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Capital Medical Center continuing to build premier regional cancer center

New treatment center, physician group and regional affiliation part of push

OLYMPIA, WA – Capital Medical Center continues to move forward with its plans to develop its top-class CMC Regional Cancer Center with the recent groundbreaking for its state-of-the-art Radiation Therapy Center.

The Center, which will open in early 2008, will house Elekta Synergy, an advanced radiation treatment system with a 3D feature that will enable clinicians to obtain images of tumors just before treatment.

The Elekta system uses Image Guided Radiation Therapy, which allows physicians to more precisely target tumors with radiation beams while minimizing damage to surrounding healthy tissue. This reduces the chance for errors in targeting tumors and lets physicians increase doses with more certainty of tumors' location.

The groundbreaking for the Radiation Therapy Center follows the opening of Capital Oncology, a full-service oncology and hematology clinic specializing in the treatment of cancer and blood disorders. Capital Oncology, which registered more than 600 patients in its first six days, is a private medical group located on Capital Medical Center's campus. It was formed by six doctors formerly with Western Washington Oncology in Lacey.

“The Radiation Therapy Center and Capital Oncology will form the nucleus of a premier, major cancer center in Southwest Washington,” said Rick Carter, Chief Executive Officer of Capital Medical Center. “Our goal is to improve the patient's quality of life and chances for long-term survival.”

Reaching out regionally to improve cancer care

As part of that mission, Capital Medical Center also announced at the groundbreaking ceremony a new affiliation with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, the only federally designated comprehensive cancer center in the Northwest. The SCCA unites the cancer

programs of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, UW Medicine, and Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

"The SCCA values its relationship with the community and this affiliation with Capital Medical Center provides an opportunity for the SCCA to realize its mission and vision in providing the best quality cancer care treatment to the community and beyond," said Cecilia Zapata, Director of Planning and Strategic Development at the Alliance.

Building on patients' high satisfaction scores

Capital Medical Center's latest cancer care initiatives come shortly after the hospital, which is owned by Tennessee-based Capella Healthcare, won a HealthStream Research Excellence through Insight Award for overall patient satisfaction for inpatient services.

This prestigious national awards program recognizes hospitals that excel in their ability to gain insight into their patients, employees, physicians, and community through research and to use that information to build excellence within their organization. Capital Medical Center was one of just five hospitals to win an award in its category.

"We are honored and elated to be recognized at the national level, given that this award is a direct result of the first-class experiences our patients and their families have had at our facility," said Chief Nursing Officer, Lisa Moylan. "It is gratifying for our dedicated staff to know that their daily efforts to provide quality patient care are acknowledged as being of this caliber."

The HealthStream Research Excellence through Insight awards are based on national databases built by The Jackson Organization and Data Management & Research. HealthStream Research represents more than 1,100 healthcare facilities. Capital Medical Center was one of two Capella hospitals to be recognized by the group this year: Southwestern Medical Center in Lawton, Okla., won an award for its overall outpatient satisfaction levels.

About Capital Medical Center

Capital Medical Center is a 110-bed hospital, with one general family practice clinic, serving all of Thurston and surrounding counties. Built in 1985, Capital Medical Center is accredited by the Joint Commission and the College of American Pathologists. As part of its focus on cancer treatment, the hospital has signed an agreement to affiliate with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and will in 2008 open a Cancer Center featuring Image-Guided Radiation Therapy. For more information, please visit www.capitalmedical.com.

About Capella Healthcare

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