ONCOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

The 2016 Oncology Symposium: Delivering the Best Cancer Care from Diagnosis to Survivorship is coming up on Monday, November 7, in the Winchester Medical Center Conference Center. There are a limited number of seats available. Please call Employee Education at 540-536-8282 or register in Halogen.

ROBOTIC SURGERY

Valley Health has invested in the da Vinci® Xi™ surgical robot to enhance our current minimally invasive surgery program and further support our expanding cancer services. Because it requires only a few tiny incisions and offers greater vision, precision and control for the surgeon, patients can often recover sooner, move on to additional treatments if needed, and get back to daily life quicker.

SMOKING – AT WHAT COST TO YOUR HEALTH AND WALLET?

Dr. Shalini Reddy, Medical Director, Thoracic Surgery, will present this topic during Valley Health’s Girls Night Out on Friday, November 4. Approximately 300 attendees will have an opportunity to hear Dr. Reddy explain the series of changes that begin in the body in as little as 20 minutes after quitting, second-hand smoke dangers and the overall cost to one’s health and wallet. Information and resources will be available regarding Valley Health’s low dose CT lung cancer screening program and Valley Health Wellness Services tobacco cessation programs.

VALLEY HEALTH IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT NATIONAL ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE

Valley Health’s Cancer Resource Liaison Program was one of 12 programs selected across the Association of Community Cancer Centers membership as a Spotlight Session in the Outreach and Supportive Care category at the ACCC’s 33rd national meeting in October. Deena Lanham, Executive Director of Oncology and Women & Children’s Services, and Debbie DeNitto, Coordinator for Oncology Outreach Services, represented Valley Health at the conference. The idea to develop a cancer resource liaison program began with Dr. Richard Ingram, Oncology Service Line Co-Medical Director, who saw a need due to our large regional reach.

This is the second time the ACCC has recognized one of Valley Health’s oncology outreach programs. The association’s publication, Oncology Issues, published an article on the annual Breast Cancer Survivor Retreat in 2014.

OTHER CANCER CARE UPDATES

Wellspring recently celebrated its 10th year of supporting Valley Health’s cancer patients.

Our patient handbook, A Guide for your Cancer Journey, is being updated with lots of new information on providers and available services. The handbook is given to every cancer patient.

Valley Health’s cancer program has a new brochure, Encouraging Hope, Healing and Health, that highlights all of the Cancer Center’s capabilities and features, additional services and contact information.