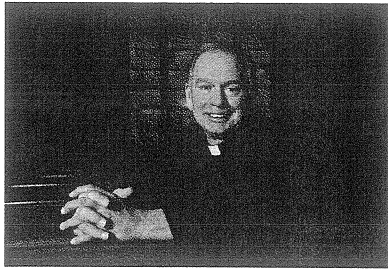


PATIENT PROFILE



Reverend Harald Peeders Seeks NCI-Affiliated Cancer Center

For 33 years, Reverend Harald Peeders has been helping other people cope with life's crises, including being diagnosed with cancer. In February 2005, the 63-year-old Lutheran minister at Holy Trinity in Burlington, N.J. learned what it was like to be the one facing the crisis, when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, with a PSA level of 9.9.

After coming to terms with his diagnosis, Reverend Peeders began researching prostate cancer and cancer care. "The National Cancer Institute kept popping up," said Reverend Peeders. "I began to realize that the National Cancer Institute was a nationwide umbrella under whose auspices the best hospitals provided care for cancer patients."

Reverend Peeders looked around for a local hospital that was affiliated with the National Cancer Institute (NCI)—and found The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Cooper (part of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center). In June 2005, he and his wife Gay came to Cooper. They met with a radiation oncologist, a surgeon and a medical oncologist, who explained Reverend Peeders' treatment options, including robotic-assisted radical prostatectomy.

Impressed with the innovative technology demonstrated by the surgical robot and the good science behind it, Reverend Peeders chose robotic-assisted radical prostatectomy. After the procedure, performed on June 28, 2005, his PSA level was down to less than 0.1.

Today, Reverend Peeders is back to being the caregiver for the members of Holy Trinity. "Every day I wake up and am very thankful that I'm healthy and can go to work," he said. "I realize how fragile life is and try to be happy with the normal frustrations and joys of each day."