



YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

Located on the Connecticut shore, **Yale-New Haven Hospital** is a 944-bed tertiary care facility recognized as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Boasting a longstanding affiliation with Yale University Schools of Nursing and Medicine, an international reputation for leading-edge research and advanced care, and extensive, state-of-the-art facilities, Yale-New Haven Hospital is proud to offer nursing professionals a wide range of choices — from opportunities for the moment to careers for life.

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Yale-New Haven Hospital Medical Oncology Unit

Patient Population

The Medical Oncology Unit is a 36-bed specialty unit located on Yale-New Haven Hospital's 9 West Pavilion (9WP), designed for patients with hematological and solid tumor malignancies as well as patients undergoing autologous stem cell transplants. Patients are admitted to 9WP for disease treatment (chemotherapy, biotherapy and autologous stem cell transplant), oncologic emergencies and supportive care for disease progression.

Nursing Environment

Nurses on 9WP practice in an environment with on-site access to Advanced Practice Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialists (one of whom specializes in palliative care), a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist, Care Coordinators, Social Workers, a Dietician and Chaplin Services. Patient assignments are 1:4 (RN to patient) on the day and evening shifts. For the night shift, the ratio increases to 1:6. Depending on the workload or patient's acuity, these ratios may change.

Our nursing staff assess patients' physiological and emotional status, administer prescribed treatments, intervene in emergent/urgent situations, provide physical care, teach patients/families, and collaborate with other health professionals in planning and implementing developmentally appropriate cancer care. Emphasis is placed on evidence-based practice.

A Commitment to Ongoing Learning

RN staff on 9WP contribute to the work of the Oncology Nursing Council, as well as the department-wide Striving for Excellence initiative. In addition, staff nurses provide leadership for several mandatory competencies — including the hospital-wide pain charter and pressure ulcer program. Under the direction of the CNS, eligible staff participate in a staff-driven study program to prepare for national certification in oncology nursing. We also offer:

- Internet access
- Educational Sessions
- Patient care conferences
- Interdisciplinary and palliative care rounds
- Introduction to clinical trials
- Center for Professional Practice (nursing education) programs

Oncology Nursing Council

RN staff are invited to participate in the Oncology Nursing Council, which was created to continue the process of advancing oncology nursing practice at YNHH. The goals of the council include:

- Increase nurses' access to oncology nursing expertise
- Create educational forums for oncology nurses (including an annual regional conference)
- Promote national certification in oncology nursing
- Assist in the hospital's recruitment and retention of oncology nurses
- Develop evidence-based oncology care protocols/standards