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## **Middlesex Opens Second Cancer Center Location**

**WESTBROOK** — On October 16, Middlesex Hospital proudly opened its second Cancer Center location.

Located at the Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center, 250 Flat Rock Place in Westbrook, the new facility provides Connecticut shoreline residents with quality care closer to home.

“For many years, we’ve had a goal of expanding cancer services to the shoreline and to our cancer patients who reside there,” says CEO Vincent G. Capece, Jr. “With the opening of the Shoreline Medical Center and the need to replace a key piece of technology in the treatment of cancer—the linear accelerator, we had the opportunity to realize this longstanding desire. So, I’m very pleased that we are finally addressing this important community health need.”

The facility in Westbrook is state of the art and offers the same services found at Middlesex’s Cancer Center in Middletown, including medical oncology, radiation therapy, infusion, genetic counseling, survivorship services and integrative therapy. Patients will have access to the latest technology and will benefit from the Hospital's collaborative relationship with Mayo Clinic.

Middlesex Hospital always puts its patients first, and the opening of the Cancer Center in Westbrook is an example of this.

Unfortunately, cancer treatments often result in patients feeling tired and sick, making it hard for them to travel. Many of Middlesex's patients live along Connecticut's shoreline, and they've had to drive to Middletown to receive cancer care. Now, they have another, closer option. The new location in Westbrook is more convenient for shoreline residents, and it will make their lives a little easier.

Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center's first location opened in 2002. Since that time, the Hospital has recognized that there is an increasing need for cancer care in Middlesex County. The number of patients requiring cancer treatment in the Hospital's service area has increased and is expected to continue to grow.

Like the Middletown location, the Westbrook center is accredited by several leading organizations and will use the latest technology to diagnose and treat patients with various types of cancer, including breast cancer, colorectal cancer, gynecological cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, head and neck cancer and skin cancer. Technology includes a new linear accelerator and a new CT stimulator, which will work together to deliver radiation to cancer patients, targeting tumors in a very precise way.

"This new cancer center will enable cancer patients to receive excellent care closer to home, and patients will be able to avoid what can be very arduous travel to Middletown to get daily cancer treatments," Capece says. "As a result, Middlesex will be able to better serve its cancer patients living on the shore and improve the patient experience. We are very proud of this accomplishment, and we thank the many community members that assisted in making this new cancer center a reality."

For more information about the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center, Westbrook, visit [middlesexhospital.org/shorelinecancercenter](http://middlesexhospital.org/shorelinecancercenter).

### **Middlesex Health System**

Based in Middletown, Conn., the award-winning Middlesex Health System, a member of the [Mayo Clinic Care Network](#), includes [Middlesex Hospital](#), a not-for-profit, 296-bed magnet hospital, and the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center. It also features three emergency departments, three urgent care centers and an assisted living facility, along with many other programs and services. The health system's primary care physicians, surgeons, specialists, nurses and other employees work hard to meet the needs of the Middlesex County and Connecticut shoreline communities.

Using cutting-edge, innovative technology, the health system's vision is to be the clear, first choice for medical care, and its mission is to provide the safest, highest-quality care and best experience possible.