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PROVISION CARES PROTON THERAPY NASHVILLE ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION FROM WORLD'S LEADING RADIATION ONCOLOGY SOCIETY

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (December 15, 2021) – Provision CARES Proton Therapy Nashville has been accredited by the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) through [APEX – Accreditation Program for Excellence®](#). This achievement means cancer patients in Middle Tennessee not only have access to one of the world's most advanced cancer treatments, but can also rest assured knowing their care will be of the highest quality and safety. APEX Accreditation further demonstrates Provision's commitment to putting patients first through our *Culture of Care*.

“Achieving accreditation is something to be tremendously proud of,” said Rebecca Bergeron, Vice President of Clinical Services at Provision CARES Proton Therapy. “To accomplish this while overcoming the enormous challenges we were met with over the past two years is truly a testament of our character and culture.”

The ASTRO Accreditation Program for Excellence (APEX) is an independent radiation oncology practice accreditation program. The program is based on a comprehensive set of 16 standards of radiation oncology practice, organized around five pillars of patient care: the process of care, the radiation oncology team, safety, quality management, and patient-centered care.

To receive APEX Accreditation, [Provision Nashville](#) voluntarily underwent a rigorous review process by trained radiation oncology professionals, during which our policies and procedures were evaluated using objective, verifiable expectations for performance in radiation oncology. APEX accreditation validates Provision Nashville's commitment to the highest standards of safety and quality. It also reaffirms our commitment to patient-centered care through effective communication, coordination of treatment, and engaging patients and their families as partners in care.





“I have always held great confidence in the high quality of care offered at our center,” said Dr. James Gray, Radiation Oncologist and Medical Director at Provision Nashville. “This accreditation has allowed us to verify this through a tough and thorough external evaluation of all of our processes and can serve to bolster trust in our program among potential patients and the medical community.”

About Provision CARES Proton Therapy Nashville

As the only cancer treatment center in Middle Tennessee featuring proton therapy, Provision Nashville has been treating patients since 2018. Located in Franklin, Tennessee, just 20 miles south of Nashville, we provide a unique combination of personalized, comprehensive cancer care for patients, offering proton therapy, one of the most advanced cancer treatments in the world. Proton therapy is an advanced form of radiation therapy that uses a single beam of high-energy protons to treat various forms of cancer, treating tumors by directing radiation into the tumor site where doses of radiation destroy cancerous cells. Proton therapy minimizes the risk of short and long-term side effects that can occur when delivering radiation energy to a cancer patient, which can improve quality of life during and after treatment.

About the American Society for Radiation Oncology

ASTRO is the premier radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who are physicians, nurses, biologists, physicists, radiation therapists, dosimetrists and other health care professionals who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. These medical professionals, found at hospitals, cancer treatment centers, and academic research facilities around the globe, make up the radiation therapy treatment teams that are critical in the fight against cancer. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through professional education and training, support for clinical practice and health policy standards, advancement of science and research, and advocacy.

Additional Resources:

[Online Press Kit](#) (Includes Staff Photo)

[Certificate of Accreditation](#)

[APEX Patient Brochure](#)

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