



News Release

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Arizona Oncology Opens Radiation Facility at Phoenix Baptist Hospital *Second radiation facility opened by Arizona Oncology this year*

PHOENIX, August 13, 2009 – [Arizona Oncology](#), the largest group of medical professionals in Arizona devoted exclusively to cancer care, began caring for patients at its new 6,600 square-foot radiation facility in Phoenix last week. Located at 1916 W. Bethany Home Road, Suite 100, the new site will provide cancer patients access to advanced therapies and leading edge technology. The facility marks the second radiation facility opened this year in Phoenix by Arizona Oncology, furthering its commitment to providing cancer patients access to sophisticated care in a personalized, community setting.

“Access to advanced therapies and technology plays a significant role in our fight against cancer,” said [Dr. Paul Mitsuyama](#), radiation oncologist with Arizona Oncology, who will practice at the radiation facility. “We are very excited about the opening of this new facility because it means people with cancer in our community can receive radiation therapy close to their homes and their support network of family and friends.”

Remaining close to home is particularly important for patients who undergo radiation therapy, as these patients may receive treatment several days per week for more than a month at a time.

Dr. Mitsuyama and [Dr. Jerry Lucas](#), radiation oncologist, will care for patients at the state-of-the-art cancer center. Patients will have access to [Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy \(IMRT\)](#), [Image Guided Radiation Therapy \(IGRT\)](#) and [High-Dose Rate \(HDR\) Brachytherapy](#). Dr. Mitsuyama will also provide Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation (APBI), which allows many women with breast cancer to receive treatment in one week rather than over a six week period.

“We are extremely excited to offer these advanced cancer treatment services to the local community, both at the new Phoenix Baptist site and at the Biltmore location,” said Lucas. The Biltmore location, at 2222 E. Highland Avenue, also offers comprehensive radiation treatment options including, Stereotactic Body Radiosurgery (SBRT), and specialized pain management services.

“The addition of these radiation facilities coupled with our extensive research program, as well as other practice services, enables us to better care for cancer patients in our community,” said Brian Schade, director of Practice Operations. “It’s this dedication that allows us to treat more cancer patients in Arizona than any other cancer treatment provider in the state.”

The construction of the new Baptist and Biltmore facilities was made possible through its affiliation with [US Oncology](#), which supports the nation’s foremost cancer treatment and research network. Real estate, construction, technology support and other services played a significant role in the opening of this facility.

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Arizona Oncology is the largest group of medical professionals in Arizona devoted exclusively to cancer care. Our more than 45 practicing physicians serve patients at more than 25 locations throughout Arizona, including, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tucson, Green Valley, Oro Valley, Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott Valley, Safford, Sierra Vista, and Nogales. We are proud to provide comprehensive, compassionate, cancer care in a patient-focused, cost effective, community-based setting. Arizona Oncology provides patients with access to the latest treatments, state-of-the-art technology, and an extensive research program. We believe it is beneficial when these therapies are provided in a community setting close to your home and your support system. Our physicians are supported by talented clinical staff who are sensitive to the needs of cancer patients and their caregivers. For more information, please visit www.ArizonaOncology.com.

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Arizona Oncology is united in healing with US Oncology, which supports the nation's foremost cancer treatment and research network, accelerating the availability and use of evidence-based medicine and shared best practices. With more than 1200 physicians treating more than 650,000 patients at 476 locations, including 94 radiation oncology facilities, throughout 39 states, the US Oncology network and Arizona Oncology provide cancer patients with access to the latest advancements in therapies, clinical research and technology, as well as best-in-class clinical and operational processes that help to advance the quality, safety and cost effectiveness of cancer care. For more information, visit the company's Web site, www.USOncology.com.

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