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Ackerman Cancer Center to Install Second Proton Therapy Unit in 2016

Jacksonville, FL. – Ackerman Cancer Center announced today that it will install a second Mevion Medical Systems proton therapy unit in its Jacksonville office in 2016. Ackerman Cancer Center began treating cancer patients with proton beam therapy in April 2015. The physician-owned private practice has since achieved the fastest per-room ramp-up in the history of clinical proton therapy treatment, and is currently treating patients for an average 15 hours each day.

The second Ackerman Cancer Center proton therapy system is a MEVION S250i with HYPERSCAN pencil beam scanning technology, which will successfully add another treatment modality to the practice. "It is my team's mission to provide effective, individualized care to our patients under one roof," says Dr. Scot Ackerman, radiation oncologist and medical director of Ackerman Cancer Center. "We aim to contribute to Jacksonville's impressive healthcare services so that patients seeking quality care will not need to leave town to receive it." Out-of-state and international patients have come to Ackerman Cancer Center for treatment on its existing Mevion system.

The construction of Ackerman Cancer Center's second proton therapy unit will take place in 2016. The *superconducting synchrocyclotron accelerator*, a core component of the proton therapy system, will be delivered to the Center in late 2016.

Ackerman Cancer Center will still actively treat patients on its existing proton therapy and conventional radiation (IMRT) machines while the second Mevion unit is constructed and installed. The new machine is scheduled to begin treating patients in 2017.

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About Ackerman Cancer Center

Ackerman Cancer Center's mission is to be the first resource where patients turn when diagnosed with any type of cancer. Ackerman Cancer Center provides the most advanced radiation oncology treatment available, in a compassionate and respectful environment. A highly trained staff of radiation oncologists and medical professionals provide convenient access of care at three locations across Northeast Florida. Learn more at www.ackermancancercenter.com.

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