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### About Simmons Cancer Institute

Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU practices "the team approach" to cancer treatment. Our team – the surgeons, radiologists, oncologists, genetic counselors, therapists, nurses and medical staff – meet together to decide the best treatment plan when you or your family member receives a cancer diagnosis. When the patient leaves SCI after receiving a cancer diagnosis, it's not with a list of appointments for other opinions about treatment. It's with a treatment plan and the knowledge that their cancer care team is working for the best possible outcome.

Collectively, our researchers have successfully achieved external grant funding in excess of \$14 million. A large number of our physician faculty members also work with patients in clinical trials making new treatments and therapies available as cancer treatments advance.

In addition to patient care and research, many complementary programs and therapies are provided for our patients, their families and caregivers. These include support groups and dietary and nutrition counseling. Other services offered are yoga, Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Pilates and exercise programs specifically for cancer patients. Pet therapy, Reiki massage and drumming are also a part of the growing program schedule.