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# Blueprints for Cancer Treatment

The architects of a new radiation oncology center on Park Ave released their plans recently.

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The "hub" of the Bridgeport Hospital-related Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute's Park Avenue campus now exists on paper.

Kaestle Boos Associates of New Britain designed and recently released the plans for the \$3.8 million radiation oncology center.

Bridgeport Hospital spokesman John Cappiello said patients are currently treated at offices at 15 Corporate Drive in north Trumbull. The new location, at 5520 Park Ave., is more convenient.

"This is literally at the corner of Easton, Bridgeport, Trumbull and Fairfield. You can't get much closer to the [Merritt] Parkway," he said. "It's a great site and we thought it would be an excellent spot."

The new facility will complete a "comprehensive satellite outpatient cancer center," standing next to an existing medical building staffed by Bridgeport Hospital-associated doctors, said Chris Watts, president of Windsor-based Precision Marketing LLC.

Ground was broken Nov. 9, and completion is scheduled for this fall.

"When completed, the new 10,000-square foot building will house a linear accelerator that will provide a wide range of advanced radiation therapy services including Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Image-Guided Radiation Therapy, CAT Scan machine, patient rooms and doctor office facilities," said Brian Solywoda, an ar

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"When completed the site will offer area residents access to some of the most advanced Institute," Watts said.

Dr. Sheida Mani, Bridgeport Hospital Chief of Radiation Oncology, praised the new facility.

“Once open, this new site will give our patients upgraded surrounding and technology and more convenient access to care in a suburban setting,” he said in the press release.

First Selectman Tim Herbst said Friday he especially wants to attract the medical industry to town.

Last year, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the facility and two other medical office buildings. The town also obtained a grant to repave Merritt Boulevard, the road leading to office complexes near Route 8, Herbst said.

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