

Expanded Center Offer Most Comprehensive Cancer Care in The County

TAMC will be showcasing its newly renovated and expanded cancer treatment center during an open house and ribbon cutting in Presque Isle on Oct. 10.

“Improving cancer outcomes is the ultimate goal all cancer providers strive to achieve,” said Dr. Arjun Sood, the lead oncologist at TAMC’s Aroostook Cancer Care. “We are all excited about the new level of patient-centered, evidence-based and quality-oriented care, convenience and comfort that our new comprehensive Aroostook Cancer Care center will provide to our patients from the County.”

TAMC’s Aroostook Cancer Care Center has combined both radiation therapy services and the medical oncology/hematology practice in one convenient location. A year-long construction project has improved and expanded treatment areas and created a more home-like or private surrounding to accommodate medical and family needs.

Most exciting has been the addition of a new Varian linear accelerator (LINAC) to



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TAMC nurse Tina Ward, RN works with patient Susan Sabin in the newly renovated infusion area of medical center’s Aroostook Cancer Care Center.

deliver tumor-shrinking radiation therapy. Radiation treatment is not new at TAMC, which is the only facility north of Bangor to provide such cancer fighting therapy; however, equipment was nearing the end of its lifespan and needed to be replaced. Cancer patients will begin being treated on the new state-of-the-art LINAC

by the end of September.

The LINAC will result in improved care and convenience for patients, including advanced treatments that had not previously been available at TAMC. These new capabilities mean more accurate treatments that can be accomplished in fewer visits, minimizing radiation damage to healthy tissue and improving patient outcomes. Electronic medical record (EMR) and treatment planning systems are also fully integrated with the LINAC.

“With the addition of new and better treatments, more County patients than ever before will be able to stay local for all of their cancer treatment,” said Dr. John Mullen, TAMC radiation oncologist.

The public can view the completed center during the October 10 ceremony. TAMC’s Colors of Courage event also includes a 5K run/walk to raise awareness of the fight against cancer, as well as to raise funds for a cancer patient support fund through C-A-N-C-E-R, a local cancer support group. Look for more information on the event or TAMC’s cancer services at tamc.org.



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Providing the most comprehensive cancer care north of Bangor



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Colors of Courage

the county against cancer

Colors of Courage is an event to celebrate survivorship, offer support to those battling cancer, remember a loved one, and to show unity as a community for hope.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

TAMC’s A.R. Gould Memorial Hospital

140 Academy Street • Presque Isle

- 9:30-10:30 AM Tours of Aroostook Cancer Care Center
- Registration for 5K & Kids Fun Run
- 10:00 AM Dedication & Ribbon Cutting in Healing Garden
- Memorial Wall Unveiling
- 10:30 AM Kid’s 1 Mile Fun Run (Cost: \$5)
- 11:00 AM 5K Run/Walk (Cost: \$20)
- 11:30-Noon BBQ Lunch

All proceeds will be donated to C.A.N.C.E.R., an organization that supports cancer patients in Aroostook County.