Learning you or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer can feel like you’ve been hit in the stomach.

It can be scary, overwhelming and confusing. It may feel isolating even though most people know at least one person affected by the disease. With more than 100 diseases classified as cancer, it is important to understand the process for diagnosing and treating each type. Since most people aren’t well-versed in this field, having the right support team is crucial to moving out of the initial stage of shock and anxiety and into an educated path with compassionate, comprehensive medical care.

While some may wonder if a local facility like Wooster Community Hospital can provide the required level of individualized care for the best potential outcome, the 2014 establishment of their affiliation with a powerhouse cancer research and care center provides access to the many benefits of a larger academic institution.

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, (OSUCCC – James) often simply called “The James,” has a growing number of affiliation agreements statewide in order to identify opportunities to improve care of oncology patients by enhancing and growing services offered in the local community, including Wooster.

Why WCH is Collaborating with The James

At The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC - James), our vision is to create a cancer-free world, one person, one discovery at a time. This underlies everything we do in working to eradicate cancer through research that translates to innovative and highly targeted patient care.

The OSUCCC - James is the only cancer program in the country that features a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer center aligned with a nationally ranked academic medical center and a freestanding cancer hospital on the campus of one of the nation’s largest public universities. Cancer is no longer defined solely by stage and location, but rather by its biologic and genetic makeup. There is no routine cancer-it is different in each person. Working together and utilizing state-of-the-art facilities and technology, clinicians and researchers at Ohio State are speeding the development and delivery of treatments that target the molecules and markers fueling each person’s unique cancer.
At the Forefront of Research

The OSUCCC - James is one of only 45 comprehensive cancer centers in the nation as designated by the NCI, a designation that we have maintained through competitive renewal since 1976. After the site review for our last renewal, we earned the NCI’s highest ranking, “exceptional,” and received a five-year, $23 million NCI support grant. The NCI survey team stated that the OSUCCC - James “should serve as the model for other matrix university-based centers.”

At Ohio State, more than 300 cancer researchers from 12 of the 15 colleges and their teams work collaboratively, across multiple disciplines, to improve the effectiveness of cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Information provided by The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute that will work.