HIV and cancer is an emerging issue at Moffitt. Florida has one of the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in the U.S. In Moffitt’s catchment area, the number of Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) is higher than the national rate in six of the fifteen catchment area counties. Importantly, the burden is not equally distributed, with notably higher rates observed in African American/Black men compared to other patient groups in the catchment area. Among PLWH in the U.S., cancer is the leading cause of non-AIDS deaths. Moffitt has taken action to address the unique cancer needs of PLWH by:

- Recruiting, Dr. Anna Coghill, a leading epidemiologist with experience in HIV-related cancer research.
- Becoming a site of the NCI-supported AIDS Malignancy Consortium, a network of cancer clinical trials focused on PLWH.
- Conducting research focused on PLWH to:
  - Accurately document HIV status for patients presenting for cancer care at Moffitt
  - Investigate factors associated with poor cancer outcomes in PLWH
  - Examine prevention strategies (tobacco cessation, HPV vaccination) to reduce cancer rates in PLWH
- Current clinical trials focused on PLWH at Moffitt: immunotherapy trial for lung cancer, new surgical approaches for anal cancer, and HPV-related cervical and oropharyngeal cancer prevention.

The PLWH Workgroup will expand the capacity of TBCCN to support bidirectional engagement between Moffitt and the community partners that serve PLWH with a focus on cancer. The workgroup will help to:

- Alert communities that cancer among PLWH is an issue
- Recruit PLWH to participate in research and clinical trials
- Inform researchers about the community’s perspective on PLWH and cancer
- Set the community outreach and engagement agenda to address and impact cancer health disparities among PLWH