

Sanford Fargo publicly unveiled their long-term vision for the future of cancer care at Roger Maris Cancer Center (RMCC) and the Sanford campus in downtown Fargo.

“We have grown tremendously during the past few years, with the opening of new medical center, new clinics, renovations and expanded services. Now, we embark on a new era of cancer care, taking RMCC from being a regional destination for care to a national center for excellence.” Nate White, Chief Operating Officer & President Sanford Health Fargo.

To achieve this goal, Sanford Health has identified four areas of focus:

### **Research and education**

The merger with NRI Research in 2018 along with close partnerships with North Dakota State University (NDSU), University of North Dakota (UND) and other academic institutions set the stage. This will help continue to grow the provider base and expand cancer research programs. One of which is the \$20+ million grant awarded to UND by the National Institutes of Health that will take research from the bench to the bedside.

Work has already begun on the addition of an oncology fellowship program that will be added in 2022. This will expand services and help recruit top-notch talent.

### **New services and innovation**

Over the next several years, cutting-edge Car T cell immunotherapy will be introduced, which will engineer patients' own cells to fight their cancers, some of which are virtually untreatable now. Telemedicine options will also be available so patients won't have to travel for treatment. And starting in 2021, a bone marrow transplant program will be established in Fargo. This means at least 60 patients a year – and their families – won't have to travel out of state and be away from their home for several months for this life-saving, specialized care.

### **Facilities**

Throughout the next decade, the Sanford Broadway campus will be transformed into the destination for cancer care in our region. It will begin when the Heart and Vascular Clinic moves to the Sanford Medical Center Campus in 2022. RMCC will expand into that area and will anchor that campus in Fargo.

It will include cosmetic updates to the current buildings as well as additional buildings such as short- and long-term hotel and housing options for patients and their families. Other areas of the campus will be evaluated based on growth and patient needs.

## Hospice and housing

Part of the expansion will include a new, 10-bed in-patient hospice program on the second floor. Work on this unit has already begun.

The gala will officially kick off the Reimagine Roger Maris campaign, a major fundraising initiative by the Sanford Foundation to support this plan and give the best possible care to our patients and community. The event will touch on the life of Roger Maris and expanding his legacy in cancer care. Our goal is to raise \$15 million over the next few years.

To make a gift or pledge commitment, you can simply text the word ILLUMINATE to 243725 or visit [sanfordhealthfoundation.org/reimagine](https://sanfordhealthfoundation.org/reimagine). You'll have the option to make a credit card donation or select a pledge commitment to pay later.

Thank you for joining us in reimagining the vision of cancer care and helping to make these momentous plans a reality.



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of Roger  
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