http://TriStarHealth.com).