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Since opening in 2006, University of Florida Health Proton Therapy Institute has earned a national and international reputation as a leader in the field of proton therapy. The Institute, based in Jacksonville, is currently first in the world for the number of pediatric patients treated and fourth overall in the total number of proton therapy patients treated. In 2015, the Institute was one of four cancer treatment facilities in the state to be recognized as a Florida Cancer Center of Excellence and it achieved national acclaim as one of the first proton therapy facilities to earn accreditation in radiation oncology by the American College of Radiology.

The Institute currently serves as the main provider of proton therapy services for the United Kingdom and is the exclusive provider of proton services for Norway and the Province of Quebec. To date, it has treated patients from 49 U.S. states and 30 countries.

The Institute is affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine and the UF Health Cancer Center. As part of a major academic health center, the Institute contributes to scientific discovery in the field of radiation oncology through patient treatment, medical education and research programs.

6,200+
patients treated

187,700+
treatments delivered

20+
types of cancer treated

98%
patients on clinical
outcomes studies

155
full-time employees

98%
patients would recommend UF
Health Proton Therapy Institute

Data from Fiscal Year 2016

Medical Excellence & Recognition



Florida Cancer Center of Excellence

- ▶ Designated by the Florida Department of Health to recognize treatment centers which demonstrate excellence in patient-centered, coordinated cancer care.



American College of Radiology accreditation in radiation oncology

- ▶ ACR accreditation is awarded to centers in which personnel are qualified and equipment is appropriate to deliver radiation therapy that meets or exceeds national standards for safety and quality assurance.



Proton therapy is delivered while you lie on the treatment table. A gantry rotates to deliver therapy precisely to the tumor site. Photo credit: Ryan Ketterman.

The doctors at the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute are training the next generation of radiation oncologists and pediatric radiation oncologists. This includes residents from UF, the Moffitt Cancer Center, and the Mayo Clinic. In 2011, UF began the first radiation oncology fellowship dedicated to the subspecialty of pediatric proton therapy.

Offering a robust clinical research program, the Institute has 22 active studies and 98 percent of adult patients participate in clinical outcomes research tracking protocols. The prospective data collected has been reported by UF Health Proton Therapy Institute faculty, as of January 2016, in 127 articles published by peer-reviewed medical journals.