

Radiation Oncology

Another year has turned and we are constantly working on ways to better the cancer patient's experience here at UVMC in the Cancer Care Center. This now includes the ongoing expansion of our Cancer Care Center, which will include a new, second linear accelerator in 2011.

We became the 13th cancer center in the United States to offer skin cancer treatments with the newest techniques and equipment for High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy. This has dramatically improved the accuracy of treatments to the skin and reduced the inconvenience of care on the patient with fewer visits.

We continue to offer intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) with image guided radiation therapy (IGRT) to the appropriate patients, which brings with it the ability to target an area of cancer specifically within 1 to 2 mm of daily accuracy. We maintain a dedicated computerized tomography (CT) scanner in the department to plan and monitor patient care. This improves the cancer patient's experience here in the Cancer Care Center.

We continue to offer the option of HDR prostate temporary implantation, which carries a number of advantages over other forms of prostate cancer management. Working closely with our urologists on staff, we can consider this type of therapy individually for each patient.

While these events unfold, we try never to lose sight of the goals of helping patients to understand their disease and their options for care, and helping them in any way possible. Our "team" remains truly exceptional in that regard. We strive to keep in touch with each and every member of our patient family.



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Cancer Care Center Staff (L-R) Back Row: Bill, Dr. Setzkorn, Brianne, Sandi. Front: Suzanne, Jodi, Karmyn, Kim



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