

Sylvester Enters Affiliation with Jupiter Medical Center

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine has entered an affiliation with Jupiter Medical Center, providing access to groundbreaking cancer treatments to residents in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast. Part of the University of Miami Health System, Sylvester is South Florida's only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center.



Jayne S. Malfitano, vice chair of the Sylvester Board of Overseers, center, with Dr. Stephen D. Nimer at left, Dr. Amit Rastogi at right, and other physicians and leaders.

The affiliation between Sylvester and Jupiter Medical Center will enable Jupiter cancer patients to have seamless access to

Sylvester's highly specialized treatments, innovative therapies, world-renowned experts and clinical trials.

"We have a highly qualified team of more than 300 cancer-focused physicians and researchers working together to deliver world-class expertise in cancer prevention, innovative treatments and survivorship to patients," said Stephen D. Nimer, M.D., director of Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. "This affiliation allows Sylvester to work with a hospital that shares our mission to make advanced cancer care available to a broader community. We are very happy to have an opportunity to work with Jupiter Medical Center to provide pioneering treatments to more patients from Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast."

Patients with highly complex or rare cancers will benefit from the specialized expertise, leading-edge technology and clinical research available at NCI-designated cancer centers, such as Sylvester. Those treatments include bone marrow transplants, CAR T-cell immunotherapy, precision medicine approaches, cancer prevention, proton therapy coming later this year, and other new methods to prevent and treat cancer.

"Our affiliation allows patients to continue to receive world-class, personalized and comprehensive cancer care at Jupiter Medical Center, while making it easier for our patients to access the experts, specialized technology and scientific breakthroughs being made at Sylvester," said Amit Rastogi, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Jupiter Medical Center. "The relative proximity of Jupiter Medical Center and Sylvester will help support collaboration and cooperation between the medical teams at both institutions."

Dedicated nurse navigators will facilitate communication and coordination of care between the medical teams at Sylvester and Jupiter Medical Center. The agreement also provides opportunities for cancer experts from both medical centers to collaborate on patient evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment, sharing best practices to determine the best treatment plans for all types of cancer.

Jupiter Medical Center is home to the new Anderson Family Cancer Institute, a 55,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art cancer center opening in March 2020. Accredited by the American College of Radiology, the Commission on Cancer and the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, Jupiter Medical Center offers the full spectrum of cancer care, including advanced diagnostics, personalized treatments provided by a multidisciplinary team of clinicians, support services for family and caregivers and survivorship programs.

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of only 71 NCI-designated centers nationwide. This designation recognizes cancer centers that meet rigorous standards for multidisciplinary care and state-of-the-art research focused on developing new approaches to treating and curing cancer.