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## OHSU STAFFERS LEND EXPERTISE

LEADING CANCER TREATMENT DOCTORS AND MEDICAL PHYSICIST ARE FROM OHSU'S KNIGHT CANCER INSTITUTE ■ Edward Stratton

**T**he new Knight Cancer Collaborative, a partnership between Columbia Memorial Healthcare and Oregon Health & Science University, is expected to increase its cancer treatment staff from 17 to 37 by the end of next year.

Leading cancer treatment at the hospital is a team of doctors and a medical physicist from OHSU's Knight Cancer Institute.

Overseeing cancer treatment with chemotherapy and other medications are Drs. Jennifer Lycette and Amrita Desai.

Lycette, the medical director of oncological services, has been seeing patients in Astoria since 2013 at the Cancer Care Center, a previous partnership between the hospital and university. Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, she

attended medical school at the University of Washington, a residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and a fellowship at OHSU. She and her husband have three children.

Desai was born in India, where she attended medical school at Dr. Vaishampayan Memorial Government Medical College. She earned a master's degree in public health from Harvard University in Boston and completed a residency at Brown University in Rhode Island and a fellowship at the University of Miami. Her professional interests are in cancer epidemiology, blood cancer and quality improvement.

Attracting her to the medical oncology position was her desire to interact with patients, Desai said, adding that the North Coast, where she has family, reminds her of the countryside in India.

Overseeing radiation treatment is Dr. Sahar Rosenbaum, director of radiation oncology services.

Rosenbaum has been treating cancer patients for more than 20 years. Originally from Israel, she spent much of her childhood in South Africa and started her career in speech therapy and audiology, before earning a master's degree in psychology and working as a school therapist.

After moving to the U.S., Rosenbaum attended the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Before moving to the North Coast, she was the medical director of radiation oncology at Northside Hospital in Atlanta. Rosenbaum has three grown children and a grandchild.

"We all like patient interaction," Rosenbaum said of the new doctors during a recent press tour. "That's what binds us."

Kyle Gallagher, a medical physicist, is an expert in operation of the linear accelerator that will deliver radiation therapy in the Knight Cancer Collaborative. He will ensure the right dose of radiation is delivered to the right location prescribed by Rosenbaum.

Gallagher earned his doctorate in medical physics through a joint program between Oregon State University and OHSU. He has particular interest in advanced radiation therapy techniques to reduce the risk of late effects in children.

### More information

Meet the new staff of the cancer center during an open house Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Knight Cancer Collaborative is located at 1905 Exchange St.



CMH Director of Pharmacy and Cancer Care Services Chris Laman led a tour of the Knight Cancer Collaborative while the facility was still under construction in the summer of 2017.

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