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Supporting Porter Adventist Hospital

Case for Establishing a New Multi-Disciplinary Breast Center at Porter

A Tradition of Quality Health Care

Porter Adventist Hospital was founded in 1929 as a response to the growing demand for health care services in the Denver metropolitan area. Our goal is to "...extend the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities." Porter was created as a result of an initial gift of 40 acres and \$500,000 donated by Henry M. Porter to the Adventist Church. Prior to that, Mr. Porter had received treatment over a period of years from two Adventist facilities while on business trips to California. He was so impressed with the compassionate care he received that he wanted to ensure that Denver would have access to that same level of care. As a result, Porter Hospital has serviced our community and region for nearly 80 years.

It is estimated that in 2011, around 200,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will occur among women in the United States. In Colorado, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer. At most medical centers, it can take weeks to see each of the physicians and ancillary staff who will ultimately have a role in a patient's care. For patients who are struggling with a new cancer diagnosis, it only adds to their stress and despair when they must wait for appointments, travel far from home or go to multiple locations to access the services they need as part of their care plans. Here at Porter, one day changes everything...

What makes us different....

Just over a year ago, the Medical Director of Porter's Comprehensive Breast Care, Dr. Colleen Murphy, and a team of extensively trained specialists in various areas of oncology, established a multidisciplinary breast cancer clinic. As of today, the clinic boasts a dedicated fellowship trained breast surgeon, dedicated women's surgical unit, Nurse Navigator, radiation and medical oncology, interdisciplinary cancer conference, clinical trials, psychosocial counseling (individual and family counseling, breast cancer support groups, Kids Alive), nutritional counseling, physical therapy (certified lymphedema therapists, pre and post surgical evaluations), reconstructive surgery, diagnostic radiology services (digital mammography, 3-T breast MRI, MRI-guided breast biopsies, PET scans), genetic counseling (Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Clinic), pathology/lab services, financial counseling, and pastoral care – all under one roof! But the team didn't stop there!



In addition to our nurses receiving "Magnet" status for the quality of care they provide (an honor that only five percent of all hospitals in the United States can claim), we elected to undergo a rigorous evaluation and review of our adherence to NAPBC (National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers) standards. In September 2010, our program attained the gold standard NAPBC

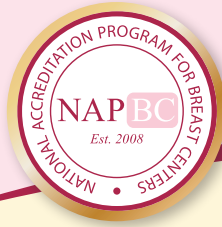
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accreditation. This accreditation is granted only to those centers that commit to providing the best possible comprehensive breast care. Porter's breast program is one of the only programs in the region to receive this prestigious accreditation.

Our comprehensive multidisciplinary approach makes the best use of the combined knowledge and wisdom of many experienced breast cancer specialists, while our integrated approach to health and healing addresses the needs of the "whole" person – and not just the illness. The ability for our patients to meet with their entire cancer care team all on one day, allows for a comprehensive treatment plan that can be immediately put into action. Essentially, from initial diagnosis to the start of treatment, we have the ability to accomplish in days what typically takes weeks or even months.

Why we need your help...

Because cancer treatment has become so complex, the need for a multidisciplinary approach to breast health is urgent. Our passion and conviction of how we provide care drives us forward in our determination to provide such comprehensive services to more people and providers. In our current space, we simply are not able to accommodate all of those who are in need. We also have a vision for the future that involves even more facets of comprehensive care – such as: alternative therapies/healthcare providers, a boutique offering prosthetics, wellness programs, and so much more!

We are over half-way to our goal of reaching the \$1 million required to re-vamp the entire second floor of Porter's Cancer Center into a premier multidisciplinary care space. We see ourselves as more than a hospital or a program; we are warriors who join both our patients and our community in the fight against breast cancer. Please consider joining us in our mission to provide premier cancer treatment to ultimately restore wholeness to every man, woman and family faced with this life changing diagnosis.

Where/How can you donate...

First of all, when donating, please specify that you'd like your donation to go directly to Porter's Breast Program.

By phone at 303-715-7600 or 303-715-7617 (Ed Ammon, Director of Local Foundation)

By choosing "Make a Gift" at our web site - www.porterhospital.org/foundation

By mail: Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare Foundation, Attention: Ed Ammon (Porter Breast Care)
7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 204, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Where/How can you obtain additional information about Porter's Breast Program/Providers...

By phone at 303-778-2540 or 303-765-6380 ■ Via our web site: www.porterhospital.org/breastcare

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