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SRMC Opens Hematology/Oncology Center

WAYNESBURG – Southwest Regional Medical Center is pleased to offer Hematology and Oncology services. Since the addition of Dr. Mudussara Khan in August, SRMC has completed the Hematology and Oncology Center on the first floor of the hospital.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in 2006 Greene County saw 236 confirmed cancer cases, and over 100 deaths resulted from these cancers. The top three cancer concerns in Greene County include colon, lung and breast cancer. The Hematology and Oncology Center will provide exceptional care for patients suffering from all types of cancers.

Khan sees patients with blood disorders (hematology) and offers medical oncology for the treatment of brain, breast, colon, rectal, gastrointestinal, head and neck, leukemias, liver, lung, gynecological, prostate and urologic cancers. A few of the treatments offered at the center include chemotherapy, biological agents, injections for anemias and growth factors, iron infusions, immunoglobulins, therapeutic phlebotomies and bone marrow biopsies. The center offers IV chemotherapy, but will not perform radiation therapy.

According to Khan, the center offers patients the convenience of receiving care close to home. “Patients will no longer have to travel 30 miles or more,” she said. “Transportation-wise it is convenient, especially in winter weather.”

Khan will be working closely with the Women’s Center at SRMC, as well as obstetrician and gynecologist Alexander Mecs to help treat the county’s female cancer patients.

Local residents who want to utilize these services must first set up a meeting with Khan. She is currently taking referrals from patients’ doctors, as well as new patients. According to Clinical Coordinator Melanie Christopher, RN, BSN, OCN several local oncologists have already referred patients to the center, including WVU and UPMC in Washington. “Patients will be able to see an oncologist and get their chemo locally without having to drive a long distance,” said Christopher. “We offer the same care they would get elsewhere.”

“The treatment nurses have a combined 26 years of oncology experience,” added Christopher. “All of the treatment nurses are Oncology Certified. This is a national certification requiring a test similar to the nursing boards, only specific to oncology.”

Southwest Regional will hold an open house displaying the new Hematology and Oncology Center and the newly remodeled Wellness Center on January 7 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided and guests will have the opportunity to speak with Khan and her staff.

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