

Memorial Minute



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Memorial Cancer Center Radiation Oncology Earns ACR Reccreditation For Another Three Years

Memorial Medical Center Radiation Oncology has been awarded a three-year term of reaccreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Radiation oncology (radiation therapy) is the careful use of high-energy radiation to treat cancer. A radiation oncologist may use radiation to cure cancer or to relieve a cancer patient's pain. As a part of Memorial Cancer Center, Radiation Oncology is also accredited by the Commission on Cancer (COC) through the American College of Surgeons (ACOS). Radiation Oncologists Gregory Willis, MD, and Jason Call, MD, are surrounded by a highly successful team of professionals consisting of dosimetrists, physicists, radiation therapists, registered nurses, and office professionals. The ACR seal of accreditation represents the highest level of quality and patient safety. Patient care and treatment, patient safety, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The ACR Committee on Radiation Oncology Accreditation provides Memorial Cancer Center team with a comprehensive report we can use for continuous process improvement. Congratulations to the Memorial Cancer team for its continued success.



Memorial Adds Bariatric Weight Loss Surgery To Quickly Expanding Robotic Surgery Program



More history was made at Memorial on June 2nd. Fermin Fontan, MD, completed his first two cases using the surgical robot – technology which offers many benefits for our patients. Congratulations to Dr. Fontan and the whole Memorial Surgical Department for this achievement. Dr. Fontan is a Board-certified General Surgeon who specializes in bariatric surgery and heartburn surgery. His first two surgical robot cases were gastric sleeve procedures. He is able to perform other weight loss and heartburn anti-reflux procedures using the robot including Roux en Y gastric bypass, duodenal switch, Lynx and fundoplication. Benefits of robotic surgery include smaller incisions and fewer surgical movements that can mean less pain; shortened hospital stays; quicker recovery times; and reduced complications from blood loss and infection. Dr. Fontan joins Victor Barnica, MD, and Diego Ramos, MD,

in celebrating the completion of their first cases on our surgical robot, with many more surgeons to come. The robot assists talented surgeons to perform delicate surgery in specialties including colorectal, heartburn, weight loss and general surgery.

Best Wishes For A Well-Deserved Retirement to Cancer Doctor, Bruce Greenfield, MD

Memorial Cancer Center recently celebrated the retirement of Medical Oncologist/Hematologist Bruce Greenfield, MD, FACP. Dr. Greenfield joined the award-winning Cancer Center in February 2012 and has made an incredible impact. Dr. Greenfield co-founded and served as President of the New Mexico Society of Clinical Oncology. At a staff celebration, Dr. Greenfield shared stories and lessons from his globetrotting life and medical career – a career dating back to his time in the Medical Corps during the Vietnam War. There, he was promoted to Major in 1968 and awarded a Bronze Star for his service to our country. He earned his New Mexico Medical License in 1973, with career stops in California, Micronesia, Santa Fe, Australia and Minnesota. He loved working with the Memorial Cancer Center, the only accredited program in southwest New Mexico, as that made a major impact for our patients, staff and the community. We will miss Dr. Greenfield and are grateful for his service!



Sincerely,

John Harris, CEO
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