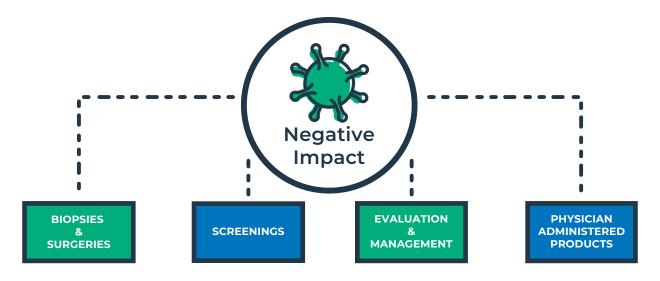
# COVID PANDEMIC HAS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CANCER CARE



According to a national study conducted by Avalere Health and published in the November 2020 issue of the journal *JCO Clinical Cancer Informatics*, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on cancer care with a decline in screenings, diagnosis and treatments — **problems that could lead to an increase in cancer morbidity and mortality for years to come.**<sup>1</sup>



American Oncology Network (AON) practice partners remain open and fully dedicated to safely delivering uninterrupted cancer care with:



**Telehealth** services to connect with medical staff via video conference for lab results, treatment plans and care management support



**Lab and pathology** providing complete, accurate and timely diagnostic reports



**Infection control** following stringent protocols according to CDC guidelines



**Care management** resources for behavioral health, nutrition guidance and financial counselors to help with assistance programs



**Specialty pharmacy** shipping oral oncolytic medications directly to patients

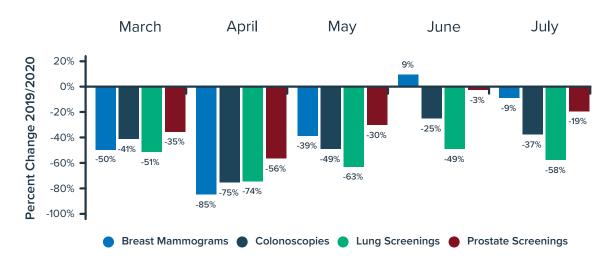


**Patient safety** is a top priority with rigorous procedures and safeguards in place

The 2020 data below is based on over 6 million Medicare beneficiaries 65 years and older and reinforces the negative impact of COVID-19 on cancer care with delays in identifying new cancers and delivery of treatment.

# Decrease in Cancer Screening Procedures<sup>1</sup>

At the peak of the pandemic, screenings were significantly down Mar - Jul 2020 when compared to Mar - Jul 2019 with breast lowered by 85%, colon 75%, lung 74% and prostate 56%.



## **Downward Trends**

#### **CANCER SCREENINGS VOLUME DECLINE**

Jan - Jul 2019 vs Jan - Jul 20201

BREAST SCREENINGS	<b>16</b> %
LUNG SCREENINGS	<b>4</b> %
COLON SCREENINGS	<b>↓8</b> %
PROSTATE SCREENINGS	<b>13</b> %

#### **DECLINE IN CANCER-RELATED PATIENT VISITS**

Mar - Jul 2019 vs Mar - Jul 20201

OVERALL	<b>J</b> 230.94%
JULY	<b>↓</b> 37.35%
JUNE	<b>4</b> 29.09%
MAY	<b>↓</b> 53.73%
APRIL	<b>↓</b> 70.25%
MARCH	<b>4</b> 0.52%

### Patient safety is our top priority.

American Oncology Network understands the implications of delaying diagnosis and treatment and is following CDC and state government guidelines with strict clinical protocols to protect our patients and staff.

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