



Defining the Next Generation of Cancer Care

John Wayne Cancer Centers' centralized units and advanced technology continue legacy of breakthrough care

The opening of the new John Wayne Cancer Centers continues Saint John's Health Center's legacy of breakthrough research, cutting-edge clinical trials and advanced treatments. Multiple oncology units have been integrated into a single location within the hospital along with the community's most state-of-the-art equipment, such as rapid-speed radiation oncology and digital mammography technology. Saint John's medical experts are now prepared to define a new generation of cancer treatments.

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“Having all of the involved oncology experts together in a multidisciplinary team enables more efficient communication and better treatment planning and individualized care, particularly for those patients with complex cancer problems, whether localized to a single organ or spread to a distant organ,” said Donald Morton, MD, Founder of the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John’s (JWCI) and Chief, Melanoma Program.

Patients with melanoma, breast cancer, brain tumors or gynecological, gastrointestinal, lung, liver, pancreatic or prostate cancer are now cared for in one easily accessible location. Expert, personalized care is provided by internationally and nationally renowned clinicians, many of whom hold joint research appointments at JWCI.

“JohnWayne Cancer Institute at Saint John’s is known worldwide for rigorous research that often leads to the development of new and improved standards of care,” said Armando E. Giuliano, MD, Medical Director of the Margie Petersen Breast Center and JWCI’s Chief of Science and Medicine. “The synergistic interaction between Saint John’s clinicians and the Institute’s researchers facilitates translational medicine—the accelerated movement of research findings into practical clinical applications.”

The comprehensive Margie Petersen Breast Center provides everything from diagnostic screening and on-site digital mammograms to an internationally acclaimed medical staff. Other on-site advanced imaging technology includes digital mammography and the most advanced ultrasound and bone density scanning equipment. Both inpatient and outpatient services are provided.

Adjacent to the Breast Center is the Vasek Polak Radiation Therapy Center. The Radiation Therapy Center features the newest and most sophisticated technology available, including the Varian Trilogy with Rapid Arc™. This advanced technology allows for the treatment of a wide range of cancers with targeted therapy in a fraction of the time of conventional treatments, sparing healthy tissue and improving outcomes. The Trilogy is particularly useful for treating brain, breast, prostate, head/neck and lung cancer. This versatile system also can be used for minimally invasive radiosurgery for brain tumors and other conditions that would



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otherwise require invasive conventional surgery. Saint John’s is one of the few facilities in the nation to offer this technology.

“The new facility, the latest equipment and the addition of new clinicians—such as world-renowned neurosurgeon Amin Kassam, MD, and highly respected radiation oncologists Lisa Chaiken, MD, Paul Song, MD, and Robert Wollman, MD—allow us to expand our international reputation for groundbreaking cancer care,” said Lou Lazatin, Chief Executive Officer.

The Cancer Centers are also designed for simplified patient access and flow. For example, patients who need radiation treat-

ment can schedule their sessions in conjunction with their oncologist visits. Other hospital services are conveniently located on different levels of the hospital. In addition, imaging services such as Saint John’s new 64-slice computed tomography (CT) scanner and 3.0 Tesla magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, as well as lab and diagnostics, are only one floor above the Cancer Centers. State-of-the-art surgery operating suites are on the second floor and private inpatient rooms are located on the third floor. ■

For more information, call 1-800-STJOHNS or visit www.cancercenters.newstjohns.org.

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