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Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven and Saint Francis Care announce the launch of new partnership in Hartford

New Haven, Hartford, CT (June 15, 2015) – Saint Francis Care, parent of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, and Yale-New Haven Hospital today announced the launch of a new partnership at Saint Francis, creating an integrated oncology services program to better serve the greater Hartford community. This new partnership brings the clinical program of Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven to the Saint Francis Campus.

This partnership gives Saint Francis patients enhanced access to groundbreaking clinical trials, broader screening and diagnostic tools, treatment options, expanded psychosocial support and enhanced pain management therapies. Clinicians at Saint Francis will now follow expanded treatment planning procedures and patient support systems that have been so successful at Smilow in meeting high standards for patient satisfaction and national quality of care targets.

“Saint Francis is known for exceptional patient and family centered cancer care,” said Thomas Lynch, M.D., director, Yale Cancer Center; physician-in-chief, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven. “The cultural fit with Smilow is perfect – both institutions have outstanding doctors, nurses, and caregivers and are laser focused on research designed to cure more cancers. Smilow at Saint Francis will define the very best in cancer care, incorporating cancer genetics and personalized precision medicine to bring more cures to more patients.”

Saint Francis and Yale-New Haven Hospitals share a common vision for ensuring that each patient has access to patient-centered, high-quality care that delivers the region’s best treatment value

Last November, Saint Francis and Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven began to explore an oncology services relationship that would build off an existing partnership. Today we are proud to launch this new partnership that will provide integrated and enhanced care in outpatient medical oncology services and hematology.
“This alliance allows us to serve our patients better,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, president and CEO, Saint Francis. “This opportunity to work with Smilow Cancer Hospital creates a model of integration that will transform cancer care at state, regional and even national levels.”

Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center are leading research that is improving the cure rate of advanced cancer and defining the future of personalized cancer medicine. In addition to this exciting new campus, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven operates 11 cancer care centers across the state. The care centers enable Smilow clinicians to deliver high-quality healthcare to patients in ambulatory settings close to home. Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven is one of the most comprehensive cancer facilities in the country. It is affiliated with Yale Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center – one of only 41 in the nation and the only one in Connecticut with this designation.

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**Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven** is part of the nationally recognized Yale-New Haven Hospital, and is affiliated with Yale Cancer Center (YCC), one of only 41 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the nation and the only such center in Connecticut. Smilow Cancer Hospital, the most comprehensive cancer facility in New England, is a 14-story, 500,000-square-foot cancer hospital, which includes 168 private inpatient rooms, multidisciplinary outpatient treatment centers, 12 operating rooms, infusion suites, diagnostic imaging services, and specialized women's and children's services. YCC and Smilow Cancer Hospital are members of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), an alliance of 25 cancer centers in the U.S., whose mission is to improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of oncology care so that patients can live better lives.

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**Saint Francis Care** is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis Care include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis HealthCare Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis Care Partner. Saint Francis Care’s services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).