



**THE QUEEN'S
MEDICAL CENTER**

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**QUEEN'S CANCER CENTER TO BEGIN OFFERING
MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER CLINICAL RESEARCH TRIALS**

*Approval grants cancer patients in Hawaii access to MD Anderson studies without
having to travel to the mainland*

HONOLULU – The Queen's Cancer Center (Queen's) has received approval for its team of MD Anderson Cancer Network® certified medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, and surgeons to begin offering cancer patients in Hawaii the opportunity to participate in an MD Anderson Cancer Center clinical research trial. Patients will have access to a selection of trials for rare and common cancers using chemotherapy and specialized radiation therapy. Additional MD Anderson trials will be added over time.

“Queen's currently conducts many National Cancer Institute, pharmaceutical company and local investigator clinical research studies through our affiliation with the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. Now, for the first time, we are also able to offer an MD Anderson clinical trial, which will aid us in the fight against cancer,” Darlena Chadwick, MSN, Vice President of Patient Care at The Queen's Medical Center, said. “We are proud to offer patients more clinical trials options and we encourage them to discuss possible options with their doctor.”

Research studies help to improve the way oncology experts prevent, diagnose and treat the disease. Queen's will identify eligible participants and conduct the MD Anderson clinical trial in collaboration with the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

In 2015, The Queen's Medical Center became a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, a program of MD Anderson Cancer Center, bringing internationally-renowned expertise to cancer patients across the Pacific Basin. The designation has allowed Queen's multidisciplinary oncology providers to collaborate on patient care with MD Anderson's experts, who are among the world's top cancer care physicians and leaders in cancer research.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 7,100 Hawaii residents will be diagnosed with cancer in 2019, and more than 2,500 people in Hawaii will lose their lives to the disease this year.



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The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, is an acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility is licensed for 575 acute beds and serves as the major tertiary and quaternary referral center for cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery, emergency medicine and behavioral health medicine. It is the state's designated trauma center verified as Level I by the American College of Surgeons. It has the only organ transplantation program in Hawaii. Queen's is a major teaching hospital, serving as a clinical training site for the residency programs sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen's is the only hospital in Hawaii to achieve Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.