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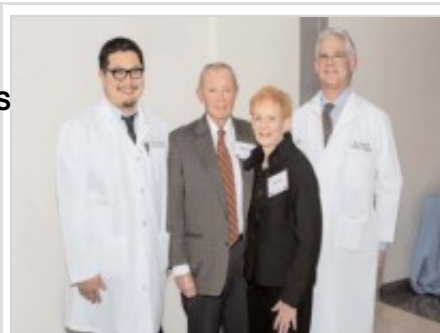
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## Virginia Hospital Center Dedicates The Hitt Family Center For Radiation Oncology

April 14th 2014

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Left to Right - Robert Hong, MD, Medical Director of The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology and Chief of Radiation Oncology at Virginia Hospital Center, longtime supporters Russell and Joan Hitt and John R. Garrett, MD, FACS, Chairman, Board of Directors and Chief, Cardiac, Vascular and Thoracic Surgery. (Courtesy photo)

expansion of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Virginia Hospital Center.

The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology features a new state-of-the-art treatment suite offering a

The Virginia Hospital Center Department of Radiation Oncology was dedicated and renamed as The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology at a private ceremony on March 20, 2014. The dedication and naming ceremony honors longtime supporters Russell and Joan Hitt for their generosity in helping to fund the

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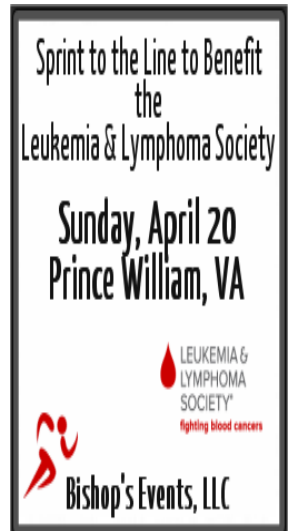
TrueBeam™ Linear Accelerator that provides advanced radiation treatments for lung, breast, prostate, head and neck, and other types of cancer. Patients began receiving treatment with the new linear accelerator in January, 2014. The platform provides unprecedented speed and accuracy, delivering treatment up to 50 percent faster, with double the maximum output of radiation. Additional treatment innovations include synchronization between imaging, patient positioning, motion management, beam shaping, and dose delivery technologies, and performing accuracy checks every ten milliseconds throughout an entire treatment.

“I would like to focus on the word “family” in our new name,” said Robert Hong, MD, Medical Director of The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology and Chief of Radiation Oncology at Virginia Hospital Center, at the dedication ceremony. “This new center, made possible by your magnanimous donation, has helped us build a home where patients can come for the highest level of comfort, healing and cure,” he said. “Each patient we treat has hopes of spending more time with their own families, and your family’s generosity will make that possible for thousands of patients each year.”

The new treatment suite and linear accelerator makes it possible to offer greater patient comfort by shortening the amount of treatment time and by improving precision by leaving less time for tumor motion during treatment. Patients experience fewer side effects, more precise treatments sparing surrounding healthy tissue, and a more rapid return to health.

“Sharing this moment with the Radiation Oncology staff and our immediate family is a memorable and meaningful experience for us,” said Joan and Russell Hitt. “We have been so impressed by the staff and quality of care at the Hospital and know that our gift means that more patients will have the opportunity to be treated and healed by this caring team.”

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Radiation oncology is a form of cancer treatment that uses radiation (powerful beams of energy) to kill cancer cells or keep them from growing and dividing. Radiation therapies may be used in conjunction with surgery or chemotherapy to treat cancer.

The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology is committed to the well-being of their patients in every aspect of their care and treatment. Led by Robert Hong, MD, The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology was recently awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology by The American College of Radiology and The American Society for Radiation Oncology. The ACR-ASTRO seal of accreditation represents the highest level of quality and patient safety. The Center works in partnership with the Hospital's nationally-accredited Cancer Center, which recently received a three-year accreditation with commendation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, the highest rating possible.

Since opening the new treatment suite in January 2014, The Hitt Family Center for Radiation Oncology has increased the Hospital's radiation oncology capacity by 40 percent, treating an average of 80 patients per day utilizing 4 treatment suites including the new TruBeam™ suite and Cyberknife suite.

About Virginia Hospital Center:

Virginia Hospital Center has provided exceptional medical services to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area for 70 years and recently was named one of America's 100 Top Hospitals® and 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals® by Truven Health Analytics. These selections are based completely on objective, public data that measures performance excellence in clinical quality care, patient safety, patient perception of care, operational efficiency and financial stability. Virginia Hospital Center, designated as a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, is a 342-bed not-for-profit, teaching facility offering comprehensive healthcare and multiple, independently recognized Centers of Excellence including: Cardiology & Cardiovascular Surgery, the Reinsch Pierce Family Center for Breast Health, Neuroscience/Stroke,

Oncology, Orthopedics (Total Joint Replacement Services), Bariatric Surgery, Palliative Care, Inpatient Rehab, Wound Healing & Hyperbaric, Emergency Services, Women & Infant Health and Urology.

#### About Virginia Hospital Center Foundation

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