

State of the Art Cancer Care for Arizona

Banner Health and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center will open the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center on Sept. 26, 2011 on the campus of Banner Gateway Medical Center in Gilbert, Arizona.

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The Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center joins Banner Health, one of the country's largest nonprofit hospital systems, with MD Anderson, internationally renowned for its cancer treatment and research, to deliver unprecedented levels of cancer care in Arizona.

MD Anderson's mission to "eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research, education and prevention" complements Banner Health's mission "to make a difference in people's lives through excellent patient care."

Patients at the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center will receive care based on the same protocols and practice standards provided at MD Anderson and will benefit from integration with MD Anderson specialists in Houston. The new facilities were designed with MD Anderson experts, ensuring state of the art equipment and treatment capabilities are in place. MD Anderson will provide clinical direction for the new cancer center, which is the broadest extension of its services outside Houston.

Multidisciplinary Care

One of the most distinctive features of the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center will be multidisciplinary care, a team-oriented treatment approach that is the hallmark of MD Anderson. Once a patient arrives at the cancer center, a team of physicians and clinical support staff will see the



patient in one location based on the cancer type, reducing the need to travel to multiple facilities and ensuring integration of the specialists. This team develops and implements a plan of care jointly with the patient.

Special Features for Patients and Families

Convenience, accessibility and healing are the cornerstones of the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center. Care will be provided in a new, state-of-the-art, 133,000 square foot outpatient center and on two inpatient floors within Banner Gateway Medical Center. Special features include:

- A comprehensive array of advanced technologies, treatment alternatives and support services all accessible to patients in one location.
- The merging of the "high tech" world of medicine with the "high touch" needs of cancer patients to provide care in a holistic way.
- A healing environment that incorporates proven evidence-based design theories to enhance healing such as natural light, artwork, water features and views of nature.
- Patient and family amenities including expansive lobbies, larger patient rooms and treatment areas and retail services.

- Electronic medical records that allow paperless, filmless and wireless technologies to be used to provide high quality care and increased patient safety.
- A learning center to help patients and their families access information about their cancer diagnoses.
- Clinical navigators who will act as a single point of contact for patients from diagnosis through the cancer care continuum. The clinical navigator serves as a liaison between all members of the multidisciplinary team, external community providers and the patient to provide integrated, holistic care.

Cancer Care

Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center will begin scheduling appointments on Sept. 6, 2011, in preparation for our opening day on Sept. 26. Patients will be able to call the cancer center directly to schedule their first appointment. While the cancer center will provide care for all types of cancers, our primary focus areas will be breast, lung, gynecologic, gastrointestinal, prostate, and skin cancers, as well as liquid tumors such as lymphoma and leukemia.

Healing Environment

The Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center is designed to create an environment conducive to personalized patient care. Many of its features will mirror the healing elements of the adjacent Banner Gateway Medical Center.

As patients and visitors enter the outpatient center, they will pass beneath a four-story metal structure



symbolizing a lantern of hope. This illuminated lantern will feature patterns of organic leaves inspired by the Palo Verde tree. The Palo Verde plays an important role in the sustenance of the Sonoran desert, providing nesting sites for birds and protective climates for the plants that live under its canopy. Under the

canopy of the lantern, visitors will find a place of

comfort, with water features and plant life to bridge the transition into the cancer center.

The cancer center will be much like the Palo Verde tree, offering compassionate and experienced health care professionals in a warm, welcoming and healing environment.

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About MD Anderson

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston ranks as one of the world's most respected centers focused on cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. MD Anderson is one of only 40 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute. For seven of the past nine years, including 2010, MD Anderson has ranked No. 1 in cancer care in "America's Best Hospitals," a survey published annually in U.S. News & World Report.

About Banner Gateway Medical Center

Banner Gateway Medical Center opened in September 2007 and is one of Banner Health's newest and most technologically advanced hospital. It was built with an "evidence-based design" model that uses proven research to create a healing environment to enhance the patient experience and support staff in their work. The 176-bed hospital features large private rooms with picture windows and beds for guests, healing gardens and meditative spaces, fully electronic medical records, room service, and education and support services.

About Banner Health

Headquartered in Phoenix, Banner Health is one of the largest, nonprofit health care systems in the country, and was named a Top 10 Health System in Thomson Reuters in 2010. The system owns or manages 23 acute-care hospitals, long-term care centers, outpatient surgery centers and an array of other services including family clinics, home care and hospice services, and a nursing registry. Banner Health is in seven states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming.