



Winning the fight against cancer, every day.®

# Cancer Treatment Centers of America® Company Overview

**Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA)** is a growing network of privately held hospitals that provide a comprehensive, fully integrated and individualized cancer treatment experience. CTCA hospitals are located in suburban Chicago, Philadelphia, suburban Phoenix and Tulsa. The CTCA growth goal is to reach more cancer patients by offering six regional hospitals located within 300 miles of approximately 80 percent of the U.S. population.

## History

Cancer Treatment Centers of America was founded in 1988 by Richard J Stephenson. Stephenson was disappointed with the impersonal and insensitive cancer care his mother, Mary Brown Stephenson, received. When she lost her battle with cancer in 1982, Stephenson set out to change the face of cancer care. Stephenson's commitment to creating a truly patient-centered cancer treatment experience has been the organization's guiding principle ever since.

## The Mother Standard®

CTCA promises that the treatment, quality of life and service needs of every patient will be at the center of the hearts, minds and actions of its staff every day. At CTCA, patients find accomplished physicians who specialize in caring for people living with advanced and complex cancer, along with experienced nutritionists, naturopathic doctors, mind-body therapists, spiritual counselors and other clinicians who provide quality-of-life support. Collectively they work to address the individual needs of patients, as if each patient was his or her own mother or loved one. They ask themselves: "If my mother had cancer, how would I want her to be treated?" That simple question has evolved into the CTCA Mother Standard of care, a unique, vibrant approach that delivers a complete, quality treatment experience based on what cancer patients and their families value most.

The Mother Standard of care allows CTCA clinicians to offer cancer patients the latest, evidence-based treatments to fight cancer, combined with a comprehensive array of scientifically supported complementary medical therapies to strengthen the immune system, ease side effects and improve quality of life.

## Integrated Approach

CTCA offers state-of-the-art treatments and technologies in the areas of medical, surgical and radiation oncology. Some innovative therapies include Varian's Trilogy™, TomoTherapy®, Highly Integrated Adaptive Radiotherapy (HI-ART) (to more safely pinpoint and treat cancer), Metronomic Chemotherapy (to help minimize the side effects of conventional chemotherapy), High-Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy,

Chemoembolization, Stem Cell Transplantation, Biotherapy/Immunotherapy and Photodynamic Therapy.

Using an integrated, patient-centered approach, CTCA combines advanced treatments and technologies with an array of complementary medical therapies. Oncologists work as a team with nutritionists, naturopathic doctors, mind-body therapists, rehabilitation therapists, and spiritual support staff to treat the whole person. This means patients and caregivers enjoy the convenience of tests, treatments and supportive therapies all under one roof.

### **Patient Empowerment Medicine<sup>SM</sup>**

The Patient Empowerment Medicine model at CTCA places patients at the center of their care. It encourages and empowers patients and their families to take an active role in treatment decision making. The Patient Empowerment Medicine philosophy of care means CTCA clinicians empower patients and caregivers to voice their opinions and preferences, and make certain to promptly address their concerns.

### **Cancer Facilities**

With more than 1,300 doctors and other health care professionals, who have an average 18 years of clinical experience, the CTCA network of cancer facilities treats thousands of patients each year.

### **Cancer Treatment Centers of America Accreditations**

- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)
- American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
- Association of Community Cancer Centers
- College of American Pathologists
- American Association of Blood Banks
- American College of Radiology

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