

# UF Radiation Oncology **NEWS**

College of Medicine

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## Renovations Completed for the Davis Cancer Center



### Facility Improvements Wrapped up in Gainesville

Home to Gainesville's Radiation Oncology team and the College of Medicine's Department of Radiation Oncology, the UF Health Radiation Oncology – Davis Cancer Center has completed its [\\$1.5 million renovation project](#).

### Prostate Patients Begin Receiving SpaceOAR Hydrogel at UF

Results from a randomized clinical trial show fewer declines in bowel quality of life, urinary quality of life, and sexual function in [patients using SpaceOAR](#).

### Professor Invited to the 2019 World Cancer Leaders' Summit

Folakemi T. Odedina, PhD, Joint Professor in Radiation Oncology, Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research, has been invited to participate in the [2019 World Cancer Leaders' Summit](#) October 13-17 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

### College of Medicine Ranked among Nation's Best

The UF College of Medicine made substantial gains in its primary care ranking while securing a place among the [nation's best medical schools](#) in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings of graduate schools.

## UF Health Proton Therapy Institute News

"Every single patient and caregiver we met felt they were all receiving special treatment, and we were." A caregiver recounts her experience at the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute - read the latest *Precision* Newsletter [here](#).



### Faculty & Staff News

Catherine Mercado, M.D. (*shown left*), was named a recipient of the [2019 Outstanding Resident Educator Award](#) on February 22, 2019. Sponsored by the Society of Teaching Scholars, the award recognizes Dr. Mercado's excellence in teaching colleagues and medical students.

## UF Radiation Oncology Research

In 2009, the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics* named UF Radiation Oncology residents the second-most published residents of any US radiation oncology residency program. Ten years later, this high level of engagement in research remains one of the most important goals of our department.

Review the latest [Radiation Oncology Department research here](#). To learn more about clinical studies, visit our [Clinical Studies](#) pages. To browse our collection of published research by UF Radiation Oncologists, visit our [NCBI bibliography](#).

## Upcoming Events:

The special [50th Anniversary Research Seminar](#), which will take place **February 28-29, 2020**, will feature three concurrent programs: the Radiation Therapists' Seminar, the Oncology Nursing Seminar, and the Radiation Oncology Research Seminar. More information is forthcoming - mark your calendars!



**Keynote Speaker will be Paul M. Harari, MD, FASTRO.** Dr. Harari is the current Chair of the ASTRO Board of Directors, the Jack Fowler Professor and Chairman of the Department of Human Oncology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, the principal investigator for the Wisconsin H&N SPORE Grant, and a member of the UW Carbone Cancer Center Senior Leadership Council.



## Make a Difference for Future UF Alumni

Opportunities for supporting the Department of Radiation Oncology are many; in doing so you will continue to strengthen one of the best academic radiation oncology programs in the country. We invite you to become a part of our life-changing work by assisting research efforts, providing cutting-edge equipment, or giving to the [fund of your choice](#).

**Seed Grants, Professorships, Continuing Education and Scholarships** are the building blocks of radiation oncology research and education at UF. Your involvement will help our students excel, our researchers break new ground in the treatment of disease, and our faculty and alumni to continue providing extraordinary care and service.

To find out more, visit our [partnership page](#), or contact Diane Gebhardt, 352-265-8470, [dgebhard@ufl.edu](mailto:dgebhard@ufl.edu), or Carré Mitchell, Senior Director of Development, 352-733-0490, [csaunders@ufl.edu](mailto:csaunders@ufl.edu).

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