

## WBRO IS NOW TREATING PATIENTS WITH HIGH DOSE RATE (HDR) BRACHYTHERAPY



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West Boca Radiation Oncology (WBRO) is proud to announce that beginning in November 2009, WBRO will offer High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy, an advanced treatment modality that delivers a powerful dose of radiation directly to the tumor site. This treatment enables clinicians to position radiation sources in order to deliver the treatment with unprecedented accuracy, allowing for maximum dosage to the tumor, while sparing surrounding healthy tissue and thereby minimizing side effects. Clinicians at WBRO will use the HDR Afterloader, from Varian™ Medical Systems, Inc. to treat patients using HDR Brachytherapy.

Brachytherapy is a modality that can be used to treat a variety of cancer disease sites, including gynecological, breast, skin and lung cancers. HDR is a relatively new and rapidly emerging form of brachytherapy, which allows the patient to receive their treatment in an outpatient setting with no radiation exposure to personnel or family members. "HDR Brachytherapy offers a major advantage when compared to traditional Low Dose Rate (LDR) brachytherapy, which often requires inpatient admission and highly shielded rooms, in order to limit radiation exposure," said Bruce Phillips, MD, Medical Director at WBRO. "HDR Brachytherapy will allow us to treat our patients in a convenient outpatient setting. Additionally, we have access to advanced planning software that allows us to optimize the radiation dose, while minimizing exposure to the surrounding critical structures."

WBRO's first patient was successfully treated using HDR Brachytherapy on November 13, 2009. "The patient received intracavitary HDR Brachytherapy for her uterine cancer, thereby minimizing the chance for local recurrence of the disease. The procedure was successfully performed in three 10 minute treatments without any discomfort to the patient," said Dr. Phillips.

"Being able to offer our patients this advanced treatment option in conjunction with our RapidArc™ technology enables us to provide the most up-to-date treatment modalities in a comfortable, patient-oriented community setting," remarked Kim Phillips, Manager of Operations at West Boca Radiation Oncology.

For more information regarding West Boca Radiation Oncology or to schedule an appointment, please contact (561) 226-4180.

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