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## Amelia Island to Get Monthly Women's Cancer Group in September

Amelia Island, FL —Ackerman Cancer Center has joined forces with the Pink Ribbon Ladies—an on-island organization for female cancer patients—to create a new monthly cancer support group. This is the only support group on Amelia Island to address all gynecological cancers.

"The Pink Ribbon Ladies are a warm, welcoming group of ladies who are all at varying stages of recovery," says Isobel Lyle, an active member.

In addition to this program, Ackerman Cancer Center's Amelia Island office is honored to be getting a SPOHNC (Support for People with Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer) chapter. "The increased access to support networks should become a source of hope and encouragement," says Lauren DeWitt, MSW, the oncology social worker in charge of Amelia Island programming. "Not just for our patients, but for those who don't know where to start in their search for cancer support."

Ackerman Cancer Center focuses on providing support for all areas of its patients' lives. This includes an existing prostate cancer support program, which is open to Ackerman Cancer Center patients, survivors, their caregivers, and members of the Nassau County community.

"We make a point of listing our programs in *The Fernandina Beach News-Leader*," says Jessica Hatch, Community Relations Coordinator. "That way, residents can find and take part in these programs."

Launching on Monday, September 12, the Women's Cancer Group is an educational support program for patients and survivors of female cancers, as well as their caregivers. Every other month, the program will host a guest speaker, knowledgeable on a cancer-related topic, while the other sessions will be in a classic support group fashion. The group will be offered the second Monday of each month. To register for one of Ackerman Cancer Center's support programs, contact Ackerman Cancer Center's Social Work department at (904) 277-2700.

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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

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