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Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Opens New Infusion Center

HARTFORD, Conn. (Nov. 5, 2018) - Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, along with Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group, expanded their cancer care program to Glastonbury. Saint Francis Hospital held a ceremonial ribbon cutting in celebration of the opening of their new infusion center, located at 27 Sycamore Street.

“The creation of a Saint Francis cancer care center in Glastonbury will provide more comprehensive cancer care in an easily accessible community,” said John Rodis, M.D., M.B.A., president of Saint Francis Hospital, “The new infusion center is a prime example of the value of the relationships between our clinical team and the Saint Francis Foundation and its generous, loyal donors.”

In 2017, Saint Francis Hospital received a \$500,000 gift from the Savings Bank of Manchester Charitable Foundation, Inc., toward the Saint Francis Hope & Healing Campaign, a \$15 million campaign launched in December 2016. The bank’s gift played a critical role in allowing the creation of the new cancer care site in Glastonbury.

“We are grateful for SBM Charitable Foundation’s generous support which will allow us to fulfill an important component of our Health & Healing Campaign – to expand our cancer care services closer to home for our patients who live east of the Connecticut River,” said Lynn Rossini, vice president and chief development officer of the Saint Francis Foundation.

Pawan K. Karanam, M.D., hematology and oncology, is the head of the new Glastonbury infusion center which will provide expanded treatment services, easier access to medical oncology providers and support services, as well as chemotherapy treatment with onsite oncological pharmacy services, navigation services for patients, diagnostic services, integrative medicine services, and supportive care services including survivorship programs. Additionally, educational community outreach programs will be offered for cancer prevention, screening, and early detection.

The Glastonbury infusion center is open and accepting patients.

About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health Of New England, a member of Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT