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# West Michigan Cancer Center



## Welcome

West Michigan Cancer Center (WMCC) was created in 1993 through a collaboration of Borgess Health Alliance and Bronson Healthcare Group. These trusted healthcare providers combined their expertise and resources to ensure that the residents of Southwest Michigan would have access to the latest technologies and most advanced treatment skills. Together, they envisioned a cancer treatment center that would rival the best anywhere.

Board certified doctors and experienced staff use precise imaging, superior diagnostics, advanced technologies, and customized treatment plans to ensure the best outcomes. Our multidisciplinary approach is the centerpiece of our on-site specialty clinics: Breast Cancer Clinic, Gynecologic Oncology Clinic, and Neuro-Oncology Clinic. More are planned for the near future.

The Center offers advanced technology and treatment regimens. WMCC is the only regional center to provide integrated oncology, diagnostics, radiation, and chemotherapy in a single location. This makes it easier to coordinate and track the progress of an effective treatment plan for each patient and greatly simplifies the patient's ability to undergo treatment. WMCC remains dedicated to a continuous search for revolutionary tools, as seen in the purchase of the TomoTherapy® Hi-Art® treatment system, PET/CT and the Varian Trilogy. Through participation with National Cancer Institute (NCI) and major pharmaceutical companies, WMCC has access to promising clinical trials, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy.

We are proud to be trusted by more than 1,000 referring physicians in the region. Our approach has helped us achieve the highest ratings possible from patients and their doctors. With a staff of more than 130 people, WMCC sees an average of more than 2,000 new patients and nearly 80,000 patient visits each year. The Center helps more patients not only survive their cancers, but go on to live full lives.

There's no better time and no better place to work. Together, we win.



## Keith Bailey, MD

Medical Oncologist

### Medical School

Louisiana State University Medical Center  
New Orleans, LA

### Internship and Residency

Southwestern Michigan Area  
Health Education Center  
Borgess and Bronson Hospitals  
Kalamazoo, MI

### Fellowship

North Carolina Memorial Hospital  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC

*Keith Bailey, MD has been practicing in Kalamazoo for 30 years. Board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, he has served as Teaching Attending Physician through Michigan State University / Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies (MSU/KCMS) at both hospitals in the department of Internal Medicine.*

*Dr. Bailey is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology.*



## Howard Cooper, DO

Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

### Medical School

Michigan State University College  
of Osteopathic Medicine  
East Lansing, MI

### Internship

Mt. Clemens General Hospital  
Mt. Clemens, MI

### Residency

Henry Ford Hospital  
Detroit, MI

### Hematology/Oncology Fellowship

University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, KY

*Howard Cooper, D.O., is board certified in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology. He served as a staff hematologist/oncologist at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon prior to his appointment at West Michigan Cancer Center. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology and the American Osteopathic Association.*

*Dr. Cooper is on the medical staff at Borgess Medical Center and Bronson Methodist Hospital.*



## Sreenivasa Chandana, MD, PhD

Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

### Medical School

Guntur Medical School  
Guntur, India

### PhD

Wayne State University School of Medicine  
Department of Pharmacology, Detroit, MI

### Residency

McLaren Regional Medical Center  
Flint, MI

### Fellowship

Michigan State University  
Division of Hematology/Oncology  
East Lansing, MI

*Sree Chandana, MD, is board certified in internal medicine and board eligible in hematology and oncology. He is widely published and has received numerous awards. His clinical and research interests include gastrointestinal, thoracic, head and neck cancers as well as lymphomas.*

*Dr. Chandana is an associate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Hematology.*



## Jason Duelge, MD

Radiation Oncologist

### Medical School

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

### Internship

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

### Residency

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

*Jason Duelge, M.D., is board certified in radiation oncology. Dr. Duelge served at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy in the division of radiation oncology.*

*Dr. Duelge holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Mathematics.*

*He was an active member of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). He has been an active member of the ethics committee and palliative care service at NNMC, as well as a member of the cancer committee for both NNMC and the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base.*



## Wendy French, DO

### Medical Oncologist

#### Medical School

University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Science, Des Moines, IA

#### Internship

San Bernardino County Medical Center  
San Bernardino, CA

#### Residency

University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY

#### Hematology/Oncology Fellowship

Medical College of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, VA

*Wendy French, D.O., is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. She is published and lectures on various topics with an interest in cancer prevention. She has served as a university fellow instructor.*

*Dr. French holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Hope College.*

*She is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Medical Association and American Osteopathic Association.*



## Glen D. Heggie, MD

### Medical Oncologist/Hematologist Interim Chief Medical Officer

#### Medical School

University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, MI

#### Internship and Residency

Kaiser Foundation Hospital  
Oakland, CA

#### Fellowship

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Hematology/Oncology

*Glen D. Heggie, M.D., is board certified in internal medicine, hematology, oncology, and geriatrics. He has been in practice for more than 30 years and joined West Michigan Cancer Center in 1994. Prior to joining WMCC, he practiced in Idaho and Alabama.*

*Dr. Heggie is published and serves on WMCC's Institutional Review Board. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and is on the medical staff at Borgess and Bronson Hospitals and Three Rivers Area Hospital.*



## Linda Grossheim, MD

### Radiation Oncologist

#### Medical School

University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI

#### Internship

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

#### Residency

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

*Linda Grossheim, M.D., is board certified in radiation oncology. She served as an Assistant Professor in Radiation Oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin prior to her appointment at West Michigan Cancer Center.*

*Dr. Grossheim holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.*

*She is a member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, the American College of Radiology, and the Society for Neuro-Oncology.*



## Anna V. Hoekstra, MD, MPH

### Gynecologic Oncologist

#### Medical School

Rush University, Chicago, IL

#### Residency

Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center  
Chicago, IL

#### Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship

Northwestern University  
Chicago, IL

*A West Michigan native, Anna Hoekstra, M.D., joined West Michigan Cancer Center after completing her training in Chicago. She is published, lectures frequently and has volunteered her medical services to a number of non-profit organizations.*

*Dr. Hoekstra is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and board eligible in gynecologic oncology.*

*She has a special interest in minimally invasive surgery for endometrial and ovarian cancer. In addition, she provides open and vaginal surgery for other gynecologic malignancies. She also administers chemotherapy and coordinates radiation treatments with WMCC radiation oncology for patients requiring these services.*

## Marcia K. Liepman, MD

### Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

#### Medical School

University of Michigan Hospitals  
Ann Arbor, MI

#### Internship and Residency

University of Michigan Hospitals  
Ann Arbor, MI

#### Hematology Fellowship

University of Michigan Hospitals  
Simpson Memorial Institute

#### Oncology Fellowship

University of Michigan Hospitals  
Section of Oncology

*Marcia Liepman, M.D., is board certified in oncology and hematology and has practiced for more than 30 years. She joined West Michigan Cancer Center in 1996.*

*Dr. Liepman is published and lectures frequently. She is on the medical staff at West Michigan Cancer Center, Borgess and Bronson Hospitals, Lee Memorial Hospital and Allegan General Hospital. Before coming to WMCC, Dr. Liepman served on the staffs of University of Michigan Medical Center and University of Massachusetts Medical Center.*



## Kirk Payne, MD

### Medical Oncologist/Hematologist

#### Medical School, Internship and Residency

Medical College of VA  
Richmond, Virginia

#### Hematology/Oncology Fellowship

University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA

#### Clinical Medical Ethics Fellowship

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

#### Bone Marrow Transplantation Fellowship

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center  
Seattle, WA

*Kirk Payne, M.D., is board certified in medical oncology, hematology, and hospice/palliative medicine. Dr. Payne served on the faculties of the University of Iowa and the Medical College of Virginia before entering private practice in 2001. He has special interest in caring for patients with breast, lung and colorectal tumors, and lymphoma.*



## Muhammad Rafi, MD

### Medical Oncologist

#### Medical School

Intermediate Government College  
Jaranwala, Pakistan  
Nishtar Medical College  
Multan, Pakistan

#### Internship

Mercy Health Partners, Toledo, OH

#### Residency

VA Bronx and Mount Sinai Hospital, NYC  
Charity Work, Pakistan

#### Hematology Oncology Fellowship

Elmhurst Hospital, Queens, NY  
Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City, NY

*Muhammad Rafi, M.D., is board certified in medicine and medical oncology, and board qualified in hematology. He joined WMCC in 2001 after many years as a private practitioner in Battle Creek. Prior to that, he worked in pharmaceutical research at the Upjohn Company. Dr. Rafi is actively involved in community medicine and is currently a member of the Calhoun County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. He is also on the medical staff at Borgess Medical Center, Bronson Methodist Hospital and Battle Creek Health System.*



## Radha Vemuri, MD, FACP

### Medical Oncologist Medical Director Emeritus

#### Medical School

Osmania Medical College  
Hyderabad, India

#### Internships

Osmania General Hospital  
Hyderabad, India  
Highland Park General Hospital  
Highland Park, MI

#### Residency

Internal Medicine, Sinai Hospital  
Detroit, MI

#### Medical Oncology Fellowship

Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI

*Radha Vemuri, M.D., is board certified in internal medicine and oncology. He has practiced in Kalamazoo since 1976 and joined West Michigan Cancer Center in 1994 as medical director.*

*Dr. Vemuri is a frequent lecturer and has received many awards for Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Dr. Vemuri is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians in Canada. He is also on the medical staff at West Michigan Cancer Center, Borgess and Bronson Hospitals, and Bronson LakeView Hospital in Paw Paw.*



# Jacquelyn R. Watson, MD

## Radiation Oncologist

### Medical School

Wayne State University School of Medicine  
Detroit, MI

### Internship

William Beaumont Hospital  
Royal Oak, MI

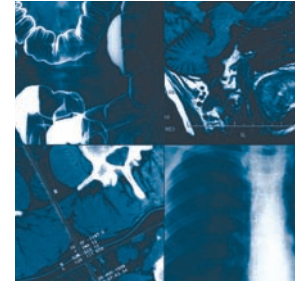
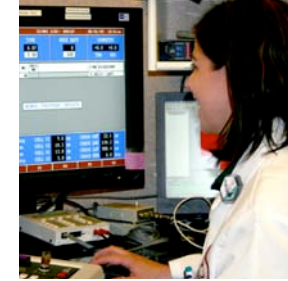
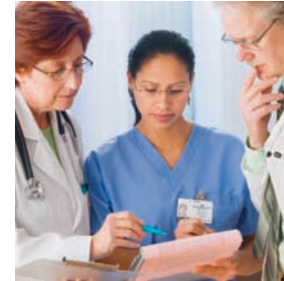
### Residency

William Beaumont Hospital  
Royal Oak, MI

*Jacquelyn Watson, M.D., is board certified in radiation oncology. She is a founding member and former President of Radiation Oncology Centers in Grand Rapids. Her extensive background includes serving as Staff Radiation Oncologist for Spectrum Health, Lakeshore Area Radiation Oncology Center and Mercy Health Partners.*

*Dr. Watson also holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Medical Technology from Western Michigan University.*

*She is a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) and a member of American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO).*



## Benefits

WMCC offers an excellent benefits package for our staff physicians:

- Health, dental, and vision insurance
- Life and AD&D insurance
- Employer-paid short/long-term disability
- Flexible spending accounts
- Discount fitness center memberships
- Paid holidays and vacation
- Continuing medical education, dues, and subscriptions
- Professional liability insurance coverage
- Desirable on-call rotation:
  - Medical Oncology 1 in 7
  - Radiation Oncology 1 in 2
  - Gynecologic Oncology 1 in 2
- Multiple retirement savings options:
  - Employee retirement plan
  - Non-qualified deferred compensation plan
  - Tax-deferred annuities (403b) program

## About Kalamazoo

Located in the heart of southwest Michigan, midway between Chicago and Detroit, Kalamazoo is a thriving community of more than 238,000 people. Four cities, five villages, and fifteen townships comprise the eighth largest county in Michigan.

The county has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Michigan and is traditionally lower than the national average. A diverse base of employers includes healthcare, education, agriculture, and more than 400 industrial companies.

With nine public school districts, two parochial systems, and a home school association, as well as higher education from private to public and community colleges, all education needs are available including the nationally renowned Kalamazoo Promise program.

Kalamazoo has so much to offer, including: parks, professional and collegiate sports, museums, galleries, libraries, restaurants, theaters, wineries, golf, events, festivals, shopping, amusements, camping, and more.

## Downtown Kalamazoo, Michigan



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