



VITAL SIGNS

A newsletter for employees, volunteers and friends of Duke Raleigh Hospital

New Duke Raleigh Cancer Center Opens Doors to Newly Renovated Facility

Open House attracts visitors from across the Triangle

On June 29, 2010, friends and families of Duke Raleigh Hospital joined Duke Raleigh's staff in an Open House at the newly renovated Duke Raleigh Cancer Center. Previously located on the second and third levels of Medical Office Building 7, hematology/oncology services are now located in the newly renovated area on the first floor of MOB 7.

Visitors from throughout the Triangle attended the opening ceremony, including representatives from Duke University Health System, Duke Raleigh Advisory Board, patients and a host of employees. President Doug Vinsel thanked the staff and Carrie Byrns, clinical operations director of Duke Raleigh Cancer Center, for helping to make the renovations a reality. Following a prayer of dedication by Adrian Dixon, guests enjoyed an array of punches and desserts as well as live harp music in the main lobby.

As part of the open house, guests were able to tour the beautiful 12,000 square foot facility. Upon walking through the main entrance of the new Center, patients and guests can check-in at any of the five check-in/check-out areas. While waiting for services, patients can also enjoy the

serene view of Duke Raleigh Gardens through windows that line the 40-seat waiting area.

"The view of Duke Raleigh's picturesque gardens combined with the added seating for patients creates an environment for our patients that is aligned with the quality care that we provide in this vital facility," said Byrns. "To further improve patient treatments, the new location also offers us more space to expand the center's services."

As a result of the renovations, the number of exam rooms has increased from nine to 12. In addition, the facility now has a private consultation room, located away from physician offices and exam rooms. The new location also features 17 chairs for infusions, including two private rooms and three chairs for injections and lab work.

"With the added space, we are looking forward to adding additional doctors in different specialty areas," added Byrns.

Byrns also praised the nurses at Duke Raleigh Cancer Center for providing their input as part of the renovation plans. The nursing staff and physicians had a part in creating these plans.



Duke Raleigh Cancer Center's new infusion area

Duke Raleigh Hospital Welcomes Dr. Mark Leithe

Duke Raleigh Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Leithe, as the new medical director of cardiovascular services at Duke Raleigh Hospital. Leithe has been actively managing and seeing patients in this area for the past 20 years. As a physician, he has gained the ability to establish immediate relationships with his patients in minutes and connect with them on an emotional level.

"One of the most rewarding parts of the job is taking an ill person into the cath lab and reversing their illness," said Leithe.

Dr. Leithe chose Duke Raleigh Hospital, because he wanted to be a part of a "world-renowned" cardiovascular center.

"The access to an academic medical center allows me to take a growing program, such as the one at Duke Raleigh and put a face on it in the community," said Leithe.

Dr. Leithe received his bachelor's degree in zoology and chemistry from Miami University in Ohio. Following his undergraduate studies, he received his medical training from Ohio State University College of Medicine where he also completed his residency.

Dr. Leithe has also been active in many professional and scientific societies, including the American Heart Association and the Triangle Update in Cardiology series.

Dr. Leithe and his wife, Linda, reside in Raleigh and have two children.



Dr. Mark Leithe

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