

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

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to raise awareness of cancer risk factors and preventive strategies, and training and mentoring the next generation of medical and scientific leaders.

To ensure that our patients receive the most customized and effective care possible, Sylvester's research and treatment programs are provided by specialized teams who focus on specific types of cancer, including breast, lung, or urologic tumors; blood-borne cancers such as leukemia; and rare malignancies that target children. The result of our powerful teamwork and relentless focus on excellence can be seen everywhere you look—from the reams of data that document our clinical successes to the smiles of patients who have gained additional months and years of life thanks to the care they received at Sylvester.



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It's because all of our lives have been touched in one way or another by cancer that every member of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is dedicated to curing it. Our close-knit teams work tirelessly to unlock the secrets of cancer cells, translate those insights into powerful new treatments, deliver the very latest therapies, and provide patients and families with guidance and support when they need it most.

The University of Miami is home to an extraordinary four-decade legacy of leadership in cancer care, research, and education in South Florida. The transformational naming gift made by the Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation in 1992 paved the way for major growth and many historic milestones. When I joined Sylvester in May 2012 after nearly 20 years at Sloan-Kettering, I was not only impressed by its remarkable achievements to date, but inspired by its enormous potential.

Powerful technologies and unprecedented insights are fueling impressive victories in our field; there has never been a more exciting time in cancer research and care. Yet we still have so much progress to make. That's why we plan to grow our cadre of distinguished physician-scientists, intensify our expertise in specific cancers, expand specialized programs such as bone marrow transplantation, and enhance our screening, research, and clinical capabilities.

Through breakthrough discoveries, pioneering treatments, and expert, compassionate care, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is raising the bar on cancer care in our community—and leading the way toward a world without cancer.

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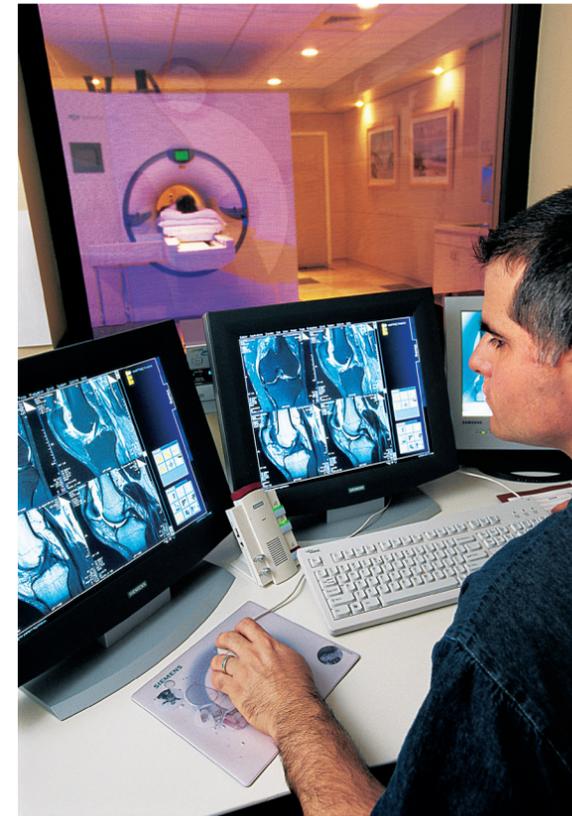
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Nurturing next-generation therapies: Every promising new cancer treatment finds its way to patients through carefully controlled studies. Sylvester's Phase I Drug Development Program, the only such program in South Florida, fosters collaborative, leading-edge care while helping to speed promising new therapies to those patients who need them most.



When it comes to cancer care, diagnosis is just the beginning.

Just as every individual is unique, so too is every patient's experience with cancer. Both the condition itself and the course of care can have a profound impact on people and their families, livelihoods and careers, daily routines and future plans. To help patients cope with the varied challenges of cancer treatment, our "Ask for Ana" patient care coordinators provide guidance, assistance, and advocacy at every step of the way.

In addition to expert oncologists, radiation therapists, and surgeons, Sylvester's care teams include specialists in pain relief and rehabilitation, mental health professionals, and many other complementary services. From nutritional counseling to acupuncture, music therapy to massage, we are dedicated not only to providing the best care to our patients, but to nurturing their complete emotional and physical well-being.

Sylvester care combines a powerful commitment to excellence with strong teamwork and dedication to our patients' overall well-being.

With your partnership, we'll keep our promise against cancer.

Every great advance in cancer care began with an idea, a question, an observation. The painstaking process of translating these initial explorations and insights into experimental therapies and then on to lifesaving successes takes years, even decades.

Cancer research today moves at a rapid pace, and there are more high-potential studies than funds to pursue them. Philanthropy bridges this gap, making it possible for us to fully explore all promising avenues that could lead to victories against cancer.

Thanks to the towering generosity of the Sylvester family and thousands of other donors, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is making dramatic progress. The Pap Corps – Champions for Cancer Research, the nation's largest grassroots organization of its kind, has since its founding in 1952 raised \$51 million for cancer research at UM. And new supporters continue to join the cause through exciting

events and initiatives such as the Dolphins Cycling Challenge, which in just three years raised more than \$3.9 million for cancer research at Sylvester.

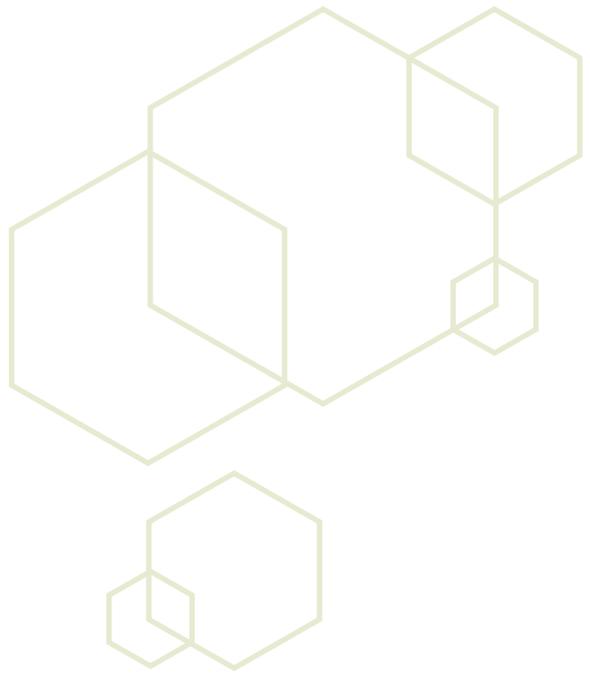
At the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, every day brings unprecedented insights and unforgettable journeys. Every day we touch families, save and lengthen lives, and enhance our ability to treat, cure, and prevent cancer. We invite you to join us in this vitally important quest.

For more information about care programs and partnership opportunities at Sylvester, please visit us online at sylvester.org or call 305-243-9088.



Compassionate care at every step: Led by highly specialized physicians such as J. David Pitcher Jr., M.D., shown here with osteosarcoma survivor Lazaro Cordero (right), Sylvester's clinical programs are complemented by the service, guidance, and support provided by our friendly care coordinators and representatives (above) to help ensure patients and their families the best experience possible.





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