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New Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center will expand services, improve access to care for cancer patients

TRUMBULL, CT – Oct. 12, 2012 – Bridgeport Hospital held a grand opening ceremony Oct. 11 for its new Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center at 5520 Park Avenue. The single-story, 10,000 square foot facility provides all of the radiation therapy services previously available at the hospital in a centrally located suburban setting just off Exit 47 of the Merritt Parkway.

More spacious than the former radiation therapy quarters at the hospital, the Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center will allow new services to be added in the coming months, including stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiation therapy.

“We are committed to providing high quality care in comfortable, state-of-the-art surroundings for our patients and their families, closer to where they live,” said Bridgeport Hospital Chief of Radiation Oncology Sheida Mani, MD. “The Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center affords us the perfect place to do this, and take further steps to meet our patients’ needs.”

The Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center is one component of a planned comprehensive outpatient cancer center at the Park Avenue site. Affiliated doctors’ offices are already located in an adjacent building and a third building for additional cancer services is already on the drawing board. A new parking garage is also planned for the site to complement the existing surface parking lot. In addition, the project also calls for improvements to pre-existing drainage problems on the property to reduce the risk of flooding in the adjacent residential neighborhood.

“The closer the support, the better for patients and their families,” Trumbull First Selectman Timothy Herbst said of the Center’s convenient location. “This new facility will help put Connecticut on the map as a leader in cancer care.”

Herbst participated in the grand opening with Fourth District Congressman Jim Himes, State Rep. Tony Hwang, hospital staff and other community members.

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“We thank the Town of Trumbull, and in particular, First Selectman Herbst, for supporting our efforts,” said Bridgeport Hospital President and CEO Bill Jennings. “We could not have selected a more ideal site for our new Center—a serene suburban setting, almost exactly on the spot where Trumbull, Bridgeport, Easton and Fairfield converge, just off the Merritt Parkway.”

The Center is staffed by Dr. Mani and fellow radiation oncologist Bruce McGibbon, MD, both from the Yale School of Medicine and Yale Cancer Center. The doctors work with an experienced support team, most of whom were previously based at Bridgeport Hospital.

Bridgeport Hospital is a member of Yale New Haven Health System and the Yale-New Haven Cancer Network, an alliance of hospitals across Connecticut that provides access to the latest breakthroughs and delivers an unparalleled level of expertise in cancer, prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

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