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## Ackerman Cancer Center Introduces Innovative Treatment Option to Reduce Side Effects & Improve Quality of Life for Patients

Jacksonville, FL. – On April 30, Ackerman Cancer Center will begin offering proton beam therapy. The innovative technology behind this cancer treatment option reduces side effects as well as the risk of secondary malignancies to improve overall quality of life for its patients. Ackerman Cancer Center is the only private, physician-owned oncology practice in the world to offer this treatment.

Ackerman Cancer Center will offer proton therapy in addition to its existing cancer treatment options. The Center is one of only 15 operational proton facilities in the country, compared to over 2,200 traditional radiation therapy facilities. Because of Ackerman Cancer Center's focus on community education, outreach, and patient-centered care, its physicians look forward to increasing Jacksonville's access to this innovative treatment.

Proton therapy differs from conventional radiation in that it deposits most of its particles' energy directly at the cancer site. This allows protons to target localized cancers more effectively, with less radiation exposure to healthy surrounding tissues. For instance, researchers in *The Journal of the American College of Cardiology* recently stated that, when treating breast cancer, proton therapy significantly reduced the patient's risk of adverse heart-related side effects.

For more information on Ackerman Cancer Center's Proton Therapy, patients should call our Patient Coordinator at (904) 880-5522 or visit our website: [www.ackermanprotontherapy.com](http://www.ackermanprotontherapy.com).

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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](http://www.ackermancancercenter.com).

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