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### **JPS Health Network to Dedicate New Oncology and Infusion Center**

**Media invited to attend grand opening 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2**

(Fort Worth) JPS Health Network on Thursday, May 2 will officially open its new Oncology and Infusion Center. The building will offer nearly twice as much space to accommodate the needs of cancer patients and others who require infusion treatments compared to the previous facility.

Dr. Bassam Ghabach, director of the Oncology and Infusion Center, said the new building at 1450 8th Avenue in Fort Worth covers 51,170 square feet. The additional space will allow a variety of other complimentary services under the same roof including a nutritionist, psychological services for those struggling with the stress of fighting a sometimes deadly disease, space for a surgical oncologist, an on-site pharmacy and an office for the JPS Cancer Survivors Clinic, which was created three years ago and is one of only two facilities of its kind in the state of Texas.

The additional room will allow patients to be treated more quickly and efficiently, said Ghabach, who noted that 38 percent of cancer patients who come to JPS are already in Stage III or IV when they're diagnosed. By diagnosing patients earlier, oncologists can improve their likelihood of beating the disease.

JPS announced last summer that it struck a deal to lease the former Moncrief Cancer Center site as that organization consolidated its Fort Worth operations into another facility. The previous JPS Center for Cancer Care, located at 601 Terrell Avenue, has been in operation since 2003.

At JPS, oncology visits have increased about 20 percent over the past four years, rising from 33,001 in 2015 to 40,461 last year. The most common types of cancer treated at the health network are breast, lung, colorectal, head and neck and prostate.



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**Physician services are available at the new Oncology and Infusion Center:**

Medical and Radiation Oncology, Primary Care including a Survivorship clinic and acute care, Palliative Care, Surgery, Breast Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Neuro and Orthopedic Oncology, MORS Clinic, Pain Management

**Patient support services available at the JPS Oncology and Infusion Center:**

Social Work, Nutrition, Genetic Counseling, Enrollment and Eligibility, Patient Assistance Program, American Cancer Society, Psychologist, Spanish Interpreter, Patient Navigators, Financial Advisors

In addition to offering more services, the Oncology and Infusion Center will be more accessible with 233 parking spaces compared to 87 at the building it replaced, according to Angie Morgan, Director of Construction Services at JPS.

The dedication of the new Oncology and Infusion Center will take place from 5:30-7 p.m.

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