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# Blessing Health System Cancer Annual Report 2022

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# PUBLIC RESPONDS TO SCREENINGS

According to a study from BMJ Oncology released in fall 2023, cancer rates worldwide have risen dramatically in people under the age of 50.

Researchers examined data from 204 countries between 1990 and 2019. They found that there were more than 3.26 million early-onset cancer cases reported in those countries in 2019, up from 1.82 million in 1990, an increase of 79.1%.

The study defined early-onset cancer as a diagnosis that occurs between the ages of 14 and 49.

To help detect those early on-set cases in the communities served by Blessing Health, our team has a goal to increase participation in cancer screenings by 10%. In the pages of this 2022 Annual Report you will see we exceeded that goal in several screening programs.

Other exceptional news in this report includes Milestones and Accomplishments, Clinical Research Enrollment, and Survivorship Activities and Services.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report are the results of the commitment and dedication of each Blessing Health provider and support staff member who proudly delivers oncology care and services.

Thank you.

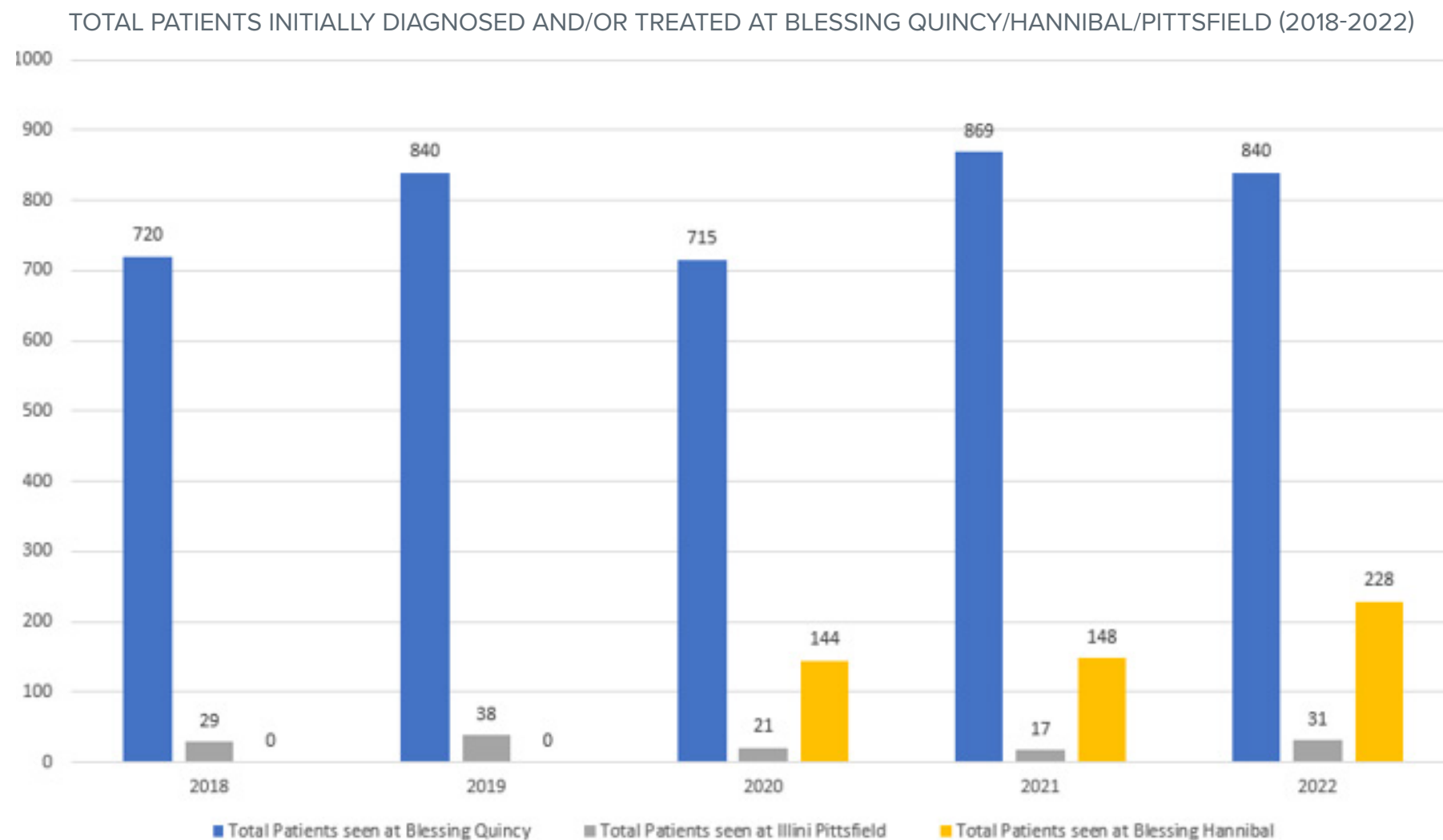
Robert Johnson, MD  
Medical Director & Committee Chairman  
Blessing Cancer Center

Lori Wilkey  
Administrative Director  
Blessing Cancer Center

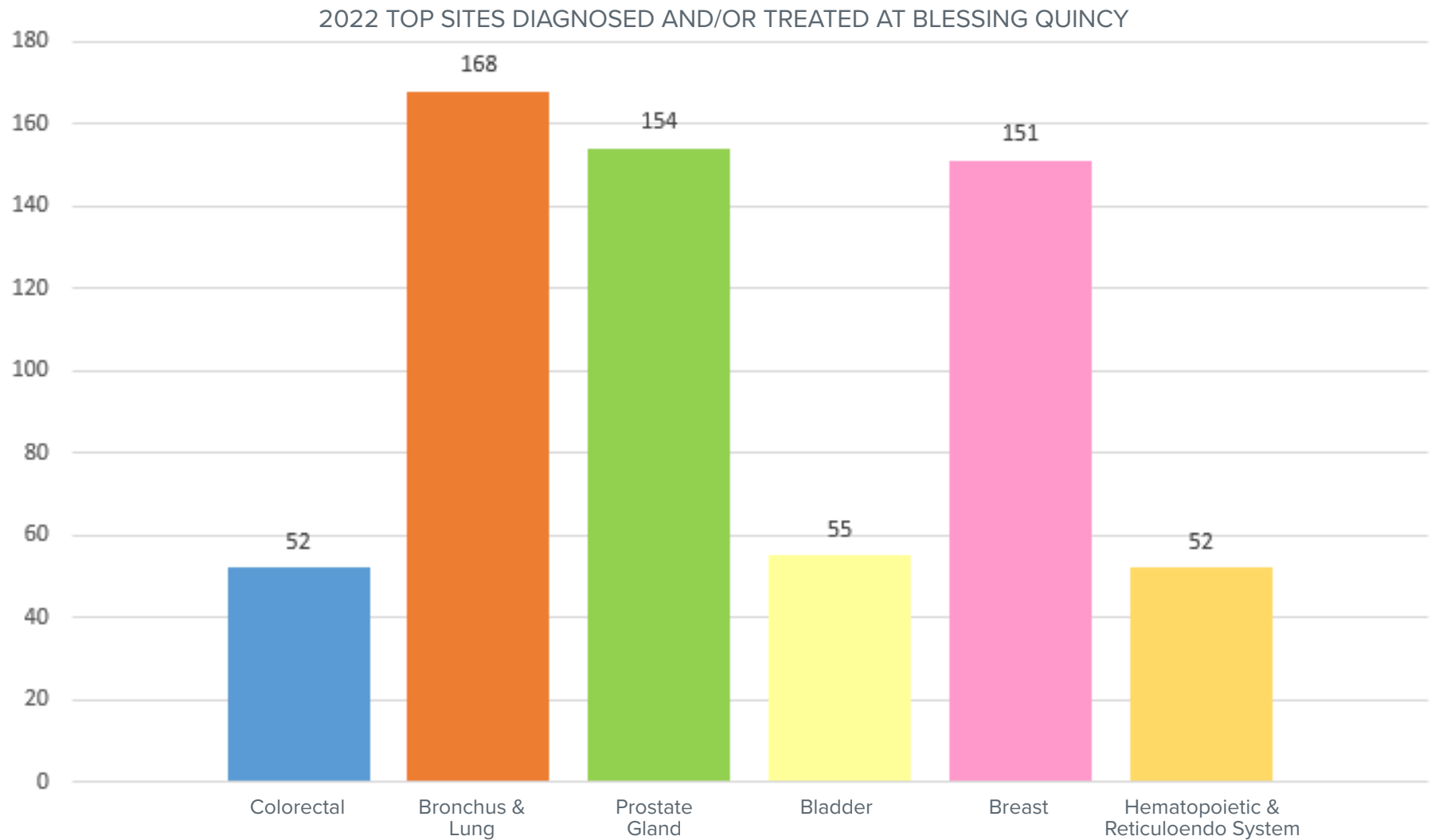
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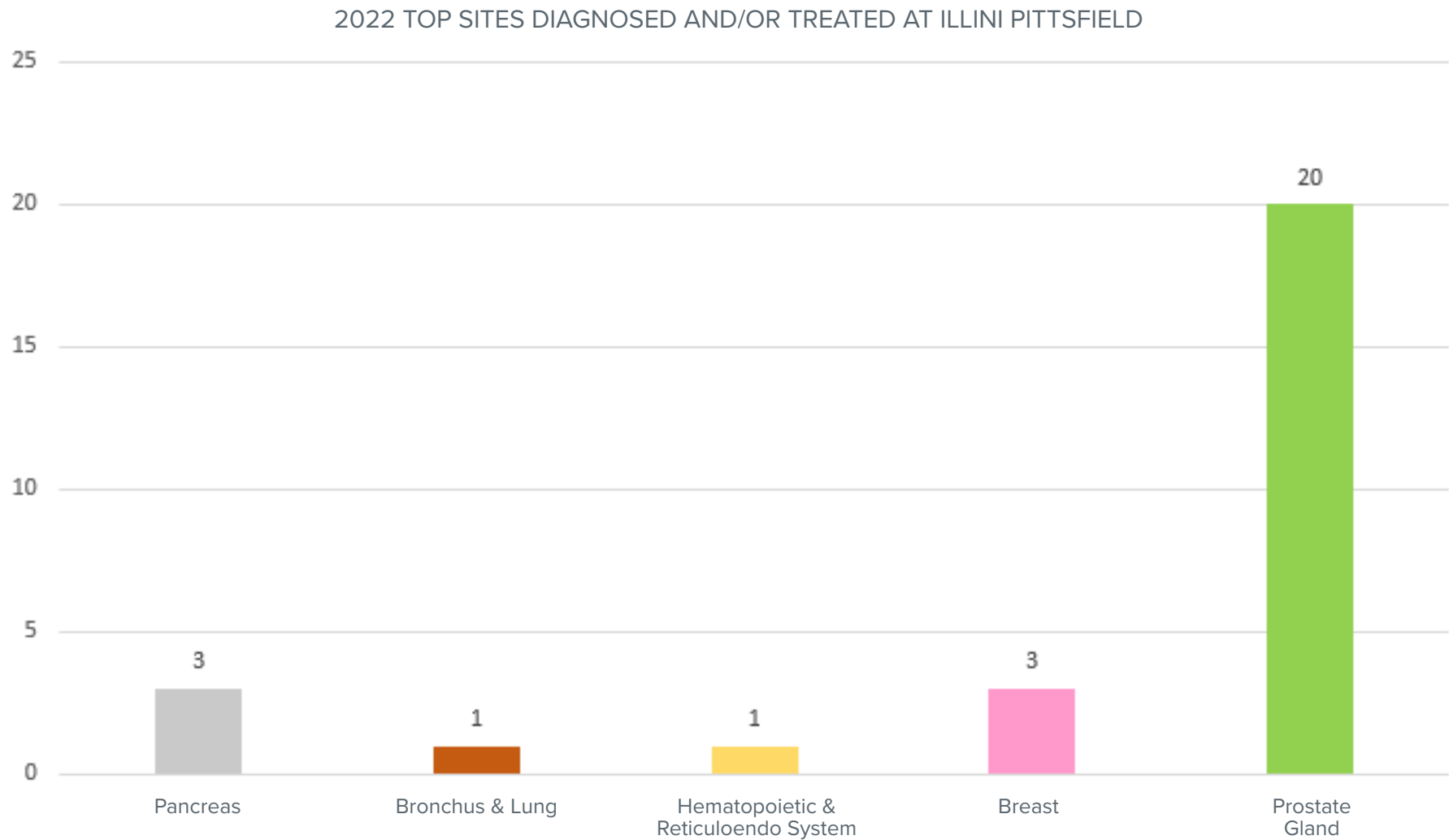
# Patient Data: Total Patients, Quincy/Pittsfield/Hannibal



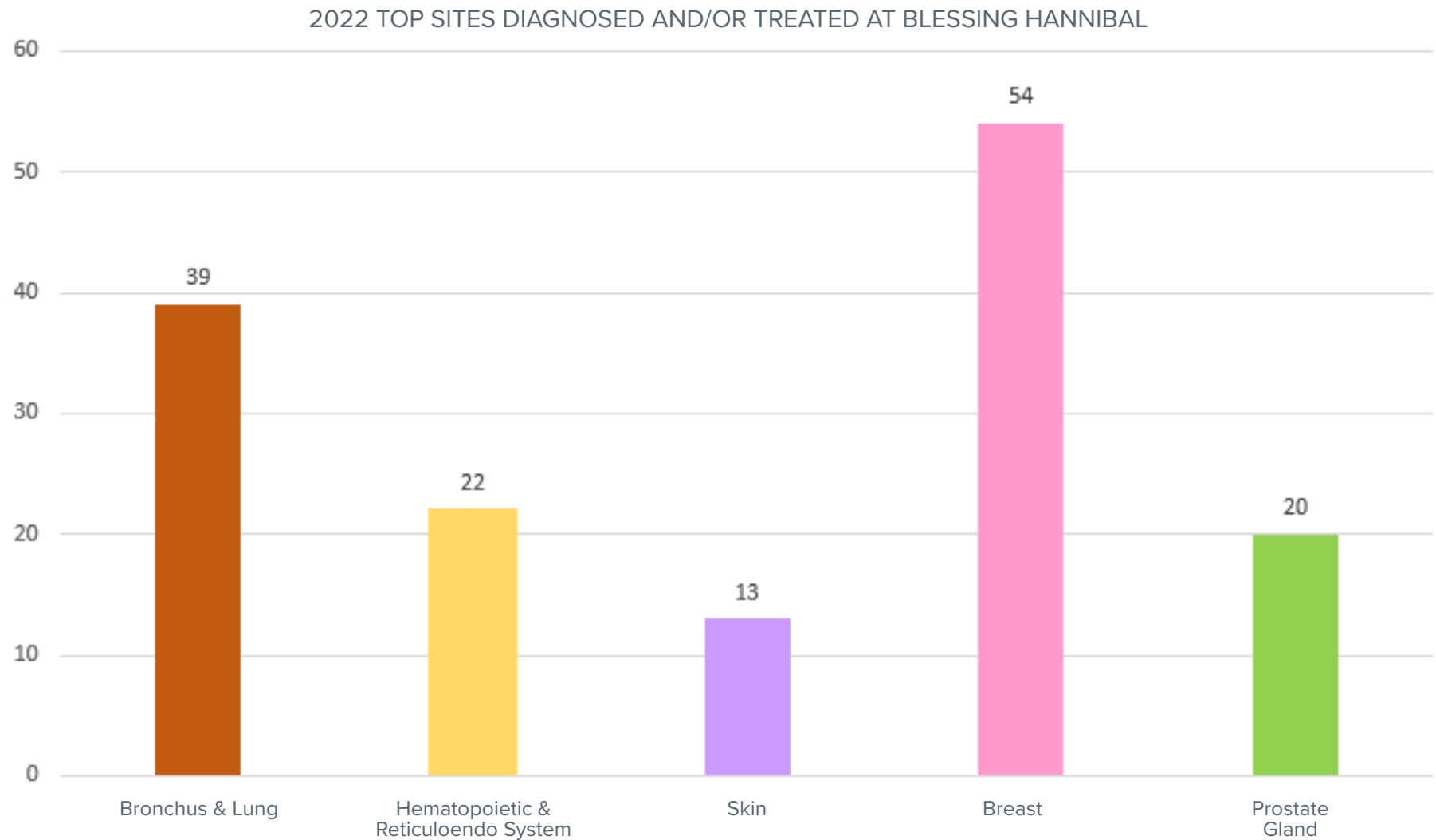
# Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Quincy



# Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Pittsfield



# Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Hannibal



# Patient Data: Appearance Center

Wigs Provided to Patients	44
Turbans Provided to Patients	43
Hats & Scarves Provided to Patients	99
Total Number of Oncology Patients Served:	186



# Screenings

In the year 2022, we performed the following cancer screenings:

Screening Type	Screening Date	Total Screened	Cancer Diagnosed
Skin Cancer	5/6/22	34	0
Prostate Cancer	9/22 - 10/22	82	1
Colon	2022	439	1
Breast “Pack the Schedule”	5/22 & 10/22	31	1
LDCT	2022	250	4

# Screenings: Lung

The Blessing Cancer Center's Low Dose CT screening program for lung cancer continues to grow.

Data	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
# of New Patients	43	77	113	174	147	221	250
LungRads 1	16	31	36	60	39	109	68
LungRads 2	15	25	50	77	70	89	142
LungRads 3	9	15	20	23	21	11	21
LungRads 4A	2	3	4	14	10	7	10
LungRads 4B	1	3	1	1	2	5	4
LungRads 4X			2	0	5	0	4
Cancers Diagnosed	1	2	0	5	6*	10	4

\*One of the six diagnosis in 2020 was a non-Lung cancer.

# Cancer Committee



# Survivorship

“The cancer committee oversees the development and implementation of a survivorship program directed at meeting the needs of cancer patients treated with curative intent.”

- *Commission on Cancer*

## **Blessing’s Survivorship Program offers the following services:**

- Support Groups | Renew Classes (4 offered, 4 participants), Art Classes (4 offered, 11 participants), Smoking Cessation (10 groups & Individual sessions: 18 referred, 16 accepted counseling)
- Physical Activity Programs | Blessing Wellness Center (12 referrals, 5 participants), YMCA Strength for Survivors (no report, program changed)
- Survivorship Care Plans | 120/179 SCPs delivered = 67% (2021 | 98/143 SCPs delivered = 52%)
- Sexual Wellness | No numbers available, placed on hold
- Artwork in display case outside of Radiation Oncology Department
- Prayer Box requests | 15
- Appearance Center | 44 wigs, 43 turbans, 99 hats
- Gong Ceremonies | 42



# Survivorship Events: Survivor Day, June 3, 2022





# Survivorship Events: Evolve, October 22, 2022



# 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.

<b>Genetic Studies</b>	2
<b>Screening Research</b>	27
<b>Supportive Care</b>	1
<b>Treatment</b>	3
<b>Total Number of Patients Served:</b>	<b>32</b>

# People: Cancer Committee

## Committee Position

Cancer Committee Chairman  
Cancer Liaison Physician  
Diagnostic Radiologist  
Pathologist  
Surgeon  
Medical Oncologist  
Radiation Oncologist  
Cancer Program Administrator  
Oncology Nurse  
Psychosocial Services Coordinator

Certified Tumor Registrar/Cancer Registry Quality Coordinator  
Quality Improvement Representative  
Cancer Conference Coordinator  
Clinical Research Coordinator  
Survivorship Program Coordinator

## Active Committee Members

Dr. Christian Zwick, Dr. John Arnold, Dr. Kristi Gillette, Dr. Halley Anderson, Anna Fee, Karen Kerns, Eric Martin, Kaitlyn Keen, Laura Harcharick, Jen Micho, Mary Winkeljohn, Dr. Rami Abumasmah, Dr. Osama Qubaiah, Dr. M. Amjad Ali, Dr. Ray Smith, Karen Dames, Leah Heming, Dr. Kellie Flippin, Kristen Cook, Lee Goehl, Dr. Rex Schulz, Dr. Kirk Hill, Chad Noggle, Angie Loos, Stephanie Willey, Jessica Nuebel, Sarah Pruett, Diana Seals, Dawn Herzog, John McDowell Sherri White, Melissa Sorrill, Dr. John Hammock (Ex-officio), Dr. Chris Solaro (Ex-Officio)

## Committee Member Alternate Member

Dr. Robert Johnson	Dr. Harsha Polavarapu
Dr. Harsha Polavarapu	Dr. Emmanuel Bessay
Dr. Aparna Yepuri	Dr. Haritha Yepuri
Dr. Nicholas Hunter	Dr. Adam Lang
Dr. Harsha Polavarapu	Dr. Emmanuel Bessay
Dr. Mohammed Memon	Dr. Daniel Koh
Dr. Rob Johnson	Dr. Mark Khil
Lori Wilkey	Tim Tranor
Sara Heinecke	Sarah Pruett
Mary Ripper	Bridgett Ormond/ Melissa Penn
Vera Bickhaus	Cathy Brogdon
Heather Girouard/Lance Privett	
Cathy Brogdon	
Kiley McGlauchlen	
Mary Ripper	Bridgett Ormond/ Melissa Penn



# People: New Faces & Departures

## New Faces



**Robert Johnson, MD**  
**Radiation Oncologist**

Appointed as  
Chairperson of the  
Cancer Committee by  
Dr. John Hammock,  
President of Medical Staff

# People: Leland Crane Patient Story



Leland Crane Jr., a Prostate Cancer patient, was featured in a marketing campaign for the Cancer Center including TV, radio, print ads, billboards, social media, email, and digital ads.

[Click Here to Watch](#)

# Milestones

## U.S. News & World Report



Blessing Hospital once again earned a “High Performing” rating for treatment in colon cancer surgery.

## 2022 Key Strategic Actions

- Integration of Hannibal Medical Oncology/Infusion under Oncology Service Line
- Move toward HOPD at BH Cancer Center at Hannibal
- Screening events
- Fiscal awareness for denials in Outpatient Infusion
- Strong lunch cancer service line
- Community support from patients with positive experiences

**In-Suite Oncology Pharmacy Opened**

**Cancer Survivor’s Event - June 2022**

**Evolve Event - October 2022**

**SOZO Lymphedema Program - Began 2022**



# OUR MISSION

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To improve the health  
of our communities.

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