

Living Well with Cancer Fund

Because Everyone's Health Matters

Welcome to the Natural Care Center at Maryland University of Integrative Health! The Natural Care Center is the primary teaching clinic for the University, providing safe and supervised integrative health services. Through the generosity of our donors, we can offer free services to those who are in need of symptom management associated with cancer and the side effects of cancer treatments.

Before receiving any of the following services, please read all the information below carefully.

Services Offered

- Individual Full Body Acupuncture
- Group Auricular Acupuncture

Acupuncture offers an effective, safe, and gentle way for you to return to a better health and balance regardless of the symptoms you are experiencing. There is quite a wide range of symptoms that come from having cancer and during cancer treatment. Acupuncture helps to return your body systems to a more healthy place so you can eat, sleep, breathe, and move better.

Our team care provide optimal healing possibilities through individual full body acupuncture treatment and supplemental group auricular acupuncture (external ear acupuncture) treatment in the Natural Care Center. The supplemental auricular acupuncture treatment can complement the individual's overall health and wellness in between full body acupuncture treatment. Auricular acupuncture is a universal treatment for anyone experiencing stress and transition. If you and your clinical intern choose to include auricular acupuncture in your treatment plan, we welcome you to invite a family member or care giver to join you.

Team Care: University Teaching Clinic

As a University teaching clinic, we offer the best of integrative healthcare – a thoughtful, planned approach that bridges contemporary science with traditional wisdom. With our team care model, you receive highly effective and compassionate health services from clinical interns under the supervision of faculty supervisors who are experienced and licensed or certified professionals.

What We Believe

We teach and practice with the clear principles and values that probably drew you to integrative health. At the Natural Care Center, you'll also experience aspects of the healing that are intentionally very unique.

- We believe that the health outcomes are achieved when we understand and use the best of contemporary science as well as traditional, nature-based wisdom.
- We believe in using the least invasive approach possible to achieve improvement.
- We believe that the patient/client is at the center of every healing experience.

- We believe that the relationship between patient/client and practitioner is sacred and critical for healing.
- We believe that the body is wise and knows how to heal if given the opportunity, an optimal environment, and supportive treatment and tools for change.
- We believe that symptoms can be our teachers and can help us to take action toward positive change.
- We believe that the mind, body, and spirit are one and that healing is possible on all levels.

Patient Qualifications for Living Well With Cancer Fund

Below are the qualifications for free acupuncture treatments:

- Must have an active cancer condition. If patients are in between cycles of treatments they are eligible for treatment in the program. Individuals in remission will not be considered for free acupuncture treatment.
- Must be able to provide documentation from their doctor stating that they are in Western medical care for the treatment of cancer.
- Must agree to have clinical interns present during treatments.
- Must sign all required forms for treatments and agree to comply with University teaching clinic policies.
- Must be a Maryland resident.

Patient Policies

- Once approved, a patient will be allowed 10 free individual full body acupuncture treatments and unlimited group auricular acupuncture with a supervised acupuncture clinical intern.
- In the event the patient has to limit or stop the free treatment, the remaining treatments will remain in place for one year from the date of approval based on the availability of funds as long as the patient has an active cancer condition.
- The patient may continue treatment with their clinical intern after the allowed 10 free treatments for a discounted rate of \$55.00 per treatment.
- In the event the student intern is about to graduate or has graduated, the patient may transfer his/her treatment to another clinical intern.
- The patient may continue to attend group auricular acupuncture treatments free of charge at the Natural Care Center through the Laurel Wellness initiative at MUIH.
- All appointments must be cancelled at least 24 hours in advance. A "no show" may leave you ineligible for services.

If you think you qualify, please give us a call at 410-888-9048 ext. 6614 and you may be screened over the phone.

Location

Natural Care Center at Maryland University of Integrative Health
2nd Floor
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