

Meeting Our Community's Healthcare Needs



Answer to Cancer

The Scully-Welsh Cancer Center (SWCC) at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital (CCIRH) is grateful for the continued support from Answer to Cancer in advancing cancer care.

At CCIRH, the leadership team remains focused on enhancing and expanding medical and surgical services throughout our healthcare system, including at the SWCC, a cornerstone of compassionate, leading-edge cancer care on the Treasure Coast.

Over the past few months, under the direction of Director Brian Burkey, MD, SWCC has experienced remarkable growth. In June 2025, they opened the new infusion center, which features eight infusion chairs, provider and navigator offices, and a dedicated family conference room to support every step of the patient journey. They have welcomed new specialists in medical and radiation oncology, which are strengthening their ability to provide timely, expert care close to home.

As SWCC expands their clinical capabilities, they're equally committed to enhancing the supportive care services that help patients heal in body, mind and spirit. The newly expanded space has created exciting opportunities to grow our Integrative Medicine program, which offers therapies such as acupuncture, massage and mind-body practices that ease treatment side effects and promote healing. Answer to Cancer remains a valued supporter of this program, helping SWCC expand access to these vital holistic services for patients, while also extending care and support to the caregivers.

"Our recent growth at the Scully-Welsh Cancer Center reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering the highest quality cancer care - right here in our community. We're not only expanding access to advanced treatments, but also investing in the programs that support our patients' overall well-being. This progress would not be possible without the support of partners like Answer to Cancer, whose generosity helps us care for the whole person, not just the disease." – Brian Burkey, MD, Director of the Scully-Welsh Cancer Center

With Gratitude to Answer to Cancer



In 2025, Answer to Cancer helped SWCC provide:

- **Nutrition Support:** A vibrant, fully sustainable food and nutrition cart brimming with nutrient-dense options personally curated by a dietitian—fueling strength and healing with every bite.
- **Acupuncture:** Gentle, restorative treatments that relieve pain, calm the mind and accelerate recovery for patients and caregivers alike.
- **Massage Therapy:** Soothing massage and reflexology sessions with Mary Horne right in the infusion area, easing neuropathy and bringing comfort to treatment days.
- **Teaching Kitchen:** Hands-on cooking classes that empower patients to create meals that nourish the body and help manage treatment side effects.
- **Relaxation Resources:** 500 art and puzzle books offering moments of calm, focus and stress relief during long waits and challenging appointments.
- **Technology Renewal:** Advanced software upgrades for the portable ultrasound machine, ensuring sharper diagnostics and faster, more accurate care.
- **Journey Books:** 250 newly redesigned guides providing step-by-step support, helping patients and families navigate every stage of the cancer journey.
- **Yoga Services:** Weekly strength-building, mindfulness-centered classes that restore energy, lift spirits and remind participants they are far more than their diagnosis.

Patient Testimonials

Acupuncture: *“Acupuncture has helped restore my motion after surgery. Dr. Nielson has been instrumental in my recovery journey.”*

Massage Therapy: *“Mary’s caring touch during my massage therapy treatments even eased my neuropathy.”*

Relaxation Resources: *“While waiting for my appointment, I stayed calm and busy with the Sudoku book.”*

Yoga Services: *“With every class, I feel renewed. I am more than the cancer—we chant mantras of empowerment.”*

