Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Swedish Medical Center Introduces Head and Neck Cancer Care Center

Leading cancer center partners with specialty physician practice to offer advanced treatment for benign and cancerous tumors of the head and neck.

Englewood, CO, May 22, 2019 --(PR.com)-- Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Swedish Medical Center is proud to introduce a new specialized program offering advanced treatment for benign and cancerous tumors of the head and neck. The Head and Neck Cancer Care Center brings together clinical expertise, leading edge technology and compassion to treat patients throughout the Rocky Mountain region. As part of the offering, patients have access to Sarah Cannon nurse navigators who provide support and guidance through diagnosis, treatment, recovery and survivorship.

The Swedish Head and Neck Cancer Care Center treats both common and rare cancers, including:

- Oral cavity tumors and oral cavity cancer
- Laryngeal cancer
- Pharyngeal (throat) cancer
- Thyroid cancer
- Parathyroid cancer
- Salivary gland tumors
- HPV-related cancers, including oropharyngeal cancer
- Malignant melanoma

As one of the region's most advanced centers, the Swedish Head and Neck Cancer Care Center offers comprehensive medical treatment along with leading surgical techniques:

- Minimally invasive surgery to reduce recovery time and visible incisions
- Intensity-modulated radiation therapy to reduce damage to surrounding tissues
- Microsurgical reconstructive surgery to improve appearance and function
- Chemotherapy tailored to a patient's cancer including molecular profiling/pathology

One of the most important facets of the program is the interdisciplinary team of experts who work together to provide individualized medical, physical and emotional care to patients. Head and neck, dental, oral and reconstructive surgeons, partner with medical and radiation oncologists and an array of rehabilitation specialists and dedicated nurse navigators to treat the whole individual.

“I look forward to leading the head and neck cancer program for Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Swedish Medical Center,” said Dr. Andrew Nemechek, the center's medical director. “The program will ensure that patients do not have to travel far from home to get access to the latest treatment approaches and personalized therapy options.”

A New Specialty Physician Practice at HealthONE
Andrew Nemechek, MD, FACS, of The Head and Neck Surgical Specialty Group is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in treating otolaryngological tumors and cancers. He was one of the first physicians in the state of Colorado to perform advanced head and neck oncologic surgeries. As a principal investigator and key contributor to clinical research throughout his career, Dr. Nemechek is at the forefront of clinical care. Dr. Nemechek also has a strong interest in public health advocacy, raising awareness for prevention through vaccination and screenings, as well as helping those who are socioeconomically at-risk for these types of head and neck tumors, especially HPV-related malignancies.

“Increased awareness will go a long way in reducing incidences and improving outcomes for head and neck tumor care,” Dr. Nemechek said.

The Head and Neck Surgical Specialty Group, located on the Swedish Medical Center campus, will offer more targeted therapies to treat diseases and disorders of the head and neck, which will be tailored to each patient. In the field of otolaryngology, genetics now play a bigger role, allowing specialists to evaluate patients' genetic information and use this as the basis for treatment.

Dr. Nemechek joins HealthONE from Colorado Head and Neck Specialists and was previously the medical director for the head and neck tumor program at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver. Dr. Nemechek earned his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and completed a combined research and clinical fellowship in advanced head and neck oncologic surgery at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He also holds a Master of Science degree in healthcare delivery from the Tuck School of Business and The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinic Practice.

The Head and Neck Surgical Specialty Group is accepting new patient referrals. Please contact the office at 303-788-9200 or visit www.headandneckspecialists.com.

About Sarah Cannon

Sarah Cannon, the Cancer Institute of HCA Healthcare, offers integrated cancer services with convenient access to cutting-edge therapies for people facing cancer in communities across the United States and United Kingdom. Sarah Cannon's cancer programs include individualized patient navigation provided by oncology-trained nurses, nearly 1,200 stem cell transplants performed annually throughout the Sarah Cannon Blood Cancer Network, hundreds of clinical trial options, and molecular profiling capabilities. Sarah Cannon also offers a helpline, askSARAH, so that people with cancer questions can talk to a specially-trained nurse to receive trusted information. Through its services, Sarah Cannon is providing state-of-the-art cancer care close to home for hundreds of thousands of patients, a number unmatched by any single cancer center. To learn more about Sarah Cannon, visit sarahcannon.com and to reach askSARAH by phone or live chat, visit asksarahnow.com.

About Swedish Medical Center

Swedish Medical Center is located in the south metro Denver area where it has been a proud member of
the community for more than 110 years. An acute care hospital with 408 licensed beds, annually Swedish cares for more than 200,000 patients with a team of approximately 2,000 dedicated employees, 300 volunteers and 1,400 physicians.

With stroke door to treatment times averaging just 20 minutes, Swedish serves as the Rocky Mountain Region's referral center for the most advanced stroke treatment, and was the state's first Joint Commission certified Comprehensive Stroke Center. Swedish also serves as the region's neurotrauma and orthopedic trauma provider and is a level I trauma facility with a dedicated burn and reconstructive center. Over 150 facilities regularly transfer highly complex cases to Swedish.

Swedish Medical Center is proud to be a part of the HealthONE system of hospitals that earned the ranking as the #7 corporate philanthropist in the metro area and was the only hospital system ranked in the top 10. HealthONE contributed more than $1.5 million in 2018 and supports over 150 organizations through cash and in-kind donations. Additional information is available at www.SwedishHospital.com.
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