

The new, state-of-the-art Joan Knechel Cancer Center at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center offers the most advanced technologies for treating cancer, along with expert doctors and nurses and highly-trained technicians to employ those technologies and treatments to greatest advantage for our patients. The Center's capabilities include radiation oncology services and chemotherapy treatment.

The Joan Knechel Cancer Center specializes in the treatment of the following cancers:

- Bone
- Breast
- Colorectal
- Gynecological
- Head and Neck
- Kidney
- Lung
- Pancreas
- Prostate
- Skin
- Stomach
- Testicular
- Urinary Bladder

Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations



Joan Knechel, R.N.

For over 20 years, Joan Knechel was a highly-valued nurse at Hackettstown Community Hospital, now called Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. She was the kind of person who cared deeply for her patients as well as her colleagues. When Joan was diagnosed with cancer there were no radiation treatment options available locally. Joan had to drive 45 minutes each way, five times a week, for her own treatments.

Like all cancer patients, Joan had good days and rough days. She maintained a philosophy of winning her fight. In keeping with her philosophy she volunteered to drive other cancer patients the same distance, including on days when she did not need to make the trip herself.

Joan lived by the credo: Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

In the years since Joan's diagnosis, cancer treatment has changed. New and better technology and treatments than were ever before possible are now available at the Center which proudly honors her name.



Located in the West Wing Medical Plaza

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Joan Knechel Cancer Center

Link to a better life



- Advanced Radiation Treatment Options
- Experienced Expert Staff
- Support Groups
- Personal Care for Every Individual



Let Us Be Your Link to a Better Life

Whether you or someone you care about is involved in diagnostic testing or in treatment, the very

thought of cancer is daunting to all people regardless of age or state of health.

At the Joan Knechel Cancer Center, our first priority is making you as comfortable as possible, beginning the moment you come through our doors. From the minute you enter our serene reception and family waiting areas, you will notice that we have paid special attention to every detail with you in mind.

For both diagnostic testing and treatment patients, you will be invited to enter a private dressing room complete with wooden lockers and to change into a comfortable and luxurious, 100% cotton waffle robe. Our warm and friendly staff will guide you through your appointment and seek to put you at ease as much as possible. You have enough on your mind, we want you to relax and let us take care of you.

Years of Experience

At the Joan Knechel Cancer Center, your treatment is provided by an expert staff, each with more than 10 years of oncology experience at the nation's premier treatment centers. Medical Director Nancy Low, M.D., is Board Certified in both Pathology and Radiation Oncology. Center Director Robert Braun, M.Ed., RN, RT(T)(R) also holds a graduate degree in radiation oncology.

The Pinnacle of Technology

The Center's dual energy Varian 21 Linear Accelerator provides radiation therapy using four-dimensional treatment planning, conforming to the exact shape of a tumor and reducing the risk of harming the surrounding healthy tissue.

The Center also provides state-of-the-art radiation treatment techniques including IMRT and respiratory gating. The Respiratory Gating System keys in to the patient's breathing pattern to provide radiation only at precise times. As the patient breathes, tumors in the body move and shift, so the Respiratory Gating System produces radiation only when the tumor moves back to its original position, thus protecting healthy tissue.

Expect Better Get Better

Our GE PET/CT provides images to develop an individualized radiation treatment plan. During the course of treatment, the PET may be used to monitor the progress of the treatment protocol. We use it to precisely monitor the effectiveness of radiation treatment for our patients so we can fine-tune it accordingly.

Chemotherapy

Hackettstown Regional Medical Center has offered chemotherapy treatment for many years within the hospital. In 2006, chemotherapy services will be offered in the new West Wing Medical Plaza.

A Member of the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Network

As a member of the UPENN Cancer Network, the Joan Knechel Cancer Center provides a world-class level and quality of care on-site, with outstanding access to the latest clinical research and specialty cancer services.

At the Joan Knechel Cancer Center, you can take confidence that you or your loved one will always receive friendly, expert care with the latest technology available in Northwest New Jersey.

**This commitment is what permits us to say:
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