Community Outreach

Prevention
- Nutritionist presented *Healthy Weight Management for Cancer Prevention* at Oct. 3 health fair. A variety of information and recipes available, including ACS guidelines on Nutrition & Physical Activity for Cancer Prevention. Also an activity to demonstrate 10-pound weight gain.

Screenings
Breast Cancer
- Breast cancer screening by Dr. Patricia Franklin on Oct. 3 in conjunction with fall health fair. 16 people screened; 3 with abnormal results referred to oncology patient navigator and/or their primary care provider.
- Event on Oct. 22 in Imaging Department to encourage women over 40 to have mammograms. Tour of the Breast Care Suite, informational giveaways, pampering services and refreshments offered to all attendees.

Skin Cancer
- Skin cancer screening by Randy Banks, MPAS PA-C, from Rosario Skin Clinic, Oct. 28. 35 people screened; 20 referred for follow up with their physician or dermatologist.
- Sunscreen available in cancer center in May

Quality Improvements 2015
- ACR certification of Radiation Oncology.
  American College of Radiology accreditation of Radiation Oncology was received 9/7/15. This is an impartial 3rd party review of quality, verifies that we give outstanding care. We are the 1st center North of Seattle to obtain this accreditation.
- Updated order sets for Doxorubicin, Epirubicin, Idarubicin, Daunorubicin, Mitoxantrone & Bleomycin to include lifetime cumulative dose & maximum lifetime cumulative dose.
- Meditech, our EMR, was updated to include a label comment warning of the lifetime cumulative dose and a place to enter cumulative dose post administration.
- Unit Council implementation. To address process/program issues that could use improvement. 1st meeting held in October, plan monthly meetings.
- Patient Care Coordinators now make reminder calls to patients 48 hours before their scheduled appointments. Appointment date and time is now sent with reminder letters to patients for follow-up.
• Morning Huddle started. The oncology RN's meet briefly every morning to review the schedule, address potential scheduling conflicts, address patient care issues (example pain issues), appropriateness of days staffing, etc.

• Teaching Moment. RN meetings now include a “teaching moment.” RN’s are assigned to provide a brief in-service on a subject of their choosing. (example: list of the current most commonly prescribed oral chemo agents and their potential side effects).

• Arranged for donations of ‘knitted knockers’, prosthesis for breast cancer patients.