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Peoples Cancer Institute radiation oncology earns ACR accreditation

DALTON, Ga. (December 3, 2024) – Peoples Cancer Institute (PCI) at Hamilton Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology® (ACR®). PCI is the only facility within a 50-mile radius of Chattanooga to be ACR accredited for Radiation Oncology.

The ACR gold seal showcases that PCI has met the high standards of the ACR for quality and safety in radiation oncology treatment. This recognition not only validates the expertise and proficiency of the institute's staff but also provides assurance to patients and their families that they are receiving the best possible care. It is awarded only to facilities meeting specific requirements-based Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards developed by ACR.

The certification includes a peer-review evaluation by board-certified radiation oncologists and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Patient care and treatment, patient safety, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed.

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.

The ACR is comprised of physicians, physicists and technology experts in radiology and radiation oncology, and is the oldest and most experienced imaging and radiation oncology accreditation body, with more than 30 years of experience in imaging and radiation oncology accreditation. Founded in 1924, ACR is a 42,000-member medical association that advances patient care, medical practice and collaborative results through advocacy, quality standards, research and education.

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About Peeples Cancer Institute: Peeples Cancer Institute at Hamilton Medical Center is part of Vitruvian Health (formerly Hamilton Health Care System). Accredited by the Commission on Cancer, the 46,000-square-foot Peeples Cancer Institute centralizes patient-centered care and outpatient cancer services in one convenient location. Patient experience is a significant focus of the institute. Having both diagnostic and treatment services in one convenient location allows for Hamilton's expert team of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons and clinical support staff to work collaboratively to provide state-of-the-art care in a healing, nurturing environment. With Hamilton Medical Center connected directly to the institute, in-patient care is enhanced by ease of patient transport.

Photo: Pictured are radiation oncology providers and associates at Peeples Cancer Institute. From left are Robin Cuthbert, Mandy Rodriguez, Hallie Smith, Mickey Gable, Shelby Mdeiday, Hannah Shiflett, Dr. Nicholas Galanopoulos, Jason Savarese, Jayme Carrico and Dr. Arif Ali.