

Patients Inspire Design of New Siteman Cancer Center Building

The new nine-story Gary C. Werths Building at Siteman Cancer Center, located on the Washington University Medical Campus, welcomed its first patients Sept. 30, 2024.

The state-of-the-art building, designed specifically with cancer patients in mind, incorporates an innovative model of care—the first for cancer care in the region. For many patients, this means they can see a multidisciplinary team of WashU Medicine cancer experts, and receive chemotherapy and other services in collaboration with BJC HealthCare providers, all coordinated during a single visit. This approach prioritizes patients' comfort and convenience, and reduces the need for multiple appointments.

The meticulously planned 657,250-square-foot building is a tangible example of what makes Siteman Cancer Center—the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in Missouri and southern Illinois—so unique. It embodies the power of collaboration between BJC HealthCare and WashU Medicine in providing innovative cancer care based on the latest research, and a deep commitment to the health of our region.



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Director, Siteman Cancer Center



The Gary C. Werths Building at Siteman Cancer Center on the Washington University Medical Campus was made possible with a historic pledge that will fund groundbreaking cancer research and medical student scholarships.

“Patients inspire everything we do here,” says Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, director of Siteman Cancer Center, the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Distinguished Professor and senior associate dean for cancer programs at WashU Medicine and BJC HealthCare. “This facility expands on our 25-year history of leading-edge care and consolidates outpatient care to make visits easier for patients. We want every patient who walks through our doors to experience a supportive, calming, and hopeful environment. This building was created with those goals in mind.”

Cancer patients and survivors and their families—together with physicians, nurses, social workers, and other caregivers—met with the building’s architects and designers before construction began to share insights aimed at enhancing care and improving the overall experience for patients and their family members.

Among the building’s features are 101 exam rooms and another 88 private infusion rooms for patients receiving chemotherapy. Patients also have access to complete radiology and breast imaging services.

The building includes original artwork created by local artists who have their own personal connection to cancer, as well as a café, pharmacy, and parking garage that is integrated into the facility. An enclosed, elevated walkway connects the building to other areas of the medical campus.