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THE CAMPAIGN TO END CANCER



# Meyers Institute for Oncology Nursing

## Inspiring the next generation of nurses

One challenge facing cancer care is the critical shortage of qualified nurses. As many nurses approach retirement, others succumb to burnout and exit the field. At the same time, oncology nursing will face increased demand because of the growing number of cancer diagnoses, combined with a population of aging patients living longer.

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has positioned itself to be a game-changer in this landscape by elevating our training and work environments and by emphasizing individual career paths for nurses. The first-of-its-kind Meyers Institute for Oncology Nursing will support and develop nurses throughout their careers by providing educational, professional and wellness-based resources tailored to cancer care nurses and nurse scientists.

Our efforts are reflected in the institution receiving a sixth Magnet designation and first Magnet with Distinction rating from the American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Recognition Program for excellence in nursing practice. Further supporting our efforts, a \$9 million gift from the F. W. Bert and Mae Dean Wheeler Foundation will establish the F. W. Bert and Mae Dean Wheeler Nurse Leadership Academy.

By recruiting and retaining exceptional nurses, we will expand our workforce to closely align with UT MD Anderson's best-in-class, value-driven approach to better meet the complex and diverse needs of patients.

## **Our mission is clear. The time is now.**

For more than 80 years, millions have turned to UT MD Anderson for lifesaving care, where we transform cancer treatment through leading-edge research and innovative clinical practices. Uniquely integrated under one roof, our world-leading resources and capabilities form a strong foundation. But to achieve our boldest goals, philanthropy must accelerate what is possible.

With a goal to raise \$2.5 billion in our largest-ever philanthropic campaign, UT MD Anderson is uniquely positioned to expedite breakthroughs that rapidly improve treatments and lead to cures; to elevate the patient experience and redefine standards for high-value care; and to expand our reach, bringing advancements to more patients than ever before.

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