

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to present to you the 2012 Good Samaritan Hospital Cancer Center Annual Report. As you can see from the number of patients included in the Tumor Registry, our program continues to remain very strong and active. Keeping track of the thousands of patients in the Registry is a daunting task and our Registrars, Sheila Snyder and Pam McCleave deserve our appreciation for a job well done.

In this issue, Dr. Purdom, a general surgeon on staff at GSH, and our Medical Liaison to the Commission on Cancer, presents the outcomes of patients treated for lung cancer at GSH over the last several years. You can see that our results compare very favorably with the national averages.

Dr. T.S. Chung, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology, presents a summary of his department's activities over the last year. As you can see, the number of patients treated at GSH continues to grow.

The care of every patient with cancer involves a team approach, and in this issue you will meet other unsung members of a very dedicated team of professionals.

It is very exciting for me to introduce Ms. Kelly Scragg who joins us as the new Clinical Research Manager. We are looking forward to being able to offer clinical research trials to our patients, reflecting cutting edge technologies and state of the art care.

I would like to thank Dr. Kurt Maddock for his excellent leadership of the Cancer Program over the last several years. He remains an integral part of our team in the Breast Care Center.

And last, but not least, is a tip of the cap and thank you to all our patients who have placed their trust in us over the years. It is for them that we continually strive to improve the quality of care that we provide.

Sincerely,



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