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## **Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center groundbreaking set for Nov. 9**

Ground will be broken on Tuesday, Nov. 9, for Bridgeport Hospital's new Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center at 5520 Park Ave. The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among those taking part will be Trumbull First Selectman Timothy Herbst, Bridgeport Hospital President & CEO William Jennings, Co-Medical Directors of the hospital's Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute Dr. Robert Folman and Dr. Scott Thornton, and hospital Chief of Radiation Oncology Dr. Sheida Mani.

The new 10,000-square foot Radiation Oncology Center will be adjacent to an existing medical building housing medical and surgical oncology services provided by physicians associated with Bridgeport Hospital, including chemotherapy, a laboratory draw station and patient support programs, creating a comprehensive, satellite outpatient cancer center. The building is expected to open in the fall of 2011.

The Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center will relocate from 15 Corporate Drive in the northern part of town to be closer to the Merritt Parkway and I-95, where patients will have easier access to the service in a calming, comfortable setting.

"We are very excited to have our Radiation Oncology Center move to a new Trumbull home where it can continue to provide outstanding service to the community," says Dr. Folman.

"The Park Avenue site will give our patients upgraded surroundings and technology and more convenient access to care in a suburban setting," adds Dr. Thornton.

The project will include the installation of a state-of-the-art linear accelerator that will provide a wide range of advanced radiation therapy services, including Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) and Stereotactic Radiosurgery.

Bridgeport Hospital's radiation oncologists, including Dr. Mani, Dr. Bruce McGibbon and Dr. Suzanne Evans, are expert physicians from the Yale School of Medicine and Yale Cancer Center. They will see patients in Trumbull as well as at Bridgeport Hospital.

Additional cancer facility enhancements have recently been made at the hospital, including the opening of a new outpatient chemotherapy infusion suite, new Dr. Richard

W. Kmetzo Cancer Resource Center and new Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center digital mammography suite.

The Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute at Bridgeport Hospital provides care to over 1,000 newly-diagnosed cancer patients each year, more than any other hospital in Fairfield County. The hospital is a member of the Yale-New Haven Cancer Network, an alliance of hospitals across Connecticut that provides access to the latest breakthroughs and delivers an unparalleled level of expertise in cancer, prevention, diagnosis and treatment.