



Welcome Dr. Jill Yeager!

Please join us in welcoming Jill Yeager, D.O., to our team. She is a medical oncologist and hematologist, and she works primarily in our Brittonfield office.

A Central New York native, Dr. Yeager recently worked at Upstate Cancer Center while completing her hematology/oncology fellowship training and as a hospitalist at Crouse Hospital and the Syracuse VA.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Dr. Yeager.

"I was aware that I wanted to pursue a career in oncology from a young age when cancer affected my own family. Although the relentlessness of the disease was harrowing to witness, it was also inspiring to watch the determination and strength from within my family, as well as the compassion and empathy of the oncology team - which just so happened to be right here at HOA! "

- J. Yeager, D.O.

Calendar of Events

Caregiver Support Group
Tuesday, October 11 and 25, 4- 5:30 p.m. at our Brittonfield office. Pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) to email Pam Coffey and tell her you are coming.

Free Virtual Support Group for Breast Cancer Survivors with HOA's Survivorship Expert - Tricia Eveleigh, NP
Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. – Get tips and ask questions about Breast Cancer Survivorship. [Join here!](#)

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 16 at 10 a.m. in Clinton Square – HOA sponsors the survivors tent and will have gifts for breast cancer survivors and be offering/discussing Cancer Genetics Screening. [Register Here!](#)

Halloween HomeRun for Kids
Saturday, October 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Falcon Park, in Auburn. [Learn more here!](#)

ERace Cancer Half Marathon, 10K and 5K
Sunday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. at Stone's Marina in Bridgeport. All proceeds benefit Cancer Connects, and we will have staff on hand offering/discussing Cancer Genetics Screening. [Register here!](#)



[Click here](#) to listen to Dr. Pudusseri on WSYR-TV 9's *Bridge Street* discuss the value of breast cancer screening, new treatments and Breast Care Partners!

Medicare Open Enrollment is Here

Medicare Open Enrollment Period is October 15-December 7, 2022, and our Patient Advocates are here to help!

During this time frame, Medicare patients are able to make changes to their Medicare coverage. These changes will take effect January 1, 2023.

Medicare patients have a choice to either enroll with:

- A **Medicare Advantage Plan** (please make sure this plan is participating with your physicians) or
- **Medicare & a Supplemental Plan**

**** Please make sure you are enrolled with pharmacy coverage when reviewing either plan type. Failure to have pharmacy coverage may result in penalties****

ALSO - if you make a change, save time by calling and telling the pharmacy before your next visit.

[If you have questions, ask to speak with one of our Patient Advocates. They are glad to help you!](#)

October is World Hospice and Palliative Care Month

[Click here](#) to learn more!



We're here for you

HOA has a Palliative Care Team

Dr. Silviu Pasniciuc, MD, is our dedicated Palliative Care Physician. He has received specialty training in palliative medicine and is board-certified. He works closely with the other members of your care team and helps ensure that your care aligns with your wishes. *Ask your Doctor or Nurse about Palliative Care and see if it's right for you.*

In honor of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our HOA Buzz Word is Triple-negative breast cancer. This is a kind of breast cancer that does not have any of the receptors commonly found in breast cancer.



Think of cancer cells as a house. The front door may have three kinds of locks, called receptors—

- One is for the female hormone estrogen.
- One is for the female hormone progesterone.
- One is a protein called human epidermal growth factor (HER2).

If your cancer has any of these three locks, doctors have a few keys (like hormone therapy or other drugs) they can use to help destroy the cancer cells.

But if you have triple-negative breast cancer, it means those three locks aren't there, which makes it more difficult to treat. Fortunately, chemotherapy is still an effective option. And ... there are some newer treatments being researched at HOA as part of our clinical research program!



[If you would recommend our practice to a potential patient, could you please do us a favor and write us a Google review? Just click here. Thank you!](#)