



## University of New Mexico Cancer Center

THE OFFICIAL CANCER CENTER OF NEW MEXICO  
A NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE DESIGNATED CENTER

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS: FROM 2000-2007

- Designated as “The Official Cancer Center of the State of New Mexico” by the State Legislature in 1971 and received special commendation from the State Legislature in 2003 and 2005.
- Achieved Designation as a National Cancer Institute - Designated Cancer Center in October 2005, one of only 63 in the nation.
- Recruited 55 new world-class physicians and scientists to New Mexico to form the state’s largest team of cancer specialists, with more than 60 cancer physicians and 120 research scientists.
- Increased the annual State of New Mexico appropriation to the UNM Cancer Center from \$1.5 million to \$6.0 million.
- Increased the funding, from federal and private sources, for cancer research programs from \$22 million to \$51 million annually.
- Established formal research partnerships with Sandia National Laboratories (genomics, high speed computing, drug discovery, nanotechnology), Los Alamos National Laboratory (novel radioisotopes), Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (inhalation therapeutics, lung cancer prevention and research), and New Mexico State University (chemistry, drug discovery).
- Served more than 7,500 New Mexicans with cancer in 2007 during 81,000 patient visits, up from 2,500 patients and 53,000 patient visits in 2000. The UNM Cancer Center treats over 40% of the adults and virtually all of the children in New Mexico affected by cancer. Our annual clinic revenue has grown from \$9 million to \$35 million.
- Provided cancer treatment to the residents of every county in the state of New Mexico. Fifty-two percent of those patients came from outside Bernalillo County.
- Opened new cancer treatment programs in Las Cruces (UNM Cancer Center – Las Cruces in collaboration with Memorial Medical Center) and Santa Fe, as well as collaborative clinics in Farmington and other cities in New Mexico.
- Created a wide variety of clinical and educational programs to reach out to all of our state’s multicultural populations, including outreach and training in Native American communities with the UNM Center for Native American Health.
- Formed a partnership with the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to research Inflammatory Breast Cancer and other high-risk breast cancers.
- Brought the first TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation treatment system to New Mexico. One of only 70 in the nation, TomoTherapy delivers precise, high-dosage radiation therapy with fewer side effects than traditional radiation treatments.
- Building a beautiful state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer treatment and clinical research center. The \$90 million, 206,000 sq. ft. facility is designed to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families in a healing, safe environment.