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Unique Collaboration of Cancer Experts from SSM Health
Care, Missouri Cancer Care and Saint Louis University Hospital

By Connie Mitchell

Cancer treatment has changed dramatically during the past few years, and one result is the move to more outpatient care. For many patients, this means juggling appointments, absorbing overwhelming amounts of information, and dealing with the emotional aspects of a cancer diagnosis while traveling to various, sometimes distant locations for procedures and follow-up care.

“The new technologies that allow us to treat cancer ever more effectively on an outpatient basis are wonderful advancements in our practice, but we know

that many patients are inconvenienced and even more stressed by the fact that they have to seek care in multiple locations,” says James Beattie, D.O., a medical oncologist with Missouri Cancer Care, PC.

This is changing for residents of St. Charles County and the surrounding area. The new SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West, located in Lake Saint Louis and funded in part by the family of H.W. Koenig, provides a patient-centered experience in a healing environment.

“SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West offers a unique, multidisciplinary approach that my colleagues and I are very enthused about,” Dr. Beattie says. “We’re able to provide comprehensive care while delivering an exceptional patient experience.”

The center is jointly operated by three entities. Missouri Cancer Care, PC, an independent oncology physician practice, is relocating their office from Wentzville, MO, to the new center. Missouri Cancer Care provides medical oncology, chemotherapy and radiation therapy services, including a linear accelerator with intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT). The Women’s Imaging and Breast Center, a cancer education center and a community room, are under the St. Joseph Hospital West umbrella. Saint Louis University Hospital joins the effort by bringing its CyberKnife

SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West combines the latest in technological advancements for cancer treatments while overlooking a serene view of Lake Saint Louis.





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SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Health Center and St. Joseph Hospital West are among 38 sites across the world participating in the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program through Cornell University. Newer technology and patient convenience are key factors that differentiate the lung scan and a typical CT scan. Jonathan Root, M.D., radiologist, St. Joseph Health Center, discusses with his patient, Pete Harvey, the results of his lung scan.

Stereotactic Radiosurgery System to the facility. (See related article on Page 5.)

SSM Cancer Care is the innovative and comprehensive oncology program for SSM Health Care – St. Louis. SSM Health Care – St. Louis has seven hospitals located conveniently across the St. Louis area.

“Our goal is to embrace the model of integrated care in a single location,” says Gaspare Calvaruso, SSM Cancer Care and President of St. Joseph Health Center. “It’s preferred by physicians and patients alike. We’re looking forward to seeing cancer care services integrated seamlessly in a collaborative environment.”

John Wilkes, M.D., a medical oncologist with Missouri Cancer Care, PC, echoes Calvaruso’s sentiments. “We believe that patient care is best provided in a multidisciplinary setting with coordinated treatment programs,” he says. “Our new cancer center brings several entities together to do that.” He notes that in addition to the technologies and educational facilities, the center houses ample office space for a variety of specialists who want to work in the new extraordinary setting.

Set beside the beautiful Lake Saint Louis waterfront, the cancer center features restful views of the water through large windows placed so patients can easily look at the scenery as they receive chemotherapy treatments. A healing garden will bloom with plants that look, smell and feel comforting for patients and families alike.

“This is a real gem,” Dr. Wilkes says. “The serenity of the lake and the garden will blend with the interiors that are being designed to encourage healing and hope. And the proximity to St. Joseph Hospital West is very exciting in terms of improving our ability to quickly coordinate treatments.”

Working to make that process even easier for women needing breast diagnostic and treatment services, Nancy Gassner is one of SSM Cancer Care’s three breast health nurses. Also known as “nurse navigators,” Gassner and her colleagues shepherd patients from biopsies through lumpectomies and follow-up care. They set and coordinate patient appointments, deliver test results and offer information and reassurance. They work closely with medical offices as a physician-patient liaison. “Our job is to make life easier for

both the doctors and the patients,” Gassner notes.

While no one ever wants to receive a cancer diagnosis, it is good to know that the best care is readily available. The physician’s expertise, technology and innovative design at SSM Cancer Care is sure to bring a new level of care to area citizens and a new level of pride to the physicians who serve them.

For more information about SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West, call (636) 947-5009 or go to www.ssmstjosephwest.com.

Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.

— SSM Health Care Mission Statement

Missouri Cancer Care, P.C., an independent oncology physician group, provides medical, hematologic and radiation oncology services to patients at SSM St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis and SSM St. Joseph Medical Park in St. Peters.

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CYBERKNIFE TECHNOLOGY COMING TO ST. CHARLES COUNTY

The best health care often happens in highly collaborative environments. And that’s one of the greatest benefits physicians can enjoy at the new cancer center at SSM St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis.

For the first time in St. Charles County, area physicians can offer their patients local access to the CyberKnife Stereotactic Radiosurgery System. The technology is being introduced to the cancer center by physicians who have been performing CyberKnife procedures at Saint Louis University Hospital since 2004.

“We’re looking to bring this cutting-edge technology, which is backed by research, to the St. Charles County region so that more patients can benefit from it without geographic barriers,” says Damon Harbison, Director of Oncology Services at Saint Louis University Hospital. “We really are thrilled to be placing this technology in the back yards of so many more people.”

“This just seemed like a perfect fit,” agrees James Beattie, D.O., a medical oncologist with Missouri Cancer Care, PC, who practices at SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West. Both Saint Louis University Hospital and Missouri Cancer Care physicians perform CyberKnife procedures in Lake Saint Louis. “Having the CyberKnife available locally is just one more example of how patients will be able to receive the highest-quality care available with the least amount of interruption to their day,” he says.

The CyberKnife system is designed to treat tumors anywhere in the body with submillimeter accuracy. It combines robotics and image guidance to deliver accurate, concentrated radiation to intracranial and extracranial targets that are often considered inoperable. “The CyberKnife can achieve a surgical-like outcome for lesions of the brain and spine,” Dr. Beattie says. “It is the first and only commercial application of robotic stereotactic radiosurgery for the spine and spinal cord.”

The procedure is offered in the outpatient setting without anesthesia and is also applicable for treating the lung, liver, pancreas and prostate. An average of three 60- to 90-minute treatments are typical. Patients may

The CyberKnife Robotic Radiosurgery System





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CyberKnife team from Saint Louis University Hospital: First row, from left: Mark Varvares, M.D.; Saleem Abdulrauf, M.D.; Julie Dawson, Ph.D.; Richard Bucholz, M.D.; Bhavin Patadiya, M.S.; Michael Odell, M.D.; Anthony Mikulec, M.D. Second row, from left: Robert McDonald, M.S.; James Martinez, R.N.; Leah Cuff, R.N.; Kathy Klebert, R.N.; Bruce Walz, M.D.; Damon Harbison, R.T.

return to normal activity immediately following the procedure. “Quality of life improves for patients who have this type of minimally invasive procedure. It’s less taxing for both the patient and physician,” Harbison says.

Harbison adds that other physicians interested in

performing CyberKnife procedures have the opportunity to participate in training programs and be mentored by experienced Saint Louis University Hospital physicians. Radiation oncologists, urologists and surgeons are among those who may want to add CyberKnife to their repertoire.

The CyberKnife Stereotactic Radiosurgery System, offered by the physicians at Saint Louis University Hospital, is a noninvasive outpatient treatment without the risks and complications associated with traditional open surgery.

Now there is a treatment option for tumors and lesions in the brain, lung, neck and spine that may have been previously considered inoperable or inaccessible by radiation therapy. The CyberKnife allows for treatment of the liver, pancreas and early-stage prostate cancer.

Potential Benefits of CyberKnife Treatment

- Better quality of life during and after treatment
- Better access to hard-to-reach, larger or previously inoperable tumors
- More accurate radiation targeting for minimal radiation exposure to surrounding tissue
- Ability to treat multiple tumors in different locations during a single session
- Treatment of lesions that have previously undergone the maximum allowed dose of traditional radiation therapy

- Improved comfort due to the elimination of an invasive head frame
- No incision or scalpel
- No blood loss
- No anesthesia required for treatment
- No recovery time
- Immediate return to normal activities
- Fewer complications than traditional surgery such as infection, hemorrhage or nerve damage

Conditions Treated With the CyberKnife

- Malignant brain tumors: astrocytomas, gliomas, intracranial metastases, nasopharyngeal carcinomas
- Benign brain tumors: acoustic neuromas, benign intracranial, craniopharyngiomas, hemangioblastomas, meningiomas, pituitary adenomas, schwannomas
- Vascular malformations: arteriovenous malformations, cavernous malformations
- Extracranial tumors and lesions: base of skull, head and neck, spine/bone (cervical, lumbar, thoracic, sacral, pelvic), liver, lung, pancreas and prostate



ILLUSTRATIONS PROVIDED BY SSM HEALTH CARE

SSM Cancer Care will open a new cancer center and Women's Imaging and Breast Center at St. Clare Health Center in Fenton, MO, in March 2009.

“Physicians simply need to contact me to express their interest, and we’ll start the process,” Harbison says.

More information about the CyberKnife is available from Saint Louis University Hospital (www.cyberknifestlouis.com) or the CyberKnife Society (www.cksociety.org).

SSM Cancer Care — A Vision of Integrated Care

For physicians and patients alike, a new model of cancer care is becoming reality in locations across St. Louis and

SSM Cancer Care provides comprehensive oncology services at five major St. Louis medical facilities: DePaul Health Center, St. Mary’s Health Center, St. Joseph Medical Park, St. Joseph Hospital West and St. Joseph Hospital-Kirkwood/St. Clare Health Center. (2009)

St. Charles counties. SSM Cancer Care is moving forward with plans to create integrated delivery systems in centralized facilities. These comprehensive facilities provide the space and resources to handle the entire gamut of cancer care from diagnosis to recovery.

“We are positioning our resources to create a multidisciplinary model that benefits everyone in the cancer care process,” says Gaspare Calvaruso, SSM Cancer Care. “SSM Health Care’s mission is ‘Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.’ Creating patient-centered, technologically-advanced, integrated cancer centers across our system allows us to act on that mission in a very positive and demonstrative way.”

Calvaruso notes the integrated SSM Cancer Care model is being implemented at five locations: St. Joseph Hospital West, opening this fall (see related article); St. Joseph Medical Park in St. Charles; DePaul Health Center in Bridgeton; St. Mary’s Health Center in Richmond Heights; and St. Clare Health Center in Fenton, which will replace St. Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood next year.

Presiding over the cancer care programs at SSM St. Mary’s Health Center and SSM St. Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood, Alvin Schergen, M.D., shares Calvaruso’s optimistic view of the future. “There are natural synergies between the various aspects of cancer care, and creating facilities that capitalize on these synergistic opportunities will allow us to provide coordinated, seamless patient care,” he says.

Dr. Schergen serves as the Medical Director of Hematology and Medical Oncology Services at the two campuses and is enthused about the evolution of St. Joseph’s Hospital of Kirkwood into the new SSM St. Clare Medical Center, which will house a comprehensive cancer care center. “We don’t expect patients to adapt to our needs,” he says. “We want to respond to our



SSM Cancer Care provides women with specialized care for diagnostics and biopsies. Breast health specialists at the Women's Imaging and Breast Centers help women navigate through breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. (Pictured from left to right) Karen Hampel, R.N., St. Joseph Medical Park in St. Peters; Nancy Gassner, R.N. (seated), St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis; and Angee Brewer, St. Mary's Health Center in Richmond Heights

patients' needs, and we're doing that with the SSM Cancer Care model."

"This really is bringing the best quality care to people where they live," Calvaruso adds. "These locations offer comprehensive care for all types of cancer. People across the region are able to receive quality care in a healing environment, regardless of the type of cancer they are diagnosed with."

The environment itself is an important component of the SSM Cancer Care program. As facilities are created that house multiple specialties and technologies under one roof, patients' comfort and emotional well-being is a key consideration. Soothing colors, comfortable seating areas, relaxing gardens, soothing fountains and helpful information centers will encourage patients and their families to relax. "Stress doesn't enhance the healing process," Calvaruso says. "We want our patients to have everything in their favor to help with their return to good health."

Women facing a possible breast cancer diagnosis have yet another factor in their favor. "Nurse navigators" specially trained in breast health serve as patient advocates, walking the path with patients from biopsy through treatment.

"Patients often need some immediate help in understanding the diagnosis, what is going to happen next and how to get there," says Karen Hampel, R.N., the nurse navigator at SSM St. Joseph Medical Park. "They're so grateful for that help. Their head is spinning with the news, and at the same time, they have to make so many important decisions."

Physicians also appreciate the nurse navigators, who serve as liaisons between the patient and her health care team. "We're here to make things run smoothly, facilitate communication and minimize the work involved for the patient," Hampel says. "All efforts are communicated to the primary care physician, including findings and recommendations, appointments and patient choices, biopsy results and necessary follow-up."

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The distributed network of SSM Cancer Care locations offers the latest technology and treatments including CyberKnife radiosurgery, tomotherapy, linear accelerators with IMRT, fixed PET/CT, digital mammography, breast MRI with biopsy capability, digital mammography and brachytherapy. SSM Cancer Care provides physicians the latest technologies so patients will receive premium care for diagnostics and treatment.

SSM Cancer Care utilizes a variety of radiation delivery systems, all with the goal of high-intensity treatment focusing primarily on the tumor and saving healthy tissue. IMRT is an advanced mode of high-precision radiotherapy that utilizes computer-controlled linear accelerators to deliver precise radiation doses to a malignant tumor or



The Breast Center at SSM St. Joseph Medical Park offers patients walk-in mammograms. The full-service Breast Center offers consultation with a breast health specialist, breast surgeon, imaging services and oncology services in one convenient location.

specific areas within the tumor. The radiation dose is designed to conform to the three-dimensional shape of the tumor by focusing the higher radiation dose on the tumor while minimizing radiation exposure to surrounding normal tissues.

IMRT treatments are carefully planned by using computed tomography images of the patient in conjunction with computerized dose calculations to determine the intensity pattern that conforms to the tumor shape. TomoTherapy Hi-Art treatment system integrates optimized planning, image-guided beams to provide precise, continuous radiation therapy from all angles around the patient. TomoTherapy Hi-Art treatment system is exclusively at DePaul Health Center.

Additional advanced technologies include the use of breast MRI. "Citing increased evidence that breast MRI, in combination with mammography, improves breast cancer detection, the American Cancer Society has added annual breast MRI to its screening recommendations

for women at high risk for breast cancer," says Patricia Limpert, M.D., a surgeon on staff at SSM St. Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood. "Also, breast MRI may detect contralateral cancers missed by mammography, making it possible to clarify treatment options early and reduce the emotional toll of getting a second breast cancer diagnosis months after the first."

If breast cancer is detected, high-tech treatments are part of the SSM Cancer Care program. For example, MammoSite, a trade name for one type of high-dose rate brachytherapy, irradiates tissue from the inside out by placing the radiation source at the precise site of the tumor. After a tumor is removed during a lumpectomy, a small balloon catheter is implanted and inflated to fit the space where the tumor had been. Radiation is delivered to the tumor site via the catheter. After the fifth day of consecutive treatment, the catheter is removed and treatment is complete. Five-year results from the initial MammoSite clinical trial show no local cancer recurrences.



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Christine Geraghty, M.D., a fellowship-trained radiologist at St. Joseph Medical Park in St. Peters, performs ultrasound-guided breast biopsies and regularly participates in tumor board discussions.

“If the patient fits the specific criteria indicated for MammoSite, it is preferable to external radiation treatments,” says V. Rao Devineni, M.D., a radiation oncologist at SSM DePaul Health Center.

OUTSTANDING PHYSICIANS

SSM Cancer Care facilities are staffed by expert physicians who collaborate to provide outstanding patient care. The various groups of physicians represent a wide variety of specialties and work together to take time for each patient, while continually being on the cutting edge of cancer care and research.

“Teamwork is part of our culture,” Calvaruso says. “We are honored to have such exceptional medical professionals on staff.”

Teams of highly trained physician specialists include medical and radiation oncologists, colorectal, thoracic and breast surgeons and radiologists who collaborate to give patients a complete continuum of care. SSM Cancer Care physicians treat the most complex of cancers and collaborate through tumor boards.

Tumor board is a meeting of all the physicians and staff potentially involved in a patient’s care. “We discuss the patient’s case together, directly reviewing all the information firsthand to determine the best options to present to our patients and coordinate care optimally,” says Giancarlo Pillot, M.D., SSM Cancer Care at DePaul

Health Center. The multispecialty team at DePaul Health Center holds additional tumor boards for Thoracic, Gastrointestinal and Gyn/Uro cancers.

“The ability to coordinate care at our tumor boards allows us to be more effective and efficient,” continues Dr. Pillot. “Cancer therapy is becoming continuously more complex and often requires the input of several different specialists to provide the best care.”

SSM Cancer Care physicians continue to learn the latest treatment

options in oncology. For example, Jonathon Limpert, M.D., a surgeon on staff at St. Mary’s Health Center, is one of a few surgeons in metropolitan St. Louis who performs the Whipple Procedure for patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, in addition to pancreas resections and complex biliary cases.

Venkata R. Devenini, M.D., radiation oncology, DePaul Health Center, utilizes the TomoTherapy Hi-Art System®, which delivers a sophisticated form of intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT). TomoTherapy combines treatment planning, CT image-guided patient positioning and treatment delivery into one integrated system.





Dr. Patricia Limpert, breast surgeon and Medical Director of the St. Mary's Breast Center, right, consults with Dr. Catherine Lowdermilk, a radiologist with St. Mary's Health Center, on a breast cancer case. The Breast Center offers comprehensive breast health services, including digital mammograms, breast MRI and genetic counseling.

"Despite the massive geographical area that SSM Health Care covers in St. Louis, our cancer program has become a much tighter community," says Dr. Limpert. "Pancreatic cancer is a very humbling problem. By utilizing resources at all of the hospitals, we are able to give our patients the highest level of cancer care."

Bringing all the needed ingredients together — medical

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staff, technology, environment — SSM Cancer Care continues to build world-class accredited programs and leads the way in collaboration rather than competition. The goal is to bring the best cancer resources to the patients and offer even better results.

To find a SSM Health Care physician or facility near you, call toll free at 1-866-SSM-DOCS (776-3627).

Oncology Services for Children

TEEN CALLS ON COMPETITIVE NATURE, SSM CARDINAL GLENNON TO BEAT LEUKEMIA

Shawn Heuring is a sports fan, to say the least. Whether it's playing high school basketball, acing the nine-hole miniature golf course in his back yard or cheering on his beloved St. Louis Blues, Shawn knows a thing or two about competition.

Two years ago, Shawn had the toughest competition of his life — a battle with leukemia. When Shawn's parents noticed bruises on his knees that would not go away in summer 2006, his mother, Angela, started researching the symptoms on the Internet. Leukemia showed up as a possible cause.

The family's doctor near their hometown of Kelso, MO, discovered that Shawn had unusually low blood counts, and recommended a bone marrow test to find out what was wrong.

"We were familiar with Cardinal Glennon from seeing the orthopaedic doctors, and we could have done Shawn's bone marrow testing in Cape Girardeau, but we felt comfortable here," Angela said.

One week before Shawn started seventh grade, doctors at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center did a bone marrow biopsy and found acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood leukemia.

"I was shocked," Shawn said. "It was kind of sad."

SSM Cardinal Glennon's Bob Costas Center Helps Children, Families Coping With Cancer

Each year, around 70 children in the St. Louis metropolitan area are diagnosed with cancer and seek treatment at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center.

The medical center opened its Bob Costas Cancer Center in 1998 and uses a comprehensive team approach to diagnose and treat children with cancer and blood disorders.

At the Bob Costas Cancer Center, children and their families find a team of doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who are dedicated to providing the very best in medical care with a compassionate touch.

World-Class Expertise

Physicians and scientists at Cardinal Glennon and Saint Louis University School of Medicine have world-class expertise in pediatric surgery, neurosurgery, tumor orthopaedic surgery, radiology, radiation oncology and clinical pathology — all necessary components for successful pediatric cancer treatment.

Cardinal Glennon's physicians are members of the Children's Oncology Group, a network of children's hospitals sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. This affiliation allows the medical center to offer the very latest treatments for childhood cancer, including innovative and investigational new therapies when appropriate.

Costas Center Day Hospital

The centerpiece of the Bob Costas Cancer Center is the Day Hospital, which provides a comfortable setting for children to receive prolonged treatments (such as chemotherapy, transfusions or other drug treatments) without having to be admitted to the hospital.

The Bob Costas Cancer Center also has facilities for performing minor procedures under sedation, thus avoiding pain or discomfort.

By expanding the range of therapy that can be given on an outpatient basis, children are able to spend more time at home or school, and thus keep up their normal daily routines and activities. The Day Hospital is conveniently located near the hospital entrance and other important hospital services. Family members and friends can accompany patients during their treatments in quiet, private accommodations.



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(Pictured from left to right) Angela, Shawn and Larry Heuring show their spirit for the hometown hockey team and are grateful for the support of the Bob Costas Cancer Center's caring staff.

Fortunately, Shawn went into remission within a couple of weeks of starting chemotherapy.

"Shawn has done awesome," said pediatric oncologist Chris Hugge, M.D. "He's flown through chemotherapy, and he's done everything right so far."

Shawn spent a year in home school while undergoing treatment, but now he's back in school with his friends and teachers and is a straight-A student.

He still visits Cardinal Glennon once a month for chemotherapy, with spinal taps scheduled every three months. All of that will end this December, with a final bone marrow test that should give him an all clear.

"When you think about leukemia, you think the worst," said Shawn's father, Larry. "But thanks to modern medicine, the survival rate is so much better. The doctors and nurses at Cardinal Glennon have helped us along, and they always have a positive outlook." ■



One of the most advanced cancer treatments in the world is coming to

SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West.

The CyberKnife® delivers radiation to tumors and lesions with **incredible precision**, destroying tumor cells or stopping the growth of abnormal tissue. It treats the “untreatable” — eliminating even the hardest to reach cancers without harming healthy tissue.



Most remarkably, this treatment is actually an **outpatient** procedure. The patient recovery is shorter and easier because there is **no incision** and no anesthesia. The patient goes home with better results, more comfort — and newfound hope.

The CyberKnife® is just one example of the exceptional cancer care delivered at our new center. Physicians and oncology experts from Missouri Cancer Care and Saint Louis University Hospital are designing treatment plans that reduce side effects and improve outcomes. A wide range of other cancer services plus an information center and support groups come together at SSM Cancer Care at St. Joseph Hospital West, where compassionate caregivers are dedicated to returning patients to the true joys and miracles of everyday

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