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HEAD AND NECK CANCER PROGRAM
AN INTERDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT SUPPORT & EDUCATION PROGRAM

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College of Nursing and Health Professions
ABOUT THE CLINIC

The goal of the Arkansas State Head and Neck Cancer Program is to provide patients and families of those diagnosed with all types of head or neck cancer with the education, therapy, and support they need before, during, and after their oncology treatments. The program is held at 1 p.m. on the first Friday of every month and is conducted by a team of professionals and students from Nursing, Nutrition, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Speech Therapy and Radiation Therapy.

A multidisciplinary approach allows for best practices in the education and management of head and neck cancer.

The team will review your case history, develop an education packet that is individualized to you and your needs, and provide evaluations to determine the need for additional services.

PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL

Let us know you in advance. Contact the Speech and Hearing Center to provide a brief history of your type of cancer, location and cancer treatments you have received or are currently receiving.

Confirm your planned attendance with us and receive driving directions and parking instructions.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING YOUR VISIT

- Please arrive by 12:45. You will need to check-in at the reception area of the Speech & Hearing Center and receive a temporary parking tag to be placed on your vehicle.

- You will be welcomed by our team and meet with the healthcare professionals to begin the necessary evaluations and education.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Speech Therapy – Swallowing, voice and communication evaluation and treatment

- Nutrition – Screening/assessment of nutrition and hydration needs, education and counseling to improve nutritional status

- Physical Therapy – Evaluation and treatment, stretches, range of motion, strengthening

- Nursing – Skin integrity

- Social Work – Resources for support services and funding sources for medical supplies

- Radiation Therapy – Education on radiation treatment process and radiation effects