



Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre
brings you glad tidings for the future!



With our plans to introduce **Radiation Therapy**, Bermuda will soon have comprehensive cancer treatment facilities.



During 2015, Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre will continue to formulate and complete plans to introduce Radiation Therapy at its Point Finger Road premises.



Nearly two thirds of cancer patients will receive Radiation Therapy during their treatment. So this planned facility will eliminate one of the major gaps and reduce costs in cancer care in Bermuda and provide total on island support when you need it most.

The Benefits of Radiation Therapy in Bermuda

Patients can receive comprehensive cancer treatment right here at home rather than having to endure lengthy stays overseas. Patients may, where feasible, continue to work and enjoy a normal life style with the support of family and friends close by.

Bermuda's insurers currently pay almost \$10million for their clients to travel overseas for Radiation Therapy. Our projections show that, with a facility in Bermuda, treatment can be provided at a third of that cost, at a savings to us all.

With its addition to existing cancer detection, imaging studies, surgical procedures and chemotherapy treatments, Radiation Therapy will streamline continuity of care, increase efficiency and reduce patient waiting and treatment periods.

In many cases it is not feasible for patients to travel overseas for palliative radiation. These patients would significantly benefit by having access locally for pain control.

Why Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre?

We are the Island's foremost charity engaged in the prevention, detection and support of cancer and other health concerns.

Our association with, and support from, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Brigham and Women's Hospital means patients will continue to receive the highest standards of care.

We are a not for profit organisation and strive to keep the cost of health care as low as possible and available for all.

Through our organisation's Equal Access Fund (with its major funding provided by the Relay For Life), under and uninsured patients (18% of our population) would be covered for treatment.

We work closely and coordinate with other cancer care organisations and charities to provide the very best care.

During 2015

We will enlist your support for this vital addition to Bermuda's cancer treatment facilities and will keep you posted about our progress.

Together we can ensure this vital project will make certain that, at the worst of times, residents can get the best of care...right here at home.

"P.A.L.S. is very pleased to support this initiative. We have many cancer patients currently needing to go abroad at considerable expense, who will now be able to have Radiation Therapy here in Bermuda. In addition, our nurses will be able to be close to patients and their families throughout their treatment."

Ann Smith Gordon, P.A.L.S. President and CEO

"Radiotherapy treatment on island will greatly benefit cancer patients who currently have to travel far from home and family. We are happy to support Bermuda Cancer and Health's fundraising for this project and look forward to finding ways to collaborate in order to provide more comprehensive cancer care in Bermuda."

Dr. Michael Weitekamp, Chief of Staff,
Bermuda Hospitals Board

"We fully support the efforts of Bermuda Cancer and Health to establish a Radiation Therapy service in Bermuda. This will enhance the quality of life for patients, and their families, by providing this treatment near to home, at what is often a most challenging time."

Dr. Ian Fulton, Chairman, Friends of Hospice



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