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Don't Forget to Visit our Website

We have updated our website to include the newest information about activities at TCA. Check it out at www.txcan.com!



Reminders:

-We offer online bill payments. Just log onto our website at www.txcan.com for a fast and easy way to pay your bill online.

-Our Plano office, with Dr. Virginia Kinsella and Dr. Thuy Le, is a fully functioning facility and open five days a week.

-Visit our Resource Room, located next



Coming Soon!

In 2006 TCA will be opening its own specialty Pharmacy. The facility will be located between the infusion room and lab at the Dallas Location.

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Learn More about Physician Assistants

Physician assistants (PAs) are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and in most states, including Texas, can write prescriptions.

PAs are trained in intensive education programs accredited by the *National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants*.

Because of the close working relationship the PAs have with physicians, PAs are educated in the medical model designed to complement physician training. Upon graduation, physician assistants take a national cer-

tification examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of PAs in conjunction with the National Board of Medical Examiners. To maintain their national certification, PAs must log 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years and sit for a recertification exam every six years. Graduation from an accredited physician assistant program and passage of the national certifying exam are required for state licensure.

At TCA, our Physician Assistants work closely with the Physicians to provide the best and most comprehensive care possible. PAs allow us to make scheduling more convenient for our patients and help improve communications between the patients and the healthcare team.



Meet Carol Pearson— Infusion Room Care Coordinator!

Carol Pearson has worked at TCA since May 14th, 1997! She, along with our other nurses, help to ensure that everything runs smoothly for our patients in the infusion room. Carol has one daughter who was engaged last Christmas and is now starting to work on planning her wedding. Carol is tremendously dedicated to improving patient care. Thank you, Carol!

Announcements

~Our office is equipped with **Electronic Medical Records (EMR)** technology. These shared electronic records allow all providers instant access to all medical records and updates at both our Dallas and Plano offices!

~We have added an **Online Comment Card** to our website! Please visit this feature labeled "Send Us Feedback" at www.txcan.com.

~ This year, TCA is participating as a sponsor in the **North Texas Race for the Cure** at *The Shops at Legacy* in Plano on Saturday, June 3rd!

~ **Cancer Survivor's Day** is celebrated on the first weekend in June every year. This year, TCA will celebrate in the office on Monday, June 5th and will participate in Presbyterian Hospital's celebration on Sunday, June 4th!

Current Clinical Research Trials

- Breast
- Colon
- Rectal
- Lung
- Ovarian
- MDS (pending)
- Studies through Presbyterian Hospital: Pancreatic, Melanoma

Please speak with your provider for more information on these and other clinical trials.