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## **Redeemer Health in Partnership with MD Anderson at Cooper Expands Treatment Capabilities with New Installation**

**MEADOWBROOK, Pa. – May 9, 2022** Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper is now using a non-surgical image-guided radiation technology that offers expanded treatment capabilities. Installation of a new linear accelerator (LINAC) was made possible with the help of a \$2 million grant from Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). The technology gives radiation oncologists the ability to deliver stereotactic radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery through targeted external beam radiation, which can preserve surrounding healthy tissue.

"This grant funding, and its resulting technology installation, has given the Redeemer Health community faster, safer treatment options," said Sheena Jain, MD, director of radiation oncology at Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson at Cooper. "We now offer our patients stereotactic radiosurgery for malignant and benign abnormalities in the brain."

Stereotactic radiosurgery is a non-surgical technique that uses multiple, precisely focused, small beams of radiation that target an abnormality, while limiting the dose to normal tissue, explained Dr. Jain. This new technology will be complimented with new software to expand Redeemer Health's safety and quality assurance program.

"About 50% of cancer patients need radiation therapy as part of their treatment plan," said Dr. Jain. "A primary objective in radiation therapy is to deliver the proper dose of radiation with pinpoint precision to the tumor, without harming surrounding healthy tissue. The linear accelerator helps us achieve those objectives."

"We are most thankful to Governor Tom Wolf and Senator Art Haywood, who provided much of the energy behind our RACP grant application," said Michael B. Laign, President and CEO of Redeemer Health. "We also are grateful to Senator Maria Collett, and Representative Ben Sanchez for their strong support in securing this funding. We want to thank all of our elected leaders in the Pennsylvania communities we serve for making a difference in the care we can provide to cancer patients."

"I am glad that Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson at Cooper, Senator Collett, and I can support this life-saving advancement in local health care," said Senator Haywood.

"I'm thrilled to have been able to help secure this critical funding for Redeemer Health for the expansion of their cancer center," said Senator Collett. "As a nurse and the wife of a chronic cancer patient, I know just how important it is to have convenient access to quality care, and, with this expansion, Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson at Cooper will be able to extend their services to even more local patients and their families."

"I was pleased to be part of the successful effort to secure a \$2 million RCAP award for Redeemer Health. This will ensure our community has more options for cancer care close to home," said Rep. Sanchez.

The funds supported the construction of the linear accelerator vault used to house the LINAC at Holy Redeemer Hospital as well as renovation of more than 3,000 square feet of cancer center space to accommodate the new device.

"With this funding, we also have the opportunity to create waiting rooms and changing rooms designed to support our mission to provide care, comfort, and healing in a welcoming and hospitable space," said Dr. Jain. "We are very excited to offer these advancements and contribute to continued growth at Redeemer Health."

"This technology will not only increase the technical services that we can offer our patients," said William Scarlett, DO, executive director of Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson at Cooper. "With the new body contour imaging cameras that use radio frequency identification, and the biometric contactless palm scanner, we will improve safety and accuracy for those in treatment. This is an exciting time at Redeemer Health and we are proud to be supporting our community with advanced technology."

MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston was part of the international consortium instrumental in developing this new technology, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2019. For more information about Redeemer Health's comprehensive cancer care services, visit <https://www.redeemerhealth.org/services/health-care/cancer-care>.

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### **About Redeemer Health**

With an emphasis on providing a continuum of care, Redeemer Health remains true to the Mission to Care, Comfort and Heal that its Founders, the Sisters of the Redeemer, began in our region in 1924 – to provide high quality, compassionate care. A Catholic health care provider, Redeemer Health offers a wide range of health and health-related services, including an acute care hospital, home health and hospice services, three skilled nursing facilities, personal care, a retirement community, low-income housing, an independent living community, a transitional

housing program for homeless families, and multiple homes for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. With corporate offices in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., Redeemer Health serves southeastern Pennsylvania and 11 counties in New Jersey, from Union County south to Cape May County.

#### **About Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper**

In February 2021, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper and Redeemer Health formed a partnership to create an integrated cancer program at Holy Redeemer Hospital. Through this partnership, patients in Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties have access to expert physicians, innovative cancer treatment and clinical research from one of the region's leading cancer programs.

Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson at Cooper takes a multidisciplinary, disease-site approach to cancer care, where experts from every area of cancer medicine work together to ensure each patient receives personalized care from diagnosis to treatment, recovery and beyond. Clinical excellence, compassionate care and a collaborative, disease-site-specific approach are the hallmarks of the program. In addition, we offer advanced care options, including teams specializing in breast, lung, gynecological, gastrointestinal cancers. For more information about our cancer program, visit [redeemerhealth.org/MDAndersonatCooper](http://redeemerhealth.org/MDAndersonatCooper) or call 215-938-3555.

#### **About MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper**

In October 2013, Cooper University Health Care and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas partnered to create MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper. MD Anderson is one of the nation's leading cancer hospitals.

This partnership is a full clinical integration between the two programs. MD Anderson at Cooper physicians adhere to the same philosophy, processes and guidelines set by MD Anderson in Houston, and patients receive the same proven practice standards and treatment plans provided at MD Anderson.

Today at MD Anderson at Cooper, patients have access to more clinical trials, as well as a full range of supportive care services.

Advanced, comprehensive cancer services are provided at Camden, Voorhees, and Willingboro locations. The Cooper Digestive Health Institute locations are fully accredited MD Anderson at Cooper locations providing innovative gastrointestinal cancer prevention, detection, and treatment services. Additional cancer clinical services are provided at multiple locations throughout South Jersey including Mount Laurel, Sewell and Egg Harbor Township.

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