Blessing Health Cancer Annual Report 2025

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As we reflect on another great year of success for the cancer program. This report will tell the story of our accomplishments and successes for the year. For example, there were a total of 811 cases diagnosed in Quincy, Illinois and Hannibal, Missouri. These are the two regions where our cancer centers are located. For our patients, we continue to advance a model of care that is compassionate, coordinated, and accessible to those in need of cancer care in our community. We truly strive to treat the whole person and support services for their care. Blessing Health System is committed to delivering high quality cancer care to those in need. This report represents the collective efforts of our teams, partners, and supporters who make this work possible for the Oncology Services at Blessing Health System.

Respectfully submitted,

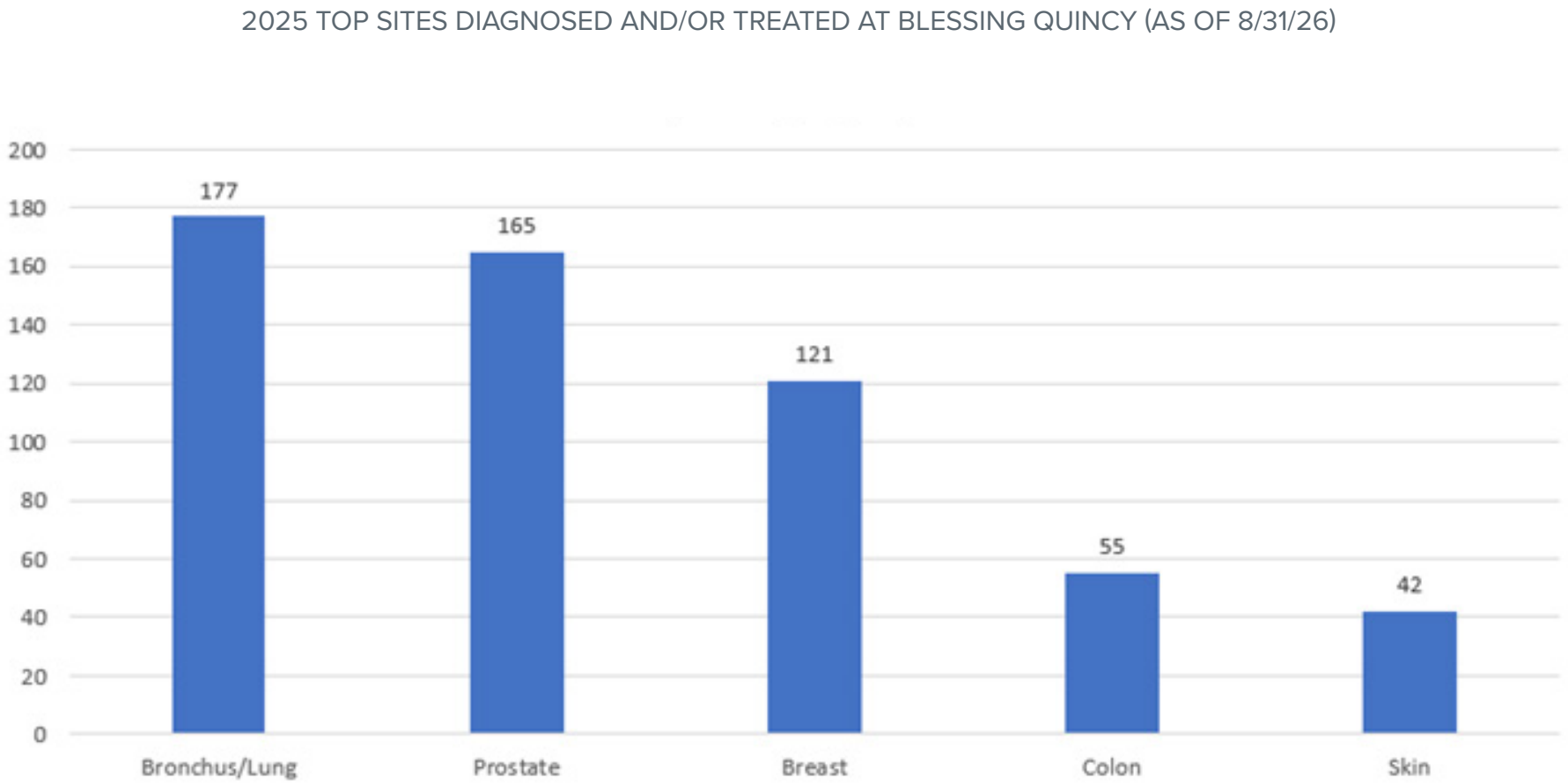
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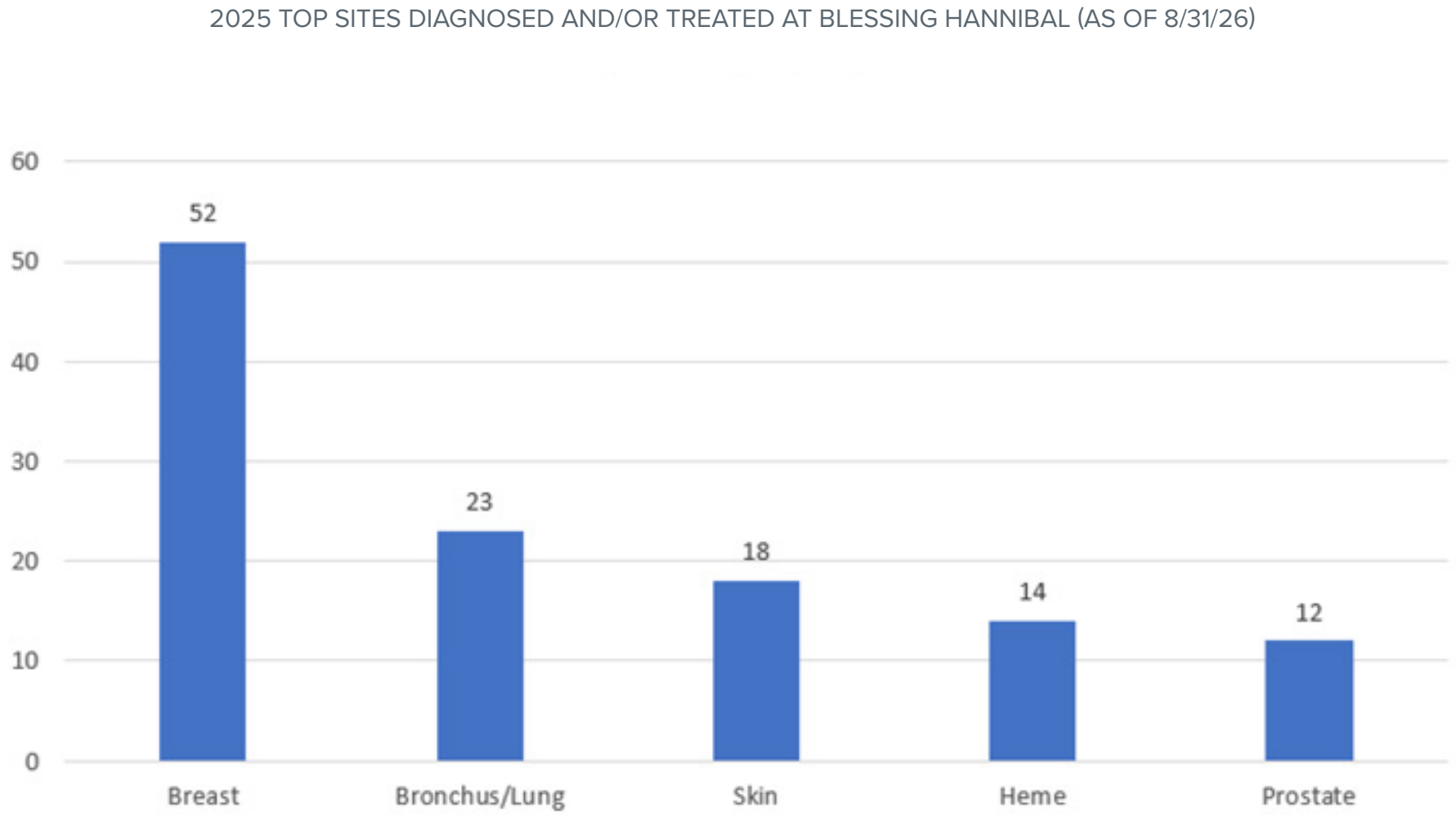
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Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Quincy

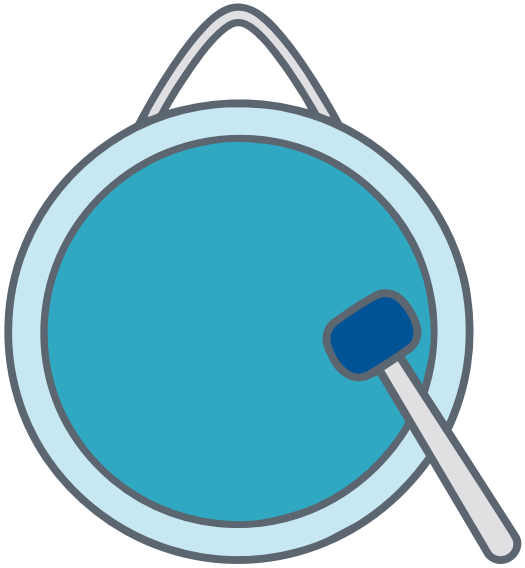


Patient Data: Cancers Treated, Hannibal



Patient Data: Appearance Center

Wigs Provided to Patients	42
Shampoo Kits Provided to Patients	18
Head Coverings Provided to Patients	89
Scarves Provided to Patients	8
Total Number of Oncology Patients Served:	**157**



13 Gong Ceremonies



Blessing Wellness Center
7 referrals



Smoking Cessation
6 individuals had face to face counseling

Survivorship Activites & Services

Survivorship services tracked for 2025 final totals:

- Support Groups - monthly support groups and breast cancer support group
- Seminars for Survivors - breast health seminar
- Survivorship Care Plans - 136 care plans delivered

Screenings

In the year 2025, we performed the following cancer screenings:

Screening Type	Screening Date	Total Screened	Cancer Diagnosed
Skin Cancer	May 2025	40	0
Prostate Cancer	September 2025	67	0
Colon	2025	217	0
LDCT	2025	210	9

Prevention Education: Skin Cancer Prevention

Cancer Prevention Event Year (yyyy): _2025_							
Name of Event: Skin Cancer Prevention							
Description of Event: Booth							
Cancer Site(s)	**Date of Event** (mm/dd/yyyy)	**Partnering Community Organization** (where applicable)	**Target Audience**	**Evidence-Based National Guidelines used to Plan Event** (where applicable)	**Participants** (# in attendance) optional	**Type of Prevention Event** (behavioral risk reduction or cancer education/risk awareness lecture)	**INCP: Is this a network-wide Prevention Event?** (y/n)
Skin	05/30/25	N/A	All participants at the Blessing Cancer Center Survivor day event (open to the public)	NIH- National Cancer Institute	50	behavioral risk reduction (limit sun exposure, wear sunscreen) (gave sample sunscreen to all participants) and cancer education	

Screening: Free Colorectal

Cancer Screening Event Year (yyyy): _2025__							
Name of Event: Free Colorectal							
Description of Event: FIT Kits given							
Cancer Site	**Date of Event** (MM/DD/YYYY)	**The Partnering Community Organization** (if applicable)	**Target Audience**	**Participants** (# in attendance) optional	**Evidence-Based National Guidelines used to Plan Event** (where applicable)	**Follow-up Process for Participants with Positive Findings**	**INCP: Is this a network-wide Screening Event?** (y/n)
Colorectal	March through September 2025	Health departments, rural health clinics, Illini Hospital	> age 18	217	American Cancer Society	All participants with positive results received a certified letter in follow up to the screening as well as a result letter sent to their PCP, if authorized.	

Screening: Prostate

Name of Event: Prostate Screenings							
Description of Event: Free PSA testing and DRE testing							
Cancer Site	**Date of Event** (MM/DD/YYYY)	**The Partnering Community Organization** (if applicable)	**Target Audience**	**Participants** (# in attendance) optional	**Evidence-Based National Guidelines used to Plan Event** (where applicable)	**Follow-up Process for Participants with Positive Findings**	**INCP: Is this a network-wide Screening Event?** (y/n)
Prostate	9/1/2025-9/30/2025	Illini, Hannibal, McDonough District Hospital	> age 35	67	American Cancer Society	All participants with positive results received a certified letter in follow up to the screening as well as a result letter sent to their PCP, if authorized.	

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	1
Treatment	5
Diagnostic	40
Total Number of Patients Served:	**46**

People: Cancer Committee

Committee Position	Committee Member	Alternate Member
Cancer Committee Chairman	Dr. Robert Johnson	Dr. Harsha Polavarapu
Cancer Liaison Physician	Dr. Harsha Polavarapu	Dr. Emmanuel Bessay
Diagnostic Radiologist	Dr. Aparna Yepuri	Dr. Haritha Yepuri
Medical Oncologist	Dr. Mohammed Memon	Dr. Daniel Koh
Pathologist	Dr. Nicholas Hunter	Dr. Adam Lang
Radiation Oncologist	Dr. Robert Johnson	Dr. Mark Khil
Surgeon	Dr. Harsha Polavarapu	Dr. Emmanuel Bessay
Cancer Program Administrator	Joe Prosser	Tim Tranor
Certified Tumor Registrar/Cancer Registry Quality Coordinator	Vera Bickhaus	Cathy Brogdon
Oncology Nurse	Sara Heinecke	Sarah Pruett
Social Worker	Mary Ripper	Sarah Hageman
Cancer Conference Coordinator	Paige Logsdon	Cathy Brogdon
Quality Improvement Coordinator	Lance Privett	
Clinical Registry Quality Coordinator	Vera Bickhaus	Cathy Brogdon
Clinical Research Coordinator	Kiley McGlauchlen	Ashley Chbeir
Psychosocial Services Coordinator	Mary Ripper	Sarah Hageman
Survivorship Program Coordinator	Brenda Blickhan	Mary Ripper

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, 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, Krista Wilson, Hanna Goudschaal, Dr. Amanda Lackey, Dr. Logan Lackey, Tauna Lummis, Eric Martin, Kelly Garnett

2025 Milestones & Accomplishments

- American College of Radiology has awarded Blessing Health the gold seal of accreditation for a 3-year term in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the breast
- Diana Simmons (Dee Dee), NP started in Medical Oncology 10/2025
- Blessing Cancer Registry earns gold level certificate for completeness and quality from the state of Illinois
- Blessing Cancer Center was awarded the Herald Whig Readers' Choice Best Oncology Practice
- Hannibal Cancer Center and Hannibal Infusion Center awarded Patient Experience Award's Most Improved
- Hannibal Infusion Center awarded Best Self Center
- Cathy Brogdon retired 11/2025
- Dr. Khil retired 12/2025

Cancer Committee



Congratulations Dr. Khil on retirement



Cancer Center employees collected donations to take to the Teresa Adams house



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To improve the health
of our communities.

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