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National Cancer Institute Designated Cancer Center Opens Stony Point Location

Cancer patients now can benefit from the expertise and experience of the VCU Massey Cancer Center team at three locations in the Richmond area. This month, Massey Cancer Center oncologists and surgeons will begin seeing patients at an all-new, multi-disciplinary cancer center in Stony Point. The new facility complements the downtown Massey Cancer Cen-

ter—Virginia's first National Cancer Institute-designated center—which has been a model of excellence and innovation for nearly 30 years.

In addition to surgical oncology services—which have been available at Stony Point since 1994—the new center also boasts medical and radiation oncology experts on-site, offering diagnosis and treatment options in a suburban setting accessible to the West End and Southside. At the new facility, patients will be able to:

- Consult with an oncologist, surgeon, or radiation oncologist
- Detect the presence of cancer with diagnostic tools, such as mammograms and fine-needle biopsies
- Receive a variety of treatments, including radiation and chemotherapy
- Have access to new therapies and clinical trials
- Learn about and receive assistance with pain management and symptom control
- Find resources to help manage their illness through support groups, an extensive library, and stress-management education

The Massey Cancer Center at Stony Point also features a high-tech linear accelerator, offering some of the most advanced options available for radiation treatment. The technology helps

ensure the safest, most accurate delivery of radiation to affected areas while minimizing exposure to the patient's surrounding healthy tissue. Linear accelerators also are available at the Massey Cancer Center's downtown location, as well as the MCV Radiation Oncology Center at Memorial Regional Medical Center in Hanover County.

“Our radiation oncology program has evolved into one of the most advanced programs in the country,” says Dr. Rupert Schmidt-Ullrich, Chairman of Radiation Oncology. “Offering this technology in three locations is just one more example of the VCU Health System's commitment to fulfilling a patient's medical needs while meeting lifestyle needs as well. The convenience of choice is something we're proud to offer hand-in-hand with some of today's most advanced diagnosis and treatment.”

“Increasingly, a cancer treatment program includes more than one type of treatment strategy,” explains Dr. Tom Smith, Chairman of Hematology/Oncology. “Our patients can receive radiation and chemotherapy in one location, which makes a difference for patients with intense treatment programs. With the expanded convenience of Stony Point, we're contributing to our patients' peace of mind as well—and that significantly impacts the overall healing process.”