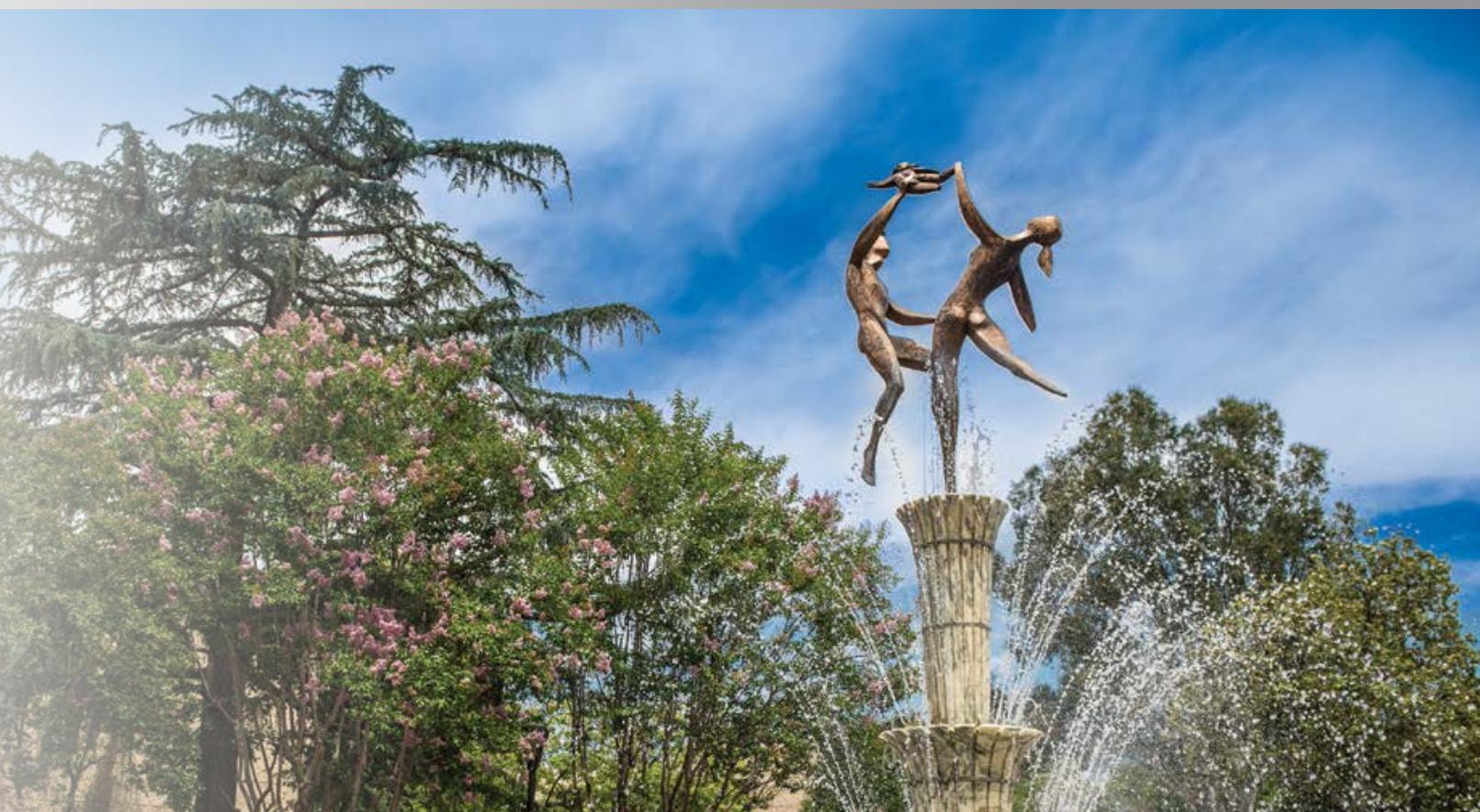


"A must read for every bone marrow transplant patient."

— BMT Survivor

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Welcome to City of Hope

National Cancer Institute Designation

City of Hope has established itself as a leader in cancer research and treatment through a combination of research, promising new treatment plans, compassion and quality patient care based on a belief in the dignity of the individual.

Founded in 1913, originally as a tuberculosis sanatorium, City of Hope has had continuous governmental financial support for its cancer center activities since 1976.

In 1998, City of Hope was designated a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). NCI-designated cancer centers are a select group of leaders in the fight against cancer. They create new cancer treatments, perform the latest diagnostic and treatment procedures, work with other NCI-designated cancer centers, and combine the expertise of doctors and transplant team members who are among the finest in their fields.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Formed in 1995, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) was created to fight cancer more effectively. Representing the finest in cancer care and research across the United States, multiple prestigious institutions are a part of this distinguished network.

City of Hope was one of the founding cancer centers within the NCCN. Through research, measurement and management, the NCCN has made great strides in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of cancer care in this country. The NCCN Oncology Practice Guidelines, which now assist in the care of more than 90 percent of all cancer patients, have become the standard for treatment. Patient versions of some of the NCCN guidelines have been developed to offer patients and their families reliable, specific and understandable information about treatment options.

NCCN member institutions provide unmatched expertise in all areas of cancer treatment, are committed to management through measurement of outcomes, and are dedicated to the best care possible for all cancer patients.

City of Hope's Philosophy of Healing

In 1951, former City of Hope Executive Director Samuel H. Golter wrote City of Hope's "Thirteen Articles of Faith," which stress one common philosophy:

"There is no profit in curing the body if, in the process, we destroy the soul."

Today, City of Hope's family of highly skilled researchers, doctors, nurses and caregivers still share this philosophy. They stand at the heart of a medical center which focuses on cancer research, and blood and marrow transplantation. City of Hope clinicians are committed to using the discoveries made in the laboratory to create new and effective cancer treatments for our patients. Supported by an international network of donors and volunteers, their work is grounded in deep compassion and respect for each person who turns to City of Hope for help.

City of Hope brings together a health care team of professionals with a common goal to provide the best and most appropriate cancer treatment possible. Because City of Hope takes a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to cancer therapy and patient care, City of Hope team members not only create treatment plans that promote the extension of life, but also customize supportive care plans that improve the quality of life.

History of Blood and Marrow Stem Cell Transplantation at City of Hope

In 1976, City of Hope became one of the first six medical centers in the country to begin treating leukemia patients with blood and marrow transplantation. Today, City of Hope is the largest provider of these services in California and one of the most advanced blood and marrow stem cell transplant research and treatment centers in the world. City of Hope doctors have used transplantation to treat patients with potentially life-threatening malignant and nonmalignant diseases.