

When diagnosed with cancer, most people want the same three things: state-of-the-art treatment in a convenient location from experts who really care. That's why they choose Providence Cancer Institute.

"Patients want the best available treatment, close to home, in a healing and caring environment," says Patrick McLaughlin, M.D., Director of Radiation Oncology at Providence Cancer Institute and Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. "That's exactly what we offer at Providence."

The Radiation Therapy Program at Providence Cancer Institute is jointly owned and operated by the University of Michigan and St. John Health – giving patients university-quality care close to home.

"We're not just affiliated with the University of Michigan, we're part of it," says Dr. McLaughlin. "Our Radiation Therapy Program is a direct extension of the University of Michigan, right here in Southfield and in Novi."

In fact, Dr. McLaughlin and all physicians at Providence Cancer Institute hold faculty positions at the University of Michigan. As academic physicians, they are actively involved in clinical trials of new radiation treatments – often giving patients access to the newest, most promising cancer treatments before they are widely available.

And since Providence Cancer Institute utilizes a team approach to cancer care, patients often have multiple experts at the University of Michigan Health System reviewing their cases and developing treatment plans.

"Why get just a second opinion, when you can get five opinions?" asks Dr. McLaughlin. "Our team approach helps ensure that we're providing our patients with the most appropriate and most effective treatment."



NOBODY CHOOSES CANCER

(they choose to fight it)

ADVANCED RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES

Providence Cancer Institute offers the area's most comprehensive radiation therapy services at two convenient locations – the Southfield Cancer Center and the Assarian Cancer Center in Novi.

- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) – one of the most advanced forms of cancer treatment
- High-dose-rate brachytherapy
- Low-dose-rate brachytherapy
- Stereotactic brain implant therapy
- Image-guided radiation therapy offering improved treatment precision
- Ongoing clinical trials through the University of Michigan and other national research organizations

Don't take our word for it. Be sure to watch for our series of patient stories in upcoming issues of *The Oakland Press*.

For more information about our Radiation Therapy Services, please visit us at www.realmedicine.org or call us at **888-440-REAL**