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Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY and Syracuse Hematology/Oncology Join Forces!

Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY and Syracuse Hematology-Oncology take great pleasure in announcing the integration of their medical practices. Maintaining the highest regard for quality in patient care and service, the practices are uniting to bring a combined vibrancy of excellence and access to our community.

Patients will be cared for with the same high level of dedication and commitment that both practices have provided for over 30 years. By joining forces, the medical groups will be better postured to serve our community and offer the highest level of technologic, chemotherapeutic and clinical research advances in cancer care, while meeting the emotional and spiritual needs of patients.

The practices hope to complete the integration by late summer. The sites that will operate subsequent to the integration will be located at: 5008 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse; 4900 Broad Road, Syracuse; 5112 West Taft Road, Liverpool; Chestnut Commons, Rome and Medical Center West, Camillus, New York. The name of the combined practices will remain Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY (HOA). The integrated group will consist of 17 physicians (14 Medical Hematologists/Oncologists and 3 Radiation Oncologists), 22 Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistants and approximately 250 employees.

The practice is an extraordinary resource for our community. Their most recent commitment to providing the highest level of technologic advancement was with the addition of the CyberKnife® in the fall of 2007. Made by Accuray, the CyberKnife® is the only FDA approved, completely robotic, stereotactic radiosurgery system available in the world that targets and destroys small and previously inaccessible tumors or lesions anywhere in the body. As a non-invasive operation, CyberKnife® has proven to be an effective alternative to surgery or conventional radiation, or a complement to such, for treating vascular abnormalities, tumors, functional disorders and cancers with sub-millimeter accuracy. Hematology-Oncology Associates is proud to be the only provider of CyberKnife® services in Central New York.

In February of 2007, HOA opened a new, 13,000 square foot comprehensive cancer center adjacent to Community General Hospital. This center is home to the Varian Clinac iX, the most advanced model of linear accelerator available to date. This machine can perform Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) as well as Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT).

Hematology-Oncology Associates will celebrate its 22nd year of participation as a Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) with the National Cancer Institute. The CCOP is an outstanding opportunity that allows the practice to participate in clinical cancer trials and offer a variety of investigational treatments for various stages and types of cancer. The research also includes cancer control and prevention trials, the results of which contribute to cancer prevention and treatment options worldwide. HOA is the only CCOP in the USA that is not affiliated with a University or Medical Center. There are only two CCOPs in New York State, the other being on Long Island.

This advanced technology and commitment to clinical research, combined with state-of-the-art infusion/chemotherapy delivery, psychosocial, nutritional, laboratory and pharmacy services provides an excellent venue for the delivery of outstanding patient care.

The practice's dedication to the Mind/Body Spirit connection will be exemplified when renovations are complete at their Medical Center West suite. The group is developing a Prevention and Wellness Center at their Medical Center West location on West Genesee Street in Camillus. This beautiful and serene facility will provide Yoga and other exercise modalities, Meditation classes, Massage Therapy, Energy work such as Reiki and Healing Touch, Chiropractic care, Acupuncture, and other Integrative Therapies and Educational services. The healing center is scheduled to open in early summer. It will be open to employees of Hematology-Oncology Associates, patients, family caregivers and the community at large.

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