

Quality of Cancer Care

We are an [American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer \(CoC\)](#) accredited program. As part of this accreditation, The UVM Cancer Center submits data on compliance with key metrics related to the standard of care therapies for breast and colon cancers.

These data are compiled annually into [Cancer Program Practice Profile Reports \(CP3R\)](#) which offer patients and providers meaningful information that helps us improve quality of patient care. We are pleased to report that based on this data, The UVM Medical Center outperforms other Commission on Cancer approved programs across the country in these metrics.

The University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT (2013 diagnosis year)			
Select Measures - Breast	Commission on Cancer Standard	University of Vermont Medical Center 2013	All Commission on Cancer Approved Programs 2013
Image or palpation-guided needle biopsy (core or FNA) of the primary site is performed to establish diagnosis of breast cancer	80%	100.00%	90.30%
Tamoxifen or third generation aromatase inhibitor is considered or administered within 1 year (365 days) of diagnosis for women with AJCC T1c or stage IB-III hormone receptor positive breast cancer	90%	96.50%	91.30%
Radiation therapy is considered or administered following any mastectomy within 1 year (365 days) of diagnosis of breast cancer for women with ≥ 4 positive regional lymph nodes	90%	100.00%	87.70%
Radiation is administered within 1 year (365 days) of diagnosis for women under the age of 70 receiving breast conservation surgery for breast cancer	90%	95.60%	91.60%
Combination chemotherapy is considered or administered within 4 months (120 days) of diagnosis for women under 70 with AJCC T1cN0, or stage IB - III hormone receptor negative breast cancer	90%	100.00%	92.30%

Select Measures - Colon	Commission on Cancer Standard	University of Vermont Medical Center 2013	All Commission on Cancer Approved Programs 2013
Adjuvant chemotherapy is considered or administered within 4 months (120 days) of diagnosis for patients under the age of 80 with AJCC stage III (lymph node positive) colon cancer	90%	100.00%	89.30%
At least 12 regional lymph nodes are removed and pathologically examined for resected colon cancer	85%	94.10%	89.90%