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Multidimensional Cancer Program to Be Introduced at St. Joseph's Hospital on February 8

Beginning Wednesday, February 8, St. Joseph's Hospital (SJH) in Highland will provide local residents access to a new comprehensive multidisciplinary cancer program in the Medical Arts Building (1520, 9th Street, Suite 250). The hospital's new cancer care program will offer a full spectrum of clinical and support services from screening and diagnostic to treatment and counseling.

SJH has partnered with Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois, S.C. (CCSCI) - the largest cancer-focused interdisciplinary medical practice in Illinois outside of Chicago – to offer a full range of medical oncology and hematology services.

CCSCI is a multi-specialty group providing medical oncology, hematology, radiation and urologic oncology services at several locations in central and south-central Illinois, including Decatur, Effingham, Centralia, Clinton, Fairfield, Flora, Mattoon, Monticello, Olney, Pana, Shelbyville, Taylorville and Vandalia.

Among the array of primary services to be offered through the new SJH cancer care program include:

- initial consultation and exams to confirm diagnosis
- review of patient history and medical records
- evaluation of patients at high risk for cancer and genetic testing

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- discussion of patient treatment goals and options
- administration of chemotherapy treatments
- hormone therapy
- pain management
- immunotherapy
- participation in research clinical trials (CCSCI is one of a select few physician groups in the United States with access to numerous clinical trials, affiliated with more than nine National Cancer Institute supported research groups, and participation in at least 116 research studies currently being conducted)

In addition, patients will have access to a variety of services in support of their diagnosis and treatment options that covers:

- diagnosis and staging (CT, MRI, surgical biopsy, medical imaging, lab testing)
- medical and surgical referrals (a team of more than 23 primary care and specialty physicians, and physician assistants)
- physical therapy, rehabilitation, and massage therapy
- lymphedema treatment (build-up of lymph fluid in the fatty tissues just under the skin; it can start soon after surgery or radiation treatment. Women who have many lymph nodes removed and women who have had radiation therapy for breast cancer have a higher risk of getting lymphedema)
- inpatient hospice
- affiliations for home care and hospice

Peggy Sebastian, President and CEO, SJH, says the addition of this new cancer care program is a major development for Highland-area communities. “SJH is excited - and very fortunate - to have a nationally-recognized and respected oncology physician group wanting to come to Highland,” Sebastian states.

All services in the SJH cancer care program will be provided by Jane Grace M. Manalo, M.D. Dr. Manalo is a specialist in cancer and blood diseases. She is triple board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology.

In addition, Dr. Manalo holds membership in the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, and the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Manalo received her Doctor of Medicine and Surgery degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines in 1992. She completed a postgraduate internship at Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital in San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, and finished pre-residency neurology training at the University of Santo Tomas. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, in 1998, and went on to complete a fellowship in Medical Oncology and Hematology at the Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York.

Before joining CCSCI, Dr. Manalo was a medical oncology and hematology attending physician at Snow Canyon Clinic in Utah. In May 2010, Dr. Manalo was awarded “Oncologist of the Year” at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah, where she also received the 2006 Outstanding Service and Quality Award and served as Chairman of the Cancer Committee during 2006-2007.

“I’m excited to be able to offer cutting edge therapies in medical oncology and hematology at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Highland so patients can get their care close to home,” Dr. Manalo says.

Patients may be referred to the SJH cancer care program by their physician or may schedule an appointment directly by calling (618) 651-2888.

CCSCI was founded by Dr. James L. Wade III during the mid-1980s. Dr. Wade established a practice in medical oncology and hematology in Decatur, IL, in 1984. Since then, the practice has developed into a multi-specialty group, including medical, radiation, and urologic oncologists who provide services in central and south-central Illinois.

“We of CCSCI are delighted to be working with the doctors and administrative staff of St. Joseph Hospital to provide this new service,” Dr. Wade states. “Dr. Manalo will provide state of the art cancer care close to home for all those in need.”

Dr. Wade emphasizes that CCSCI physicians and staff are caring, compassionate, competent and devoted to giving patients quality care. “We encourage patients and their families to actively participate in the patient's treatment and pain management. In addition, we encourage participation in research studies and clinical trials which often provide treatment options not yet available at other cancer centers, in an investigational setting.”

Through its affiliation with the Central Illinois Community Clinical Oncology Program, CCSCI physicians and staff actively participate in cancer research in order to help improve both

cancer treatment and prevention. These studies, called clinical trials, provide state-of-the-art care and new drugs not yet available to many other cancer centers.

More information on CCSCI, including its relationship with numerous National Cancer Institute supported research groups, can be obtained by visiting www.cancercarespecialists.org.

According to statistics provided by the American Cancer Society, 65,750 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in Illinois in 2012 – along with an estimated 577,190 cancer deaths in the United States.

Sebastian says these numbers underscore the importance of cancer care services available in Highland. “Cancer care has been very high on our priority list. With this new cancer care program, we’re giving local residents another reason to stay in Highland for their health care needs – and become their health care provider of choice,” Sebastian says.

St. Joseph's Hospital provides proven-effective care to more than 32,000 residents in portions of Madison, Clinton and Bond counties. Serving Highland and surrounding communities for more than 134 years, St. Joseph's Hospital combines state-of-the-art technologies with a highly-trained and experienced staff to meet the changing health care needs of local residents. In addition, St. Joseph's Hospital reveals Christ's healing presence to patients through a wide array of inpatient and outpatient services including surgery, specialty physician clinics, rehab, digital imaging, laboratory, and community health and education outreach programs. For more information, visit www.stjosephshighland.org.

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