



Blessing Health Cancer Annual Report 2024

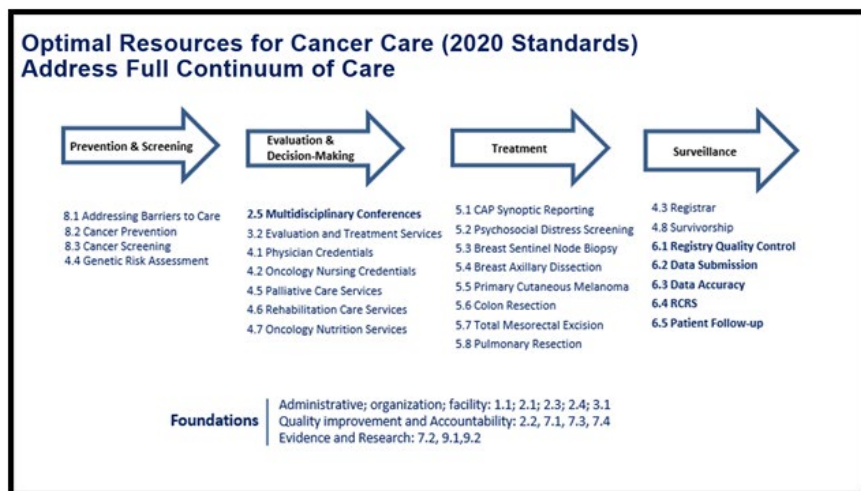
NEW LEADER

Blessing's Cancer Center welcomes Joe Prosser as new administrative director of oncology services!



2024 BLESSING CANCER CENTER AWARDED COMMISSION ON CANCER RE-ACCREDITATION

- On 9/11/2024, Blessing Cancer Center was surveyed by the Commission on Cancer, and awarded a 3-year accreditation with zero deficiencies
- There are 38 standards that a program must comply with in order to provide high quality cancer care



- In particular, we are especially proud of our multidisciplinary care team approach in treating our cancer patients

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Johnson, MD
Medical Director & Committee Chairman

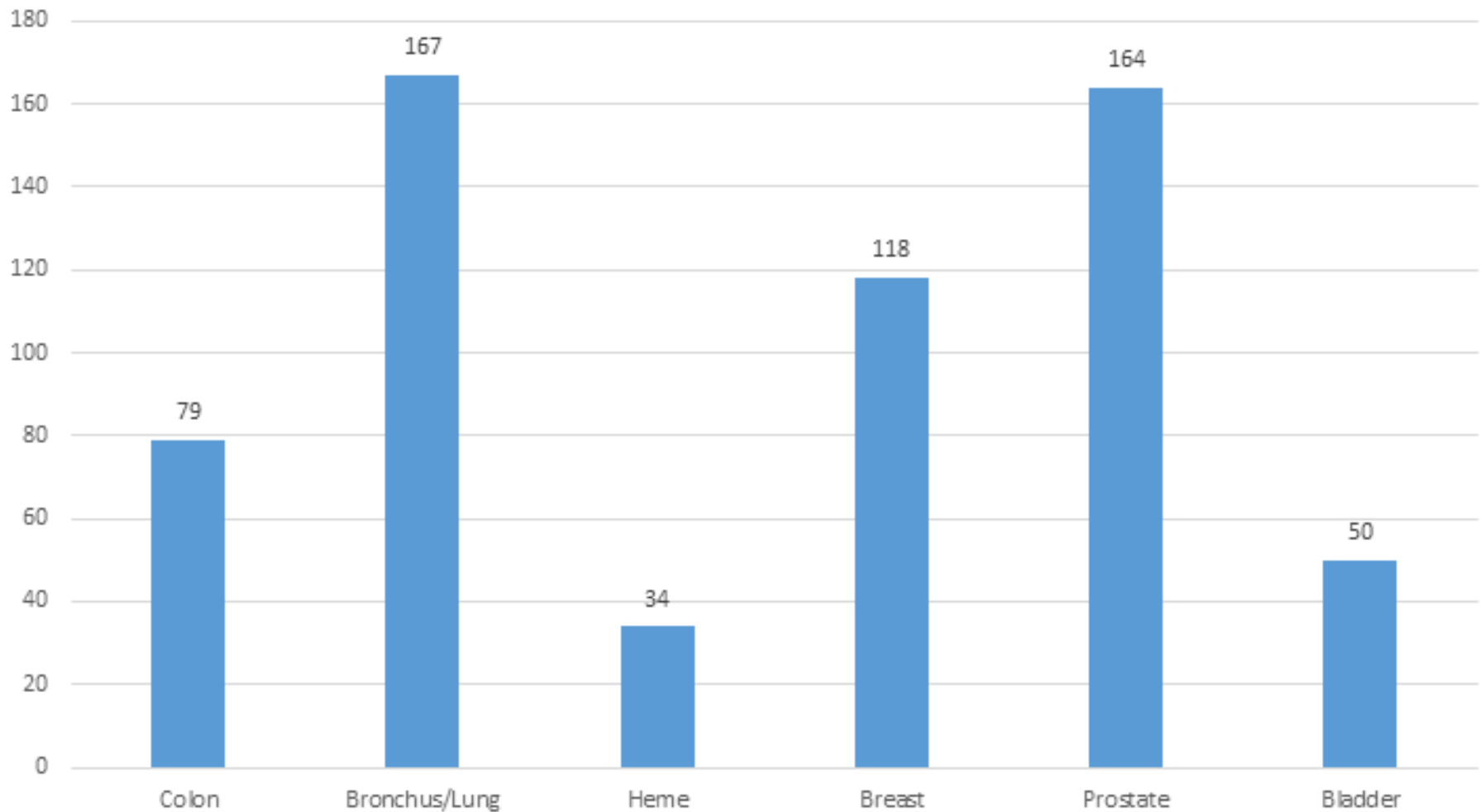
Joe Prosser
Administrative Director Oncology Services

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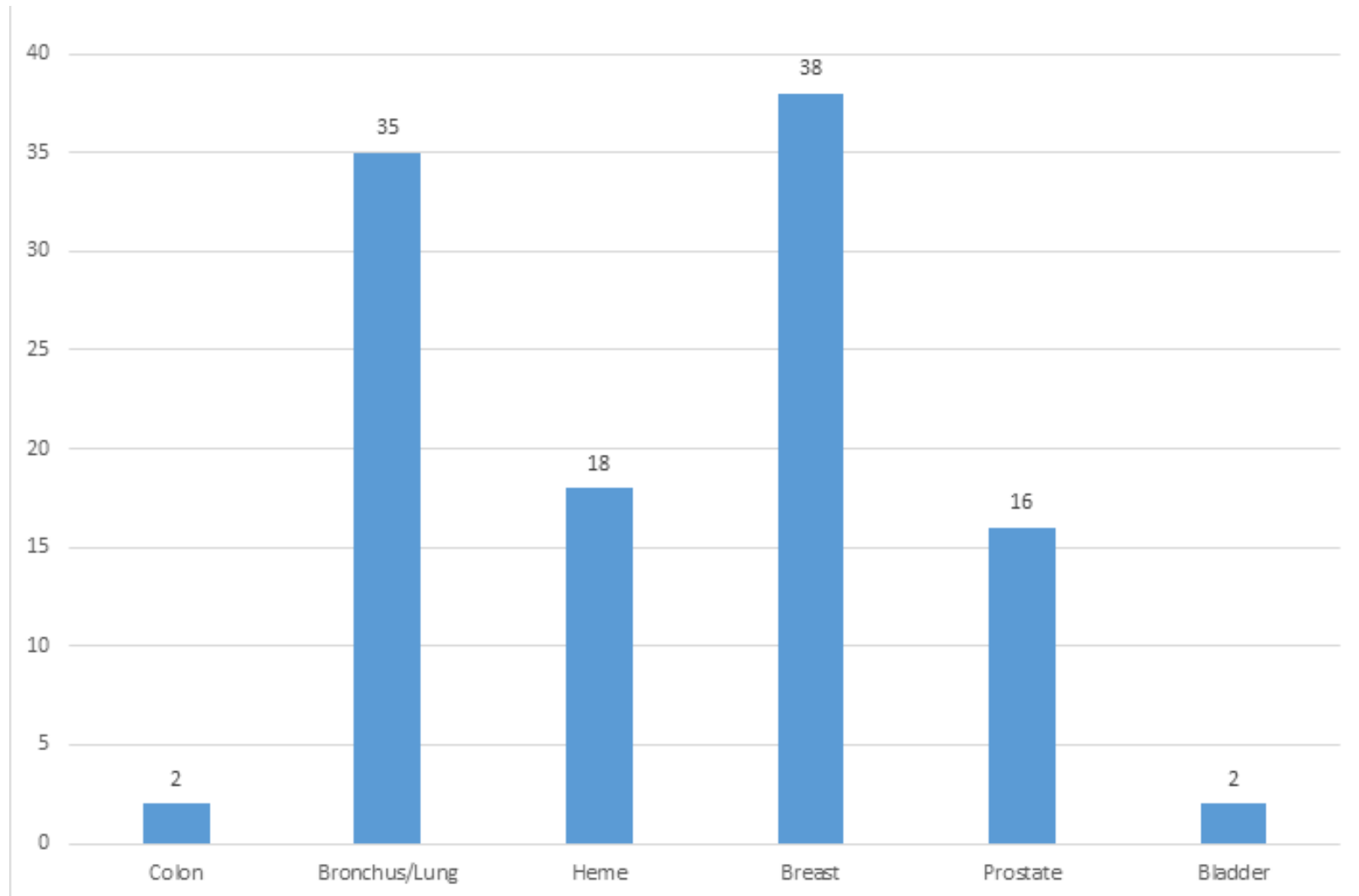
Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Quincy

2024 TOP SITES DIAGNOSED AND/OR TREATED AT BLESSING QUINCY (AS OF 8/7/25)



Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Hannibal

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Patient Data: Appearance Center

Wigs Provided to Patients	44
Turbans Provided to Patients	43
Hats Provided to Patients	99
Scarves Provided to Patients	2
Pillows Provided to Patients	22
Prosthetics Provided to Patients	2
Post Op Garments Provided to Patients	10
Total Number of Oncology Patients Served:	222

Survivorship Activites & Services

Blessing's Survivorship services include:

- Support Groups
- Survivorship Care Plans
- Prayer Box
- Appearance Center
- Gong Ceremonies
- Physical Activity Programs

Survivorship services tracked for 2024 final totals:

- Lymphedema | 499 SOZO and 7 referrals to OT.
- Survivorship Care Plans | 140 delivered
- Prayer Box requests | 31 prayer card requests, 6 with contact information and 4 requested chaplain to contact

Screenings

In the year 2024, we performed the following cancer screenings:

Screening Type	Screening Date	Total Screened	Cancer Diagnosed
Skin Cancer	5/10/24	41	0
Prostate Cancer	9/24 - 11/24	53	1
Colon	2024	353	0
Breast “Pack the Schedule”	N/A	N/A	N/A
LDCT	2024	269	13

Prevention Education: Smoking Prevention

The Great American Smoke Out - 11/21/2024

No Smoking education in 33 classrooms within Adams County Schools, 767 students - November 2024

- Cancer Site: Lung
- Partnering Community Organizations: Adams County Public & Private Schools
- Target Audience: 4th Grade Children
- Guideline Used: American Cancer Society & American Lung Association
- Type of Prevention: Behavioral Risk Reduction - Smoking/Tobacco/Vaping Avoidance

Clinical Research

At Blessing, the Clinical Research Department contributes to medical knowledge. We are involved in various types of clinical research studies, trials and treatments. The Blessing Clinical Research Department offers different types of interventional clinical trials including medication, devices, psychotherapy, new approaches to radiation therapy, surgery or a combination of the mentioned.

Cancer-Specific Biorepositories or Tissue Banks	46
Treatment	2
Total Number of Patients Served:	16

Survivorship Events: Survivor Day, May 31, 2024



Survivorship Events: Evolve, September 28, 2024



People: Cancer Committee

Committee Position

Cancer Committee Chairman
 Cancer Liaison Physician
 Diagnostic Radiologist
 Medical Oncologist
 Pathologist
 Radiation Oncologist
 Surgeon
 Cancer Program Administrator
 Certified Tumor Registrar/Cancer Registry Quality Coordinator
 Oncology Nurse
 Social Worker
 Cancer Conference Coordinator
 Quality Improvement Coordinator
 Clinical Research Coordinator
 Psychosocial Services Coordinator
 Survivorship Program Coordinator

Committee Member Alternate Member

Dr. Robert Johnson	Dr. Harsha Polavarapu
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Dr. Aparna Yepuri	Dr. Haritha Yepuri
Dr. Mohammed Memon	Dr. Daniel Koh
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Dr. Robert Johnson	Dr. Mark Khil
Dr. Harsha Polavarapu	Dr. Emmanuel Bessay
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Cathy Brogdon	Vera Bickhaus
Lance Privett	
Kiley McGlauchlen	Ashley Chbeir
Mary Ripper	Sarah Hageman
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Active Committee Members

Dr. John Arnold, Dr. David Lieber, Dr. Daniel Liesen, Dr. Bill Severino, Dr. Kristi Gillette, Anna Fee, Karen Kerns, Joseph Kim, Becky Emerson, Kaitlyn Keen, Lori Wilkey, Britni Skirvin, Courtney Lockett, Kristen Powell, Jen Micho, Mary Winkeljohn, Dr. Amjad Ali, Karen Dames, Dr. Aphrodite Henderson, Dr. Arif Bari, Dr. Kellie Flippin, Kristen Cook, Rex Schulz, Adam Lang, Stephanie Willey, Diana Seals, Brooke Gibson, Jenn Murphy, Amanda Jennings, NP, Brenda Blickhan, NP, Dr. Chris Solaro, Becky Luttrell, Danielle Scott



People: Jessie Stoops Patient Story



Some people call it their conscience. It's that voice you can hear in your head occasionally when facing a tough decision. Sometimes we follow the voice's advice. Other times we do not.

Jessie Stoops heard the voice while considering what would turn out to be one of the most important decisions of her life.

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Milestones

Joe Prosser named new Administrative Director - January 2024



Blessing Hospital Named a “High Performing Hospital” - July 2024

Blessing Hospital awarded full accreditation with no deficiencies, from the Commission on Cancer - September 2024

In November 2024, Blessing announced signing a contract to move all EHR systems over to EPIC with a go-live date of March 2026.

Blessing Health Hannibal





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To improve the health
of our communities.

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