The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center is at the forefront of cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment—dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.

Our researchers, doctors and nurses advance the world’s understanding of cancer and translate this knowledge into improved prevention, detection, treatment and survivorship and provide the highest quality of life for people diagnosed with cancer.

Some 5,000 new patients seek cancer treatment here annually, and UAB is routinely recognized in U.S. News & World Report’s survey of “America’s Best Hospitals.”

Researchers here have pioneered advances in chemotherapy, surgery, radiotherapy, immunotherapy and nutrition and are a world leader in developing innovative monoclonal antibody approaches to cancer therapy.

Within the community, the center is committed to under-served populations through our programs to increase cancer-screening rates and improve nutrition and physical activity.

**Founded**

1971, as one of the original eight NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers created by the National Cancer Act.

**Director**

Edward Partridge, M.D., one of the nation’s leading gynecologist-oncologists, co-founded the Alabama Partnership for Cancer Control in the Under-served to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities. He is a recent past president of the American Cancer Society.

**Distinctions**

- Holds more Specialized Program of Research Excellence grants than all but four institutions
- Ranked among the nation’s top 40 for competitive funding from the National Cancer Institute
- Only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in a six-state region and the state’s largest group of specialists focused on 12 clinical areas
- Founding member of National Comprehensive Cancer Network, a 23-center alliance that defines and sets standards for cancer care nationally

**Outreach**

- Home to the Deep South Network for Cancer Control, a community-based participatory research network
- Partners with Morehouse School of Medicine and Tuskegee University to pair research at UAB with investigators at historically black colleges and universities, to enhance cancer disparity research
- Created the UAB Health System Cancer Community Network—a network of hospitals across Alabama, Florida and Georgia—to provide access to the latest therapies and deliver an unmatched level of expert cancer treatment