



## **Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA) Opens Acute Clinical Evaluation Clinic, Enhancing Medical Oncology Care**

*Permanent clinic opened ahead of schedule, expanding cancer care for SCCA patients during the COVID-19 pandemic*

**Seattle, Washington (May 4, 2020)** – [Seattle Cancer Care Alliance](#) (SCCA) announced the opening of an Acute Clinical Evaluation (ACE) clinic. The three bed ACE clinic at SCCA’s South Lake Union campus serves individuals receiving cancer care at SCCA who experience cancer- and treatment-related pain and symptoms that surpass their ability to manage at home.

Originally planned for summer 2020, the ACE clinic opened ahead of schedule so that cancer patients would not have to visit an urgent care or emergency room for cancer-treatment related issues, especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are committed to advancing the standard of cancer care, regionally and beyond, and the ACE clinic is a reflection of that commitment,” said [Dr. Nancy Davidson](#), President and Executive Director of SCCA. “At SCCA, we provide comprehensive care, and the ACE clinic provides our patients with access to care from our highly trained, compassionate staff, specifically for their treatment-related pain and other symptoms.”

The ACE clinic is staffed by an oncology advanced practice provider and registered nurses specializing in cancer care. SCCA providers can refer patients to the clinic who need medical oncology care for pain and symptom management for issues including but not limited to gastrointestinal discomfort, fever/chills, dehydration, dizziness/lightheadedness, urinary tract infections, swallowing difficulties, swelling and skin conditions/rashes.

The ACE clinic does not provide emergency care and is limited to patients who are already receiving treatment from SCCA providers.

As Washington’s only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center, SCCA brings together the leading research teams and cancer specialists from Fred Hutch, Seattle Children’s and UW Medicine. The organization is committed to delivering patient-centered, high-quality care through a multidisciplinary approach — one that combines cancer experts, groundbreaking

treatment and comprehensive care from referrals to survivorship — in collaboration with its partners.

The SCCA ACE clinic is open for operation, by appointment only, 10 am–10 pm on weekdays and weekends. Referral hours are 8 am–5pm, weekdays and weekends.

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### **About Seattle Cancer Care Alliance**

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA) brings together the leading research teams and cancer specialists from Fred Hutch, Seattle Children’s and UW Medicine — one extraordinary group whose sole purpose is the pursuit of better, longer, richer lives for our patients. Based in Seattle’s South Lake Union neighborhood, SCCA has eight clinical care sites, including a medical oncology clinic at EvergreenHealth in Kirkland, Washington; medical and radiation oncology clinics at UW Medicine/Northwest Hospital & Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, medical and radiation oncology services at SCCA Peninsula and medical oncology services at SCCA Issaquah, as well as Network affiliations with hospitals in five states. For more information about SCCA, visit [seattlecca.org](http://seattlecca.org).

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