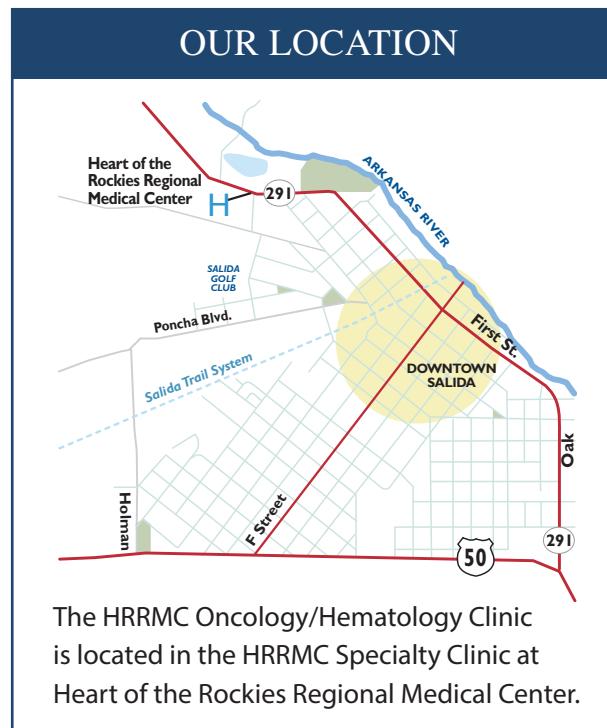


## ONCOLOGY CLINIC HOURS

Francene Mason, M.D., and Wendy Oatis, M.D., are available for appointments Monday to Thursday.

Carol "CJ" Johnson, P.A., is available for appointments Monday to Friday.

Laurie Merrell, R.N., B.S.N., O.C.N., and Brenda Disparti, R.N., B.S.N., are available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## HRRMC Oncology Nurse Navigator



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## WHAT IS A NURSE NAVIGATOR?

An oncology nurse navigator is a registered nurse with oncology-specific clinical knowledge. We are able to offer personalized assistance to patients, families and caregivers. Nurse navigators provide education to help you understand the specifics of the care you need so that you can make informed decisions.



We coordinate your treatments with the Infusion Department, help you make appointments with any other physicians you may need to see, schedule lab and imaging tests, teach you about your medications and treatments, and answer any questions you may have between doctor visits.

You are welcome to call us or stop by the office with questions, or schedule a time for a more extensive visit.

We understand what a difficult and confusing time this can be, and we are here to help you. There is no charge for our service.

## ONCOLOGY NURSE NAVIGATORS



**Laurie Merrell, R.N., B.S.N., O.C.N.,** is our head clinical oncology nurse and has more than 35 years of nursing experience, many in cancer care. She is accredited in chemotherapy administration and is an Oncology Certified Nurse.

Laurie is dedicated to caring for the whole person and the patient's family/support system during what can be a very difficult time. She has personal experience with cancer which gives her extra insight into the cancer journey of others.



**Brenda Disparti, R.N., B.S.N.,** has been working with oncology patients for over 20 years. Brenda received her bachelor's in English from UCLA and then pursued nursing with a B.S.N. from California State University.

She has worked as a travel nurse in oncology and specialized in bone marrow transplants and radiation oncology. She also has a strong interest in wellness and integrative therapies.

