

## Cancer Centers Participating in the FOCUS Study

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# The FOCUS Project

An important research study to  
help families cope with cancer



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Office of Cancer Survivorship

### **What is the FOCUS study?**

The FOCUS study is a family-centered research study. Coping with cancer can be stressful for both patients and their family members. The purpose of this study is to learn more about ways to help cancer patients and their families live with the illness and maintain their quality of life.

### **Who is eligible?**

To be eligible, a patient must have one of four types of cancer: lung, breast, colorectal or prostate cancer. The patient also needs to have a family member who is willing to participate in the study. This study is especially for those patients whose cancer is in an advanced stage.

More than 400 cancer patients and their family members are needed to assist us with this important research. The FOCUS study will enroll families starting in 2005 through 2008.

### **What do participants need to do?**

All participants will complete questionnaires three times during a six-month period. In addition to the questionnaires, some families (selected randomly) will receive the FOCUS Program. The FOCUS Program, delivered by advanced practice nurses, offers families support and education.

### **Is there any cost to participate?**

No, participating in the study is free. The cost of the research study is being paid for by the National Cancer Institute.

### **How can I learn more about the study?**

You can ask your doctor or nurse if you are eligible for the study. If you are eligible and willing to learn more, your doctor or nurse will give your name and phone number to a research nurse. The nurse will call to explain the study in more detail. Hearing about the study does not mean you are obligated to participate. You may also contact the researchers to ask questions about the study.

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