Scripps Cancer Care: A Legacy of Leadership

Scripps Cancer Care (SCC) is the first multi-hospital cancer program in California to earn network accreditation from the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer. The designation shows that SCC meets the highest possible standards in consistently delivering exceptional patient care throughout the Scripps Health system.

Inpatient cancer care is provided at all five Scripps hospital campuses. Outpatient care is delivered at Scripps Clinic locations and in private physician offices located near all Scripps hospitals.

With more than 300 affiliated physicians, SCC offers a comprehensive range of screening tests, diagnostic exams and treatment options. SCC’s team of renowned physicians, modern facilities and innovative technologies provide the full spectrum of cancer care.

SCC ranks No. 1 in California in the number of patients treated annually for the following tumor sites: breast, lung (small-cell carcinoma), colon, bladder, Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. SCC ranks in the top five in the state in treating cancers of the skin, kidney, thyroid, prostate and pancreas.

The Scripps Proton Therapy Center opened in 2014.
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This is the first proton center in the nation to treat patients exclusively with “pencil-beam scanning,” the most accurate form of proton therapy available. This enables doctors to “paint” radiation onto tumors layer by layer, with unmatched precision. Proton treatment beams can be controlled to stop at the tumor, which reduces radiation exposure to healthy surrounding tissue and lowers the probability of side effects and treatment-related cancers. The center has five patient treatment rooms and state-of-the-art imaging equipment on site.

Scripps Radiation Therapy Center
This facility opened in late 2012 with three sophisticated linear accelerators. The center offers TrueBeam STx technology, which offers the ability to choreograph 3-D tumor imaging, beam delivery and motion management. This allows the treatment beam to be delivered to the patient accurately and quickly – in some cases, cutting treatment times from 30 minutes to five minutes or less. The center also features a 16-slice CT simulator with 4-D imaging capability, a rooftop healing garden and patient education library.

More Scripps Cancer Care Resources
- Minimally invasive robotic surgery
- Specialized breast care centers
- Nurse navigators
- Infusion clinics
- Rehabilitation services
- Support groups
- Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine

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San Diego Gamma Knife Center at Scripps La Jolla
Opened in 1994, this is the region’s only facility offering Gamma Knife radiosurgery for brain tumors and other brain abnormalities. It recently upgraded to the latest generation of technology, Perfexion, which enables patients to be treated with greater accuracy, versatility and speed.