The Elliot Regional Cancer Center is expanding! With the ribbon-cutting event on Thursday evening February 10, 2011, we will have opened our new radiation oncology facility in Londonderry. The Elliot has a long history of fighting cancer. In 1966, The Elliot Hospital opened the first cancer center in New Hampshire. As an accredited Comprehensive Cancer Program, we provide more radiation treatment services to New Hampshire residents than any other provider.

With this new 15,000 square foot facility we have utilized the latest facility design concepts in combination with state-of-the-art technology and equipment. We have installed a Trilogy System Linear Accelerator from Varian Medical Systems, the world’s leading manufacturer of medical devices and software for treating cancer. This specialized system allows precision delivery of radiation treatment with the capability of daily imaging of the tumor and adjacent tissues. The technology allows our clinicians to develop customized highly technical radiation treatment plans designed to kill the cancer cells. In addition to the radiation treatment, with input from patients, family members, and other healthcare providers, we will also provide symptom management, patient and family education, nutritional recommendations, counseling and support groups, massage therapy, Reiki, yoga classes, and access to local and national oncology resources.

Radiation therapy is one of the clinical disciplines that comprise comprehensive cancer care. In conjunction with Medical Oncologists, Surgeons, Pathologists, Radiologists and Primary Care physicians, the Radiation Oncologists and the staff of the Elliot Regional Cancer Center care for patients in a coordinated and comprehensive manner – the most effective way to combat cancer. The layout of the new facility and its location in Londonderry allows for an enhanced ability for all the disciplines to interact and coordinate care.

In the new facility in the Elliot Medical Center at Londonderry, 40 Buttrick Road, we are located adjacent to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology. We are also down the hall, across the street and down the street from numerous primary care offices, surgeons offices, laboratory and radiology services, the Elliot Breast Health Center, and the Lahey Clinic medical oncology offices in Derry.

Physicists map and pinpoint tumors so that radiation is delivered to the cancer cells, sparing healthy tissue.
The Elliot Regional Cancer Center at Londonderry includes private consult rooms, group meeting rooms, a Patient Resource Library staffed by volunteers from the American Cancer Society, and a web-conferencing room where our clinicians can speak live with other patient care providers. With this real-time audiovisual capability, the clinicians can discuss individual treatment plans, review the latest in clinical research and technology, participate in educational programs or even meet remotely with patients’ family members. We hold weekly clinical case conferences where the clinicians (Surgeons, Medical Oncologists, Radiation Oncologists, Pathologists, Radiologists and other professionals) have the opportunity to review pathology slides and radiology images with other experts in the United States, Canada and Europe, so that we can explore the many treatments options we can offer to our patients here in Southern New Hampshire.

The Elliot Regional Cancer Center in Londonderry is staffed by a dedicated team of individuals who have chosen to live in the area and work at a community-based facility where our focus is helping individual patients. Dr. Brian Knab, Medical Director, was trained at Duke University and the University of Chicago and now lives in Stratham. The other radiation oncologists include Dr. Ping Zhou who trained at Harvard Medical School and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and now works in Manchester, Londonderry and Nashua, and Dr. Matthew Katz who trained at the University of Massachusetts and Memorial Sloan Kettering and now works in Manchester, Londonderry and Lowell.

Brennan MacDonald, Luc Sirois, Jennifer Tucker, Kathy Gagne, John Matte, and Brian Eddy are the physics team that works in conjunction with the radiation oncologists to develop customized treatment plans for each patient and the detailed instructions for the Trilogy System. Patri Harvey, Cindy Ouellette, Christine Morin, and Cathy Coulombe are the radiation therapists with specialized training who will deliver the radiation treatments.

Steven Paradis, Jo-Ann Sullivan, Tara Croteau, and Stefanie Iannalfo, are registered nurses with specialized training in oncology services. Christine Howard and Polly Bernard are social workers dedicated to making the patient’s journey through cancer survival as smooth as possible. Staff members, Deborah Smart and Jessica Lefebvre schedule your appointments, make sure that all of the necessary paperwork is in place and will greet you with a smile as you enter the department.

All of these individuals are dedicated to providing a safe, comfortable and professional environment for you and your family members. It is this dedication that is behind the design of the facility and the atmosphere we hope to have created. It is what the Elliot Regional Cancer Center is about – providing the best available technology and expertise in a comfortable community setting. We have chosen to live and work in this area in order to help our families, friends, neighbors and fellow community members fight cancer. The fight can take place here without having to travel to Boston or New York.

“The American Cancer Society and the Elliot have a long history of partnering to best support patients through their cancer journey. We are confident that Elliot’s addition of radiation therapy to the services in Londonderry will improve access and further help patients with their fight against cancer.”

– Peter T. Ames, MPH
American Cancer Society,
State Vice President of Health Initiatives

With The Elliot Regional Cancer Center in Manchester and now in Londonderry, New Hampshire – Hope is Here!

For appointments or to arrange a tour of the facility please contact us at 603-552-1600.

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