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The New James

The James



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Welcome



Midway through construction of the original James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, Dr. Arthur G. James, the hospital's namesake, reflected on what an impressive picture the new building made whenever he saw it at sunrise during patient rounds. "It is obvious that a new day is coming," he wrote.

I understand how he felt. During the rise of our new 21-floor, 11-million-square-foot cancer hospital, which will officially open Dec. 15, I have often stood in awe of this tremendously impressive structure and, more importantly, its promise for helping us advance research-based cancer care that will bolster our ceaseless pursuit of a cancer-free world.

Our new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute is a triumph not only for all of us who will work, volunteer and be treated here, but for everyone in our community whose generous philanthropic support has made it possible. Every cancer discovery, treatment, cure and prevention strategy that will originate here can be attributed in part to the many donors who helped finance this building.

As you read this edition of *impactCancer*, with its inspiring collection of new-James tributes and previews, I hope you'll share my pride in the dawning of another new day – a day that you helped bring about.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Caligiuri".

Michael A. Caligiuri, MD

Director, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center
CEO, James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute



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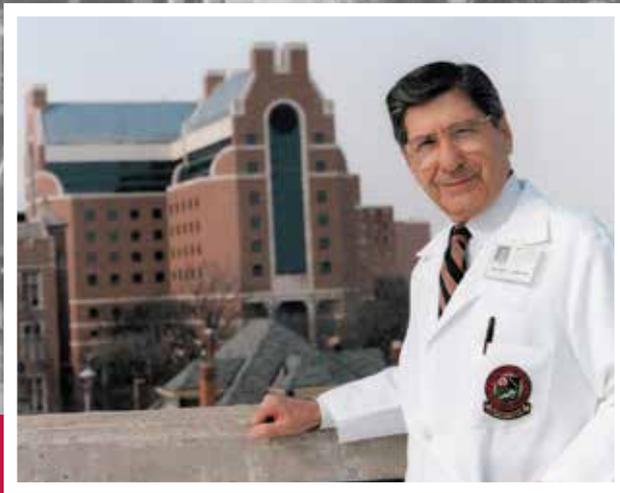
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“All cancer will eventually be wiped out; there’s no doubt about that. I don’t know how long it will take... but I’m sure the day is coming.”

— Arthur G. James, MD



The James:

Closing the Doors to an Era While Entering a New Frontier of Discovery

It's hard to imagine now that 24 years ago when the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital opened its doors, it became the Midwest's first and only freestanding hospital dedicated to serving patients with cancer.

The James welcomed its initial 17 patients on July 9, 1990, and quickly became a critical component of the healthcare landscape—offering cutting-edge treatments and research that has saved lives for patients at The James and elsewhere as new discoveries have led to advances in care for patients worldwide.

The opening of The James also marked the end of a half-century of effort by Dr. James, the hospital's namesake, who worked tirelessly to see his vision of building the top cancer hospital in the Midwest become a reality. After completing his fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, where he witnessed the extraordinary care possible at a dedicated facility, Dr. James knew that central Ohio needed a state-of-the-art hospital focused solely on cancer care.

“Dr. James wanted this hospital to be a leader in the eradication of cancer, and everyone here is working toward that end. We share his vision of creating a cancer-free world, and we won't rest until we see it through.”

— Michael A. Caligiuri, MD

Despite encountering many obstacles over the years in his quest to secure the new building, Dr. James' gentle persistence prevailed. His refusal to give up gave central Ohio an institution that brings hope to all by offering the finest in cancer care, research and education, while striving to eradicate cancer in its many forms.

The James name quickly became synonymous with exceptional care and innovation. While Ohio State's cancer program had already built a strong reputation, having a physical home for the program took it to new heights — securing millions in research funding and helping to lure top talent in ultra-competitive fields.

The hospital received a huge boost in 1999 when community leader Richard J. Solove, a longtime friend of Dr. James and supporter of the cancer program, donated \$20 million to The James' Threshold of Discovery campaign for cancer genetics research. In recognition of that gift, the Board voted to change the name of the hospital to The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James.)

When the doors close to the first James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, Dr. James's vision will continue to inspire and advance first-rate cancer care and research as the doors open to the new James. Dr. James' legacy is alive and well, still setting the bar for excellence and driving Ohio State's program to greatness.



Notable Moments in the History

of the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute



1947

Following his service in World War II and a fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Arthur G. James returns to his alma mater, The Ohio State University, as assistant professor in the Department of Surgery. Inspired by the cancer care he saw at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and realizing no cancer centers exist between New York and Texas, he dreams of establishing one in Columbus.

1962

The Columbus Cancer Clinic, led by Dr. James, submits a proposal for a cancer hospital to the United Hospital Federation, but it is rejected.

1971

In the year the Nixon Administration declares “war on cancer,” Ohio State has already attracted more than 100 cancer investigators representing seven colleges at the university.

1973

Ohio State’s Cancer Research Center is created.

1974

Dr. James resumes his efforts to have a cancer hospital built in Columbus.

1975

Voters reject a bond issue that would have raised funds for a cancer center.

1976

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) designates Ohio State’s cancer program as a Comprehensive Cancer Center—one of only 18 institutions in the country so designated at that time.

Dr. James presents his plan for having a cancer hospital in Columbus to a group of influential community leaders and asks for their support.



1981

Aware of strong community support for having a cancer hospital in Columbus, the Ohio General Assembly grants Ohio State \$40 million to build it. The university contributes \$14 million.

1984, July 10

Ground is broken on the construction site at 300 W. 10th Ave.

1987, September 11

At the dedication of the new building, a cornerstone is set and the hospital is named for Dr. James.

1990, July 9

The James opens for business and admits its first 17 patients.

1990

Dr. James retires from his clinical practice but keeps an everyday presence in an emeritus capacity until 1996.

1991

The James becomes the first cancer center in the nation to gain approval from the NCI to use the drug taxol in patients with advanced ovarian cancer.

1993

By the end of the fiscal year, The James has treated patients from all of Ohio’s 88 counties and from throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

The Statue of Hope on The James’ front lawn is dedicated.



1994

The James Board of Associates (today called The James Foundation Board) is established to help attract new donors and cultivate donor relationships.

Chemotherapy services become available at The James at Stoneridge on the northwest side of Columbus.

1995

The James and 12 other leading cancer hospitals found the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) to develop uniform clinical treatment guidelines.

1996

The James combines its Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) program for adults with the BMT program at Columbus Children's Hospital (now known as Nationwide Children's Hospital), creating a comprehensive program to provide care for patients of any age and enabling more pediatric patients to be placed on clinical trials.

1997

Three world-renowned physician-researchers are recruited to bolster cancer genetics research: Albert de la Chapelle, MD, PhD; Clara D. Bloomfield, MD; and Michael A. Caligiuri, MD.

JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Health Services opens in Dublin.

A Palliative Medicine – Hospice Program is established to provide services that close the loop in the continuum of care for patients with cancer and end-stage diseases.

1999

Richard J. Solove donates \$20 million to the OSUCCC – James for cancer genetics research. In honor of his gift, the institution is renamed the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

Less than a decade after opening, The James is named by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best cancer facilities in the nation. It has remained on the list every year since.

Early 2000s

Ohio State leads a national clinical trial in which the drug rituximab becomes the first modern therapy to show significant improvement in overall survival for patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, a currently incurable disease.

2001:

OSUCCC – James researchers led by Bo Yuan, MD, PhD, and Fred Wright, PhD, produce a genomic map that describes twice as many genes as either of two earlier published maps.

2002

Researchers develop a therapy yielding the best reported survival to date for patients with post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder, an often-lethal form of lymphoma associated with the Epstein-Barr virus. As a result of this work, more than 90 percent of patients with this usually fatal disease were cured.

2005 and 2008

Studies led by Ohio State show that one in 35 people with colon cancer carry a hereditary genetic disorder called Lynch syndrome. Based on these findings, researchers recommend screening all newly diagnosed colon cancer patients for Lynch syndrome, which carries an almost 100 percent lifetime risk of cancer.

2008

Ohio State co-leads a study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that indicates that changes in the levels of microRNAs, which help control the kind and amount of proteins made by cells, might predict the risk of relapse in patients with acute myeloid leukemia.

2010, June 18

Ground is broken on the New James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

2010

The OSUCCC – James receives a near-perfect score on its Support Grant renewal application to the NCI and is ranked as “exceptional,” the highest descriptor. The NCI states that the OSUCCC – James “should serve as a model for other matrix university-based Centers.”

Ohio State opens clinical trials on the first two experimental drugs ever created by scientists at this university for testing in adult cancer patients. AR-12 and AR-42, which were highly effective in preclinical models, offer hope to cancer patients with few or no other therapeutic options.

2011

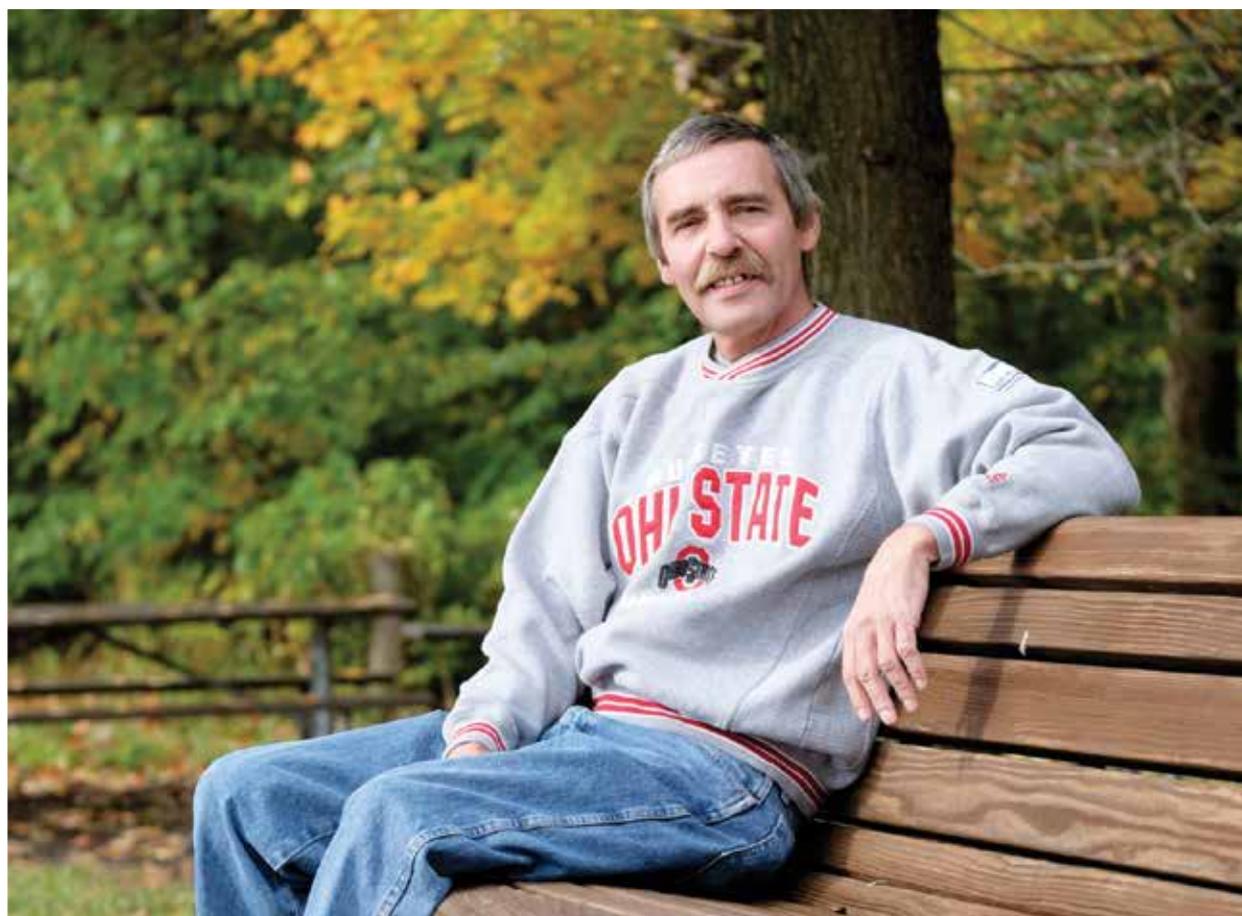
The Ohio State University announces a \$100 million gift from Leslie and Abigail Wexner and the L Brands Foundation. In honor of this gift, the university renamed the medical center The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

2014

The Ohio State University opens the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.



New James Construction:



Finding Cancer on the Job: **Danny Arnold's Story**

Danny Arnold has been in the construction business for more than 20 years, so when his voice became hoarse while installing the metal frame, drywall and acoustic ceilings in the new James, he thought it was from hollering over the construction sounds.

When the hoarseness worsened, he saw his family doctor, who told him he had something on his vocal cords. It turned out to be stage one laryngeal cancer.

While waiting over a week for another medical office to process his referral to The James, Arnold recalled that David Schuller, MD, vice president of Wexner Medical Center Expansion and Outreach, had asked the workers to tell him if they or their

families needed to be seen at The James. Arnold contacted Schuller, who quickly arranged for a consultation. Arnold was officially a patient of Amit Agrawal, MD, at The James two days later.

"They didn't waste any time getting me in there," says Arnold. "When you hear you have cancer, you don't want to wait." The diagnosis was especially stressful for Arnold and his family, given that his wife had recently completed treatment for breast cancer. Arnold and his wife are now both cancer-free.

"I look back on it and think I've been lucky," says Arnold. He is proud of his work on the new James and the impact it will have on people's lives. "This is a really, really huge job. And it's going to save a lot of lives."

A Labor of Love

No one has spent more time at the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute than the construction workers who have labored to build the 21-floor building since ground was broken on the project on June 18, 2010.

They have laid the foundation, installed walls and ceilings, fitted massive HVAC and plumbing systems, and so much more. For many of the workers—especially those whose lives have been touched by cancer—this has been more than a typical job. It has been a meaningful labor of love that has enabled them to help make a difference in the fight against cancer.



In Memory of His Big Brother: Anthony Hunter's Story

With his kind eyes and caring demeanor, one might think Anthony Hunter was handpicked to operate the elevator during construction of the new James.

In fact, it was sheer luck of the draw that gave Hunter elevator duty 23 months ago, enabling the many other workers, hospital administrators, donors and other visitors to the construction site to enjoy conversation with Hunter as they travel between floors.

"I meet everyone coming and going," says Hunter. "I've shared my story with a lot of people who get on this elevator, and they've shared theirs with me. I've made a bunch of friends."

When Hunter was a young man, he lost David, his

older brother and friend, to leukemia. The hurt from that loss has stayed with him and drives him to do what he can to help end cancer. "When I started working here, it made me feel good, like I'm helping in my own little way so that other families don't have to go through what we did," says Hunter.

Dr. Schuller is one of the elevator passengers who heard Hunter's story and empathized. "When I met Dr. Schuller, he was really passionate about my story," says Hunter. "I'm just an elevator operator—a construction guy—but he seemed to really take my story to heart. He never forgot my name, my brother's name or my story, and he told me that's what this hospital is for."

David (left) and Anthony enjoying an ice cream treat.

The New Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute



KEY STATS

- Third-largest cancer hospital in the nation
- 21 floors
- 1.1 M square feet
- 306 Inpatient beds, including 36-bed BMT unit
- 14 Operating Rooms
- 6 Interventional Radiology Suites
- 7 Linear accelerators for radiation therapy
- Dedicated Early-Phase Clinical Trials Unit



Innovative Design That Provides a State-of-the-Art, Healing Environment

- Inpatient units that specialize in specific cancer subtypes to facilitate care by subspecialist multidisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses and pharmacists.
- Translational research labs on each inpatient floor that bring physicians together with researchers to develop and deliver the most effective targeted treatments for patients.
- A Cancer Clinical Trials Unit that offers a comforting patient environment with a staff highly experienced in safely conducting innovative, early-phase trials.
- A state-of-the-art, GMP Cellular Processing Laboratory for blood and marrow that supports the hospital's 36-bed Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit.
- Precision Cancer Medicine using advanced genomic technologies to identify both the molecular changes causing a patient's cancer and the right drugs to treat it.
- An Integrated Cancer Emergency Department that will treat cancer-related medical emergencies. Emergency medicine physicians and nurses will work with oncologists and oncology nurses to care for patients and ease their transition to further care at The James or at home.
- An Oncologic Surgery floor that has 14 operating rooms supported by the most advanced technology, including minimally invasive robotic surgery, to enable teams of surgeons to perform complex procedures.
- Intra-Operative Radiation Therapy and Intra-Operative MRI technologies that can be used for patients in the operating room for greater safety and efficiency.
- A Radiation Oncology Department that is equipped with seven Varian TruBeam linear accelerators, as well as a brachytherapy unit, bringing the newest technologies for delivering radiation therapy.

Innovative Design



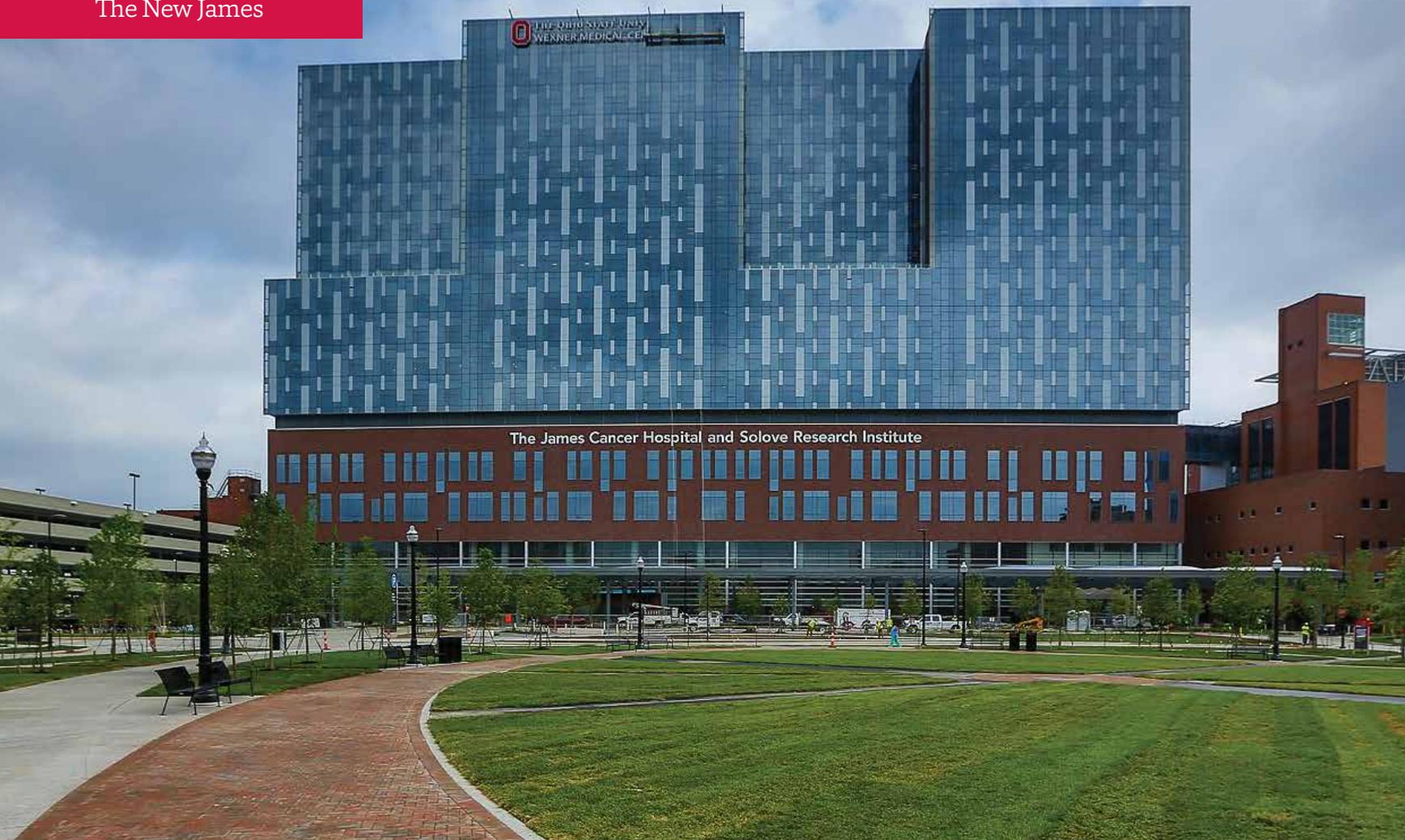
State-of-the-Art



Advanced Technology



Targeted Treatments



THERE IS NO ROUTINE CANCER. THIS IS NO ROUTINE CANCER HOSPITAL.

After more than a decade of planning, the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute is designed to prevent, detect, treat and cure your cancer. Within these walls, there is an inpatient unit devoted only to your cancer...there's a specialized team of experts who research, discover and deliver targeted therapies only for your cancer...there are more clinical trials for your cancer than in nearly any other hospital in the nation...there are more advanced surgical procedures for your cancer...and there are the world's most precise radiation therapies for your cancer. All this means better outcomes, fewer side effects, faster responses and more hope for you.

Fact: Each inpatient unit of the new James is dedicated to a particular type of cancer, with teams of medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pharmacists, genetic experts, researchers, pathologists, molecular biologists, pharmacists and more – each of whom specializes in a single type of cancer, working together to develop and deliver the world's most effective targeted therapies.

Understanding What Drives Your Cancer

A revolution is happening in the way we diagnose and treat individual cancers. At the new James, we go beyond simply identifying the location and stage of your cancer. Using the world's most advanced genomic technologies, we determine what's driving your cancer.

The James is among the world's first cancer hospitals to offer Precision Cancer Care. Our teams of experts in cancer biology, genomics and genetics identify the specific markers that enable your cancer cells to survive, grow and move, and develop and deliver the right drugs to stop it.



Developing the Most Effective Cancer Therapies That Lead to Delivering Better Outcomes

The new James brings together more cancer researchers and cancer specialists than nearly any other hospital in the nation. As one of only 41 comprehensive cancer centers as designated by the National Cancer Institute, The James has more than 300 cancer researchers across 12 of Ohio State's 14 colleges and more than 200 cancer sub-specialists developing more effective cancer treatments and delivering better outcomes.

The new James has hundreds of cancer clinical trials, each targeting specific cancers and markers. In addition, our patients participate in tumor sequencing and the analysis of their blood and tissue so that when another new treatment is available – whether at Ohio State or beyond – we can quickly match them with that new drug.

Fact: As one of only four cancer centers in the country funded by the National Cancer Institute to conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials, Ohio State offers more leading-edge targeted therapies than nearly any other hospital in the United States.

An Integrated Cancer Emergency Department

Cancer patients have unique needs. Cancer and its therapies can lead to urgent conditions requiring immediate medical care. But usually, cancer patients go to a general emergency department that is not optimally equipped in expertise, information and insights to successfully deal with the emergency and deliver the most effective care as quickly as possible.

The James Cancer Emergency Department is a truly integrated cancer emergency department. Our emergency medicine experts work in teams with our oncologists to deliver specialized emergency triage, diagnostics and treatments. Teams of emergency nurses work in tandem with oncology nurses to care for the patient while in the Emergency Department and coordinate the transition to inpatient or home care.

Fact: The James Cancer Emergency Department is designed to move cancer patients to private, specially designated areas for evaluation and triage. Keeping cancer patients away from public areas helps reduce infections, especially when cancer and treatments can lower immunities.

One of the Nation's Most Advanced Surgical Facilities

With operating rooms equipped with the world's most advanced surgical technologies, the new James boasts one of the world's largest and most advanced oncology surgical suites. Teams of world-renowned surgeons deliver the latest, most successful techniques and procedures in cancer surgeries, including some that are being pioneered only at The James.

Oncology surgical suites are equipped to accommodate minimally invasive robotic technology. With internationally renowned robotic surgeons in head and neck, neurologic, gynecologic and prostate cancers, The James has one of the nation's largest robotic surgery programs.

Utilizing the most advanced radiation therapy technology, surgical and radiation oncologists at The James administer intra-operative radiation therapy (IORT) to a patient while still in the OR and under anesthetic. This helps to eliminate microscopic traces of cancer immediately after tumor removal, delivering a concentrated dose in the most precise means to leave healthy tissue untouched, reduce the number of radiation treatments needed post-surgery and give a boost to subsequent radiation treatments.

And, to ensure that the surgical team removes all of the tumor the first time, intra-operative MRI is used before and during surgery to compare scans. In most operating rooms around the globe, surgeons have to guess if they removed all the cancerous tissue and then wait days or weeks later for an MRI to confirm the results. With intra-operative MRI at The James, our surgical and radiation oncologists use the world's most advanced MRI technology – in the surgical suite - to confirm removal of the entire tumor and reduce the possibilities of a second surgery.

The World's Most Precise Radiation Therapy

Pinpoint accuracy. Reduced exposure of healthy tissue. Faster treatments.

Those are just some of the benefits of the leading-edge technology in the seven linear accelerator vaults and one brachytherapy vault in the new James. One of the few radiation oncology centers to be located above ground with lots of natural light, the new James Radiation Oncology Center has world-renowned radiation oncologists and researchers who specialize in just one type of cancer, leading to the more effective delivery of radiation therapies and better outcomes.

Named Spaces:

Donors Leave Their Mark on the New James

The philanthropic community has very generously embraced the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. Many individuals and groups have given more than \$1 million to support efforts for cancer prevention, detection, treatment and cure at Ohio State. Many areas in the new hospital have thus been named in honor of those donors.

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH

The Abercrombie & Fitch Emergency Department

The new emergency department more than doubles Ohio State's capacity to provide emergency care. It includes the nation's first integrated cancer ED, where those who have cancer and urgent medical needs can be seen by emergency physicians and nurses with additional training in oncology. The newly designed ED will help improve care efficiency with the addition of four X-ray and CAT scan rooms and dedicated radiology physicians in the department. The ED will also have nine critical care rooms, including three resuscitation bays and six acute care rooms, helping accommodate high volumes of critically ill and injured patients. Multidisciplinary care teams are grouped into pods to make caring for patients more efficient in a space that will be approximately 44,000 square feet.

MICHAEL BLOCH

Michael D. Bloch Rooftop

(Allison, Jennifer, Laura & John Bloch)

The rooftop additional named spaces include: Michael D. Bloch Café, Michael D. Bloch Terrace, Michael D. Bloch Suite. The executive dining space will host local, national and international dignitaries and provide an upscale experience for executive-level meetings and visitor experiences. The location on the 14th floor will feature breathtaking views of Ohio State's campus, the scenic Olentangy River and Ohio Stadium.



Rooftop Garden



Abercrombie & Fitch
Emergency Department Nurses Station



Abercrombie & Fitch Emergency Department

HERBERT J. BLOCK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament Hematology & Transplant Clinic

Located on the 11th level of the new hospital, this clinic will specialize in the care and management of complicated leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma patients receiving state of the art transplant and non-transplant therapies delivered using a team based approach. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists and research coordinators collaborate to provide highly skilled care in a compassionate and welcoming environment. It will have a variety of room options for treatment and recovery, including private rooms with a view of the Jones Legacy Park, communal infusion suites and areas with no windows for those who prefer that setting.

CELEBRATION FOR LIFE

The Celebration for Life Conference Center

The Conference Center comprises of the three major conference rooms within the hospital and their adjoining waiting area. This center will be a highly frequented area will be used to support healthcare education, enabling teams of doctors, researchers, students, staff and visitors to learn, interact and collaborate.

JEGS FOUNDATION

The JEGS Foundation Lobby

The lobby of the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute will be a dramatic area designed to inspire, motivate and foster hope in the patients, faculty, staff and visitors who use it. This light-drenched area includes art and inscriptions that illustrate the mission of The James to provide superb patient care distinguished by our research and education. The expansive space contains areas for rest and conversation, along with areas for information and patient resources.

PHYLLIS A. JONES

The Phyllis A. Jones Legacy Park

Mrs. Jones' gift fulfills a promise she made to her late husband, Clayton K. Jones, who was among the first patients treated for lung cancer at The James after it opened in 1990. His physician was Arthur James, MD, the hospital's namesake. Mr. Jones asked his wife to "take care of The James. They've taken care of me." Mrs. Jones, former president and CEO of Fiesta Salons, hopes the park will provide a restful, peaceful garden where patients, visitors and staff can find comfort and solace.



JEGS Foundation Lobby



Phyllis A. Jones Legacy Park

ELLEN AND DAVID RYAN

The Ellen and David J. Ryan Pavilion

LADONNA AND RICHARD SOLOVE

The Richard J. and LaDonna Solove Radiation Oncology Faculty Suite

There are three Solove named spaces within the Radiation Oncology area of the new hospital:

The Richard J. & LaDonna Solove Radiation Oncology Administrative Suite

The Richard J. & LaDonna Solove Chair Suite

SHAREN AND CHARLES A. TURNEY

The Sharen, Charles & Matthew Turney Rooftop Garden

The Rooftop Garden will be an area of inspiration and reprieve for patients and visitors. Complete with flowers, trees and shrubs, the gardens will provide sweeping views of either downtown Columbus or Ohio State's Campus.

TWEEN BRANDS

The Justice / Tween Brands Pediatric Radiation Oncology Suite

The gift from Tween Brands coordinates closely with their previous giving to Nationwide Children's Hospital, whose patients are transported to the OSUCCC – James for radiation treatments. Designers are working to ensure the décor of the Pediatric Radiation Oncology Suite is similar to that of the Tween Brands' lobby at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Says David Schuller, MD, vice president of expansion and outreach at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, "We want the environment of our pediatric radiation oncology suite to be familiar to our patients being treated at Nationwide Children's Hospital, to decrease the anxiety of coming to another hospital for both the children and their parents."

UP ON THE ROOF

Up on the Roof Clinical Treatment Suite

There are hundreds of clinical trials taking place at Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. The Clinical Trials Suite on the fifth floor will be utilized by patients, oncologists and researchers in order to best practice and study the success our clinical trials.

Nine Up on the Roof Patient Rooms

Located on the 21st level, these patient exam room will provide abundant natural light, large windows and sweeping views during a patient's time at the OSUCCC - James. These rooms will be located in close proximity to green areas throughout the hospital to encourage healing and peace of mind. Furthermore, the rooms will be located near translational research areas to help foster increased interaction between the research and clinical care teams at Ohio State.

WASSERSTROM COMPANY

The Wasserstrom Family Conference Room

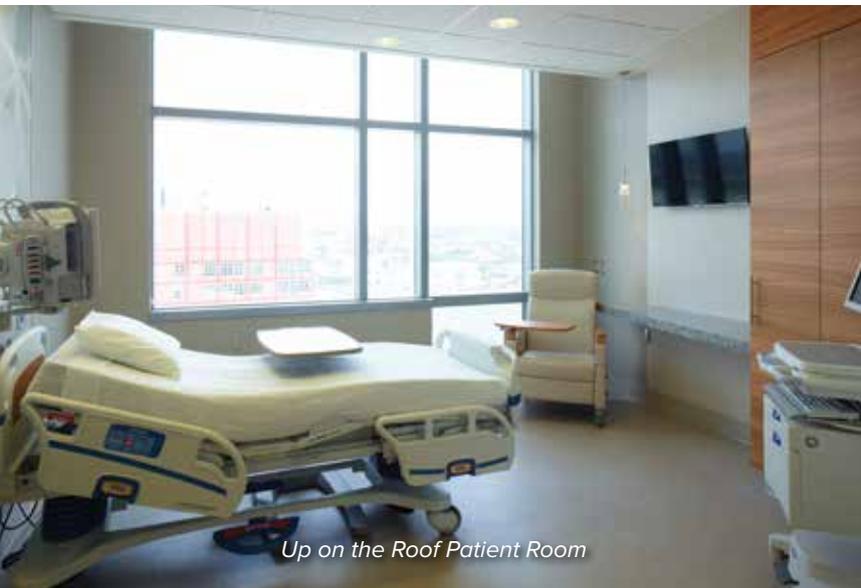
The premier classroom space in the new Conference Center is this case method classroom, which is considered the optimal design that assures and encourages a high degree of visual and communicative interactivity between the lecturer and students. This classroom will have multilevel tiered-desk seating for all attendees with full Internet connectivity and will house both professional and public educational activities.



Ellen and David J. Ryan Pavilion



Ellen and David J. Ryan Pavilion



Up on the Roof Patient Room



Tween Brands Radiation Oncology Suite



*LaDonna and Richard Solove
Radiation Oncology Faculty Suite*



Wasserstrom Family Conference Room Winter 2015 ImpactCancer 17

Carole and David Schuller:

A Passion for Living, Giving and Working Toward a Cure

Carole and David Schuller, MD, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary this year, and it's quickly apparent why: They laugh together, praise and support one another and share a love for family and friends. Their passion for life is evident—whether taking grandchildren to an Ohio State Buckeye football game, walking their beloved corgis or talking to donors about supporting The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James).

And both are firmly committed to the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, even when it has meant long hours, other sacrifices of time and their own generous giving.

After meeting in an ecology class they took together during their undergraduate years at Rutgers University, the Schullers have spent nearly five decades together making a positive impact on people's lives—most of those years at Ohio State. "Our appreciation of the University has grown over the years because you have a chance to personally observe the impact it has on people's lives," says Dr. Schuller. "The research and education that goes on at this University enhances the lives of millions of people throughout the state of Ohio, nation and world. It's just a spectacular place."

As vice president of medical center expansion and outreach, Dr. Schuller's vision for the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, opening in December 2014, is nothing less



than spectacular, as well. Building on the strengths the OSUCCC – James has cultivated since the opening of the original James in 1990, the new hospital will further and more closely integrate research and education into patient care—enriching all three areas of the hospital's mission.

Says Carole, "It's amazing what David has thought of. No matter where we are, he is constantly thinking about this project and the people whose lives it touches. He wants the best for everyone, and when he finds something he likes, he finds a way to make it happen."

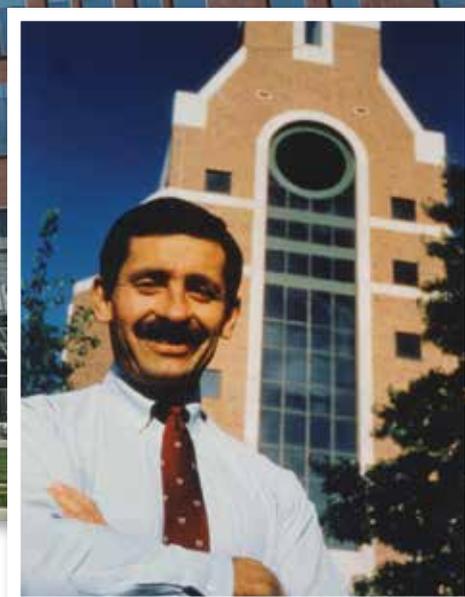
Dr. Schuller concurs that planning for the new James

has occupied much of his time. "Not a day has gone by that I haven't thought about the project, met about it or argued about it for 12 years." And he has loved every minute of his work, sharing his passion for the new James and persuading others to support it. "I help people understand what the problems are, then share Ohio State's vision for impacting the problem and how they can help. That message resonates with people, and they want to make a difference."

Through everything, Carole has been Dr. Schuller's partner in professional success. "When it comes to donor relations," says Dr. Schuller, "we truly are a team. Carole is a very gregarious person—she loves interacting with people. When we visit people in Florida and Arizona in the winter months, if Carole isn't with me, invariably the first question I'm asked is, 'Where's Carole?' And immediately my meeting is cut short by 50 percent," he laughs.



Dr. Schuller stands in front of the new James (left) in the weeks before it opens, and in front of the original James shortly before it opened in 1990.



Carole has given tours of the original OSUCCC – James and decorated during holidays; participated in the Up on the Roof event committee each year and worked on the *Stefanie's Champions* awards luncheon and the Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament. Wherever there is a need, Carole is there. “She gets involved and does it,” says Dr. Schuller. “She usually doesn’t hold any official position; she just pitches in and does her thing.”

In addition to the immense time and passion the Schullers have invested in the OSUCCC – James, they have also been very generous personally. “We have always been taught that you support the things you love,” says Carole. “How do you expect other people to support something if you don’t support it yourselves? We want to show people how much we believe in this.” The Schullers have generously supported the building of the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. To honor their giving, a space on the 21st floor of the new building has been named the Carole, Dave, Rebecca, and Mike Schuller Family Visitor Lounge. They have also generously supported the Otolaryngology Head and Neck Oncology Fund, a discretionary fund enhancing the work of the department where Dr. Schuller was once the chairperson.

If the Schullers’ hopes for the new James are realized, Ohio State will tackle critical work in coming years to convert cancer into a controllable disease. “I remain confident that this new building is going to accelerate our rate of progress,” says Dr. Schuller. “We will be able to impact incidence and severity of cancer in mass populations rather than just on an individual basis.” And when this has been accomplished, says Dr. Schuller with his signature humor, “We plan to convert the cancer hospital into the world’s largest cosmetic surgery center.”



The Schullers celebrating at an Up on the Roof event at The James.

Ronda Huston:

Honoring a Leader With a Gift to Help Children

When Ronda Huston answered an ad for a medical office assistant position in the *Columbus Dispatch* 33 years ago, she was simply looking for a job to help put herself through nursing school.

Looking back, Huston now realizes that when she took the position with David Schuller, MD, she was actually embarking on a fulfilling career that would span several decades and place her at the epicenter of the fight against cancer at Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James).

Huston was at Dr. Schuller's side during his clinical work as a professor and surgeon with Ohio State's Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery until 2008 when he retired from clinical practice to fulfill his vision for building a 21st century, world-class cancer hospital as vice president of medical center expansion and outreach. She then remained his loyal assistant and continues in that role today.

When Dr. Schuller's vision comes to fruition as the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute opens in December 2014, a special feature will help pediatric patients from Nationwide Children's Hospital who visit The James for their radiation treatments—all because of a gift Huston made to honor Dr. Schuller and his wife Carole.

Dr. Schuller, a loving grandfather with a soft heart for children, desired to create an environment for children receiving radiation therapy that would decrease their anxiety. The OSUCCC – James partnered with Nationwide Children's Hospital to develop a Pediatric Radiation Oncology Center that would accomplish that goal as a result of a leadership gift from Justice-Tween Brands. This area in the new James will mimic the interior design at Nationwide Children's, decorated with trees and animals intended to divert the children's attention away from their health problems. The James is also working to develop a digital technology feature that will enable the children to become friends with digitally-created animal characters and actually interact with them during their treatments. Ronda's generous gift has further enhanced this digital technology that will enable the child and his/her animal friend to be together throughout their treatment and transform an anxiety-provoking experience into one which is comforting and entertaining.



When Huston, also a doting grandmother, saw Dr. Schuller's disappointment that this technology had not yet been funded, she thought it through and decided to make the gift herself.

It is her privilege, she says, to have spent her career at The James with Dr. Schuller. "Every day I have seen Dr. Schuller give beyond and above 100 percent. And the new hospital is definitely a team effort, but it's been driven by his passion and dedication. I'm just in awe of the sacrifices he and his wife have made for this university and hospital."

And, having to watch her own granddaughter endure a major health challenge every day and one that kept her in the neonatal intensive care unit and many trips to Nationwide Children's, Huston is pleased that her gift will help children with cancer to receive comfort during their treatments. "It's hard for the kids," she says, tearing up a bit. "Anything we can do to help them feel better while they're here is a good thing."

If These Walls Could Talk: The McCoy Suite

One of the most dynamic spaces in the first Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute—the room that has welcomed donors and friends of The James with amazing hospitality—almost was not built.

It wasn't until the late John G. McCoy, philanthropist and chief executive of Bank One, saw that the plans for The James lacked a much-needed hospitality suite. With generous support from McCoy, the John G. and Jeanne B. McCoy Benefactor Suite opened with the hospital in 1990 and has served many critical functions.

Whether hosting dinners for friends interested in learning more about the OSUCCC – James, helping to recruit top talent to join Ohio State's lauded cancer program or serving as a comfortable gathering place for families who wait for their loved ones during surgery, the McCoy Suite's deep green walls would surely have quite a few stories to tell if they could talk.

Chef Renee Bean has been with The James and the McCoy Suite since the beginning, cooking her signature healthy, delicious foods that impress families and complement the experience of excellence at The James. Says Bean, "This hospital is really special and provides world-class care. I want this dining room to reflect the same level of world-class service. You're not just having lunch; you're having an experience. And I'm going to give you the best experience possible."

Bean, whose specialties are soups and desserts, knows firsthand what it's like to be a patient at The James; in 2003 she was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on the base of her tongue—an illness that threatened to extinguish her taste buds and career as a chef. Her head and neck surgeon, David Schuller, MD, took a conservative approach to tumor removal and treatment that left Bean with her tongue, as well as taste buds that still operate, albeit somewhat differently.

"Working here every day, I thought I knew what having cancer looked like, but I realized I had no idea once I was on the other side. I went through surgery, chemo and radiation, and it was the hardest thing I've ever done. But it gives me a new appreciation for people who have to go through it. It amazes me the compassion people have around here," says Bean.

Now, Bean will move into a new kitchen and executive dining suite in the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, thanks to a gift from Michael Bloch. The new Michael D. Bloch Suite will provide beautiful public spaces for families and patients, as well as private spaces for meetings. While Bean and others will deliver the same high-level of service, guests will experience an enhanced view from the new space, located on the 14th floor facing north toward Ohio Stadium.

Says longtime OSUCCC – James supporter Michael Bloch, "It is an honor to help continue the legacy of hospitality that started with the McCoy Suite. I have toured the space during its construction and cannot wait to see it full of people united in their support for The James."

A cancer survivor herself, Renee Bean serves delicious meals with passion, love and kindness in the McCoy Suite.





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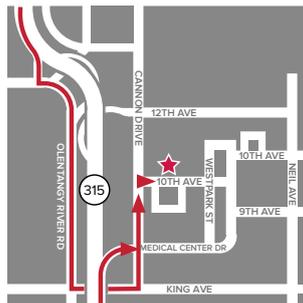
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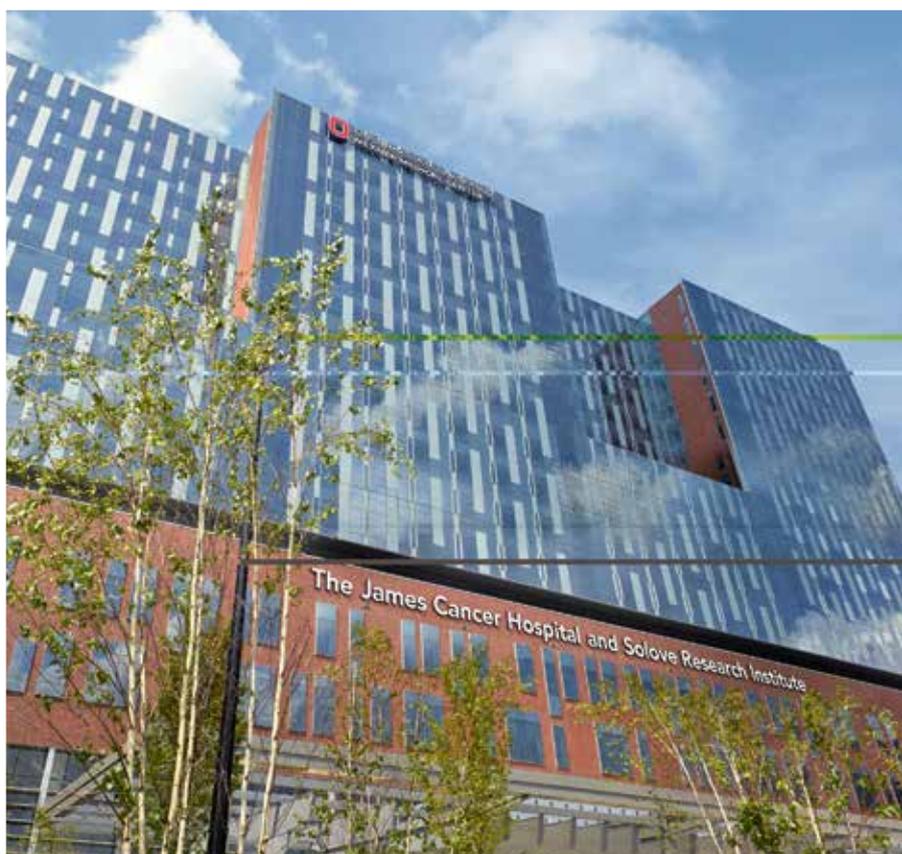
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