

UF Radiation Oncology **NEWS**

College of Medicine

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Department Achieves Top Results for Patient Satisfaction

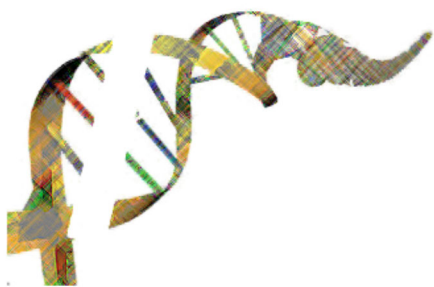


High Ratings Reported in Latest Press Ganey Survey

UF Radiation Oncology's most recent [Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Survey](#), which measures the overall rating of care and other components of the patient experience, ranked the department in the **99th percentile overall**, including facility-related responses.

Radiation Oncology Professor Leads Electrolyte Solution Research

A Radiation Oncology Assistant Professor serves as the principal inventor of a [proprietary amino acid blend](#) to **help patients with GI issues** related to cancer or chronic GI disease.



Collaborative Teams Study Cancer Radiation Response Blood Test

In an effort to find reliable methodology for determining radiation's [adverse effects during treatment](#), under a two-year, Phase II NCI Agreement, scientists in California will collaborate with Paul Okunieff, MD, Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, and the University of Florida Health Cancer Center Radiation Oncology team, on the development of **a radiation toxicity biomarker**. Blood specimens collected from up to 500 patients undergoing radiotherapy for prostate cancer at multiple

U.S. clinical sites will be analyzed.

Faculty & Staff Announcements

Kari Bastow, Radiation Oncology Research Administration Manager, received the [2018 Research Staffer of the Year Award](#) on January 9, 2019. Kari coordinates the administrative efforts for all grants submissions, research agreements, and clinical trial budget negotiations. The award recognized her extraordinary contributions to UF Cancer Center research successes.



UF Radiation Oncology Research

One of the great benefits of receiving cancer care at an academic health center is that our clinician-scientists participate in **cutting-edge research**. Read the latest [Radiation Oncology Department findings here](#).

You are cordially invited to the annual University of Florida College of Medicine

Department of Radiation Oncology

Research Seminar

February 22-23 2019



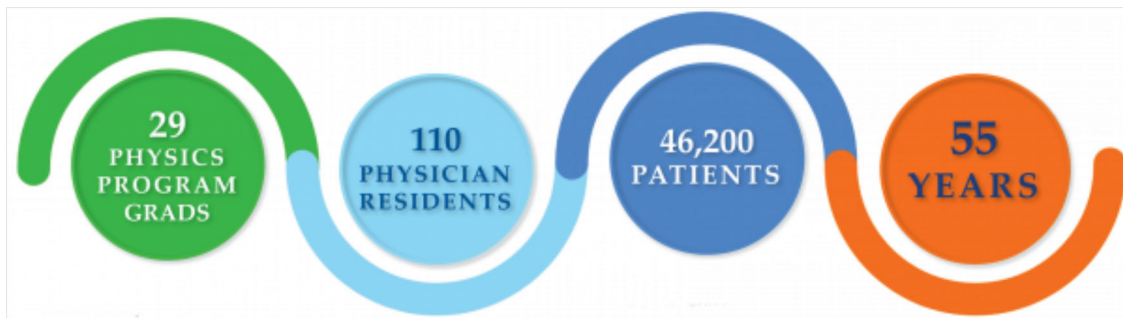
Upcoming Events:

The **49th Radiation Oncology Research Seminar** will take place **February 22-23, 2019** at the Hilton University of Florida Conference

Center. The event will feature three concurrent programs on February 22: the Radiation Therapists' Seminar, the Oncology Nursing Seminar, and the Radiation Oncology Research Seminar. See the [program agendas](#) and [register online here](#).

Topics will include: Survival outcomes after radiotherapy treatment for head and neck, breast, thyroid, skin, and genitourinary cancers; sarcomas; lymphomas; and central nervous system tumors, among other disease sites | Quality of life, and its clinical assessment, in patients who receive radiotherapy | Proton therapy techniques and outcomes in adult and pediatric tumors | Treatment toxicities, emergent patient needs, and survivorship.

Keynote Speaker will be Dr. David E. Wazer. [Be a part of this special event!](#) For hotel and registration information, contact Jessica Kirwan at 352-265-8832.



Make a Difference for Future UF Alumni

The University of Florida Department of Radiation Oncology is one of the best academic radiation oncology programs in the country. Not only are we committed to superb patient care and excellence in research, teaching, and leadership, but our teams are creating disruptive technologies and pioneering treatments with global impact.

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, or Carré Mitchell, Senior Director of Development, 352-733-0490, csaunders@ufl.edu.

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