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## Central Florida Cancer Care Center

Board-certified radiation oncologists Dr. John Looper and Dr. Steven Lester opened Central Florida Cancer Care Center in 2004, and the Orlando Cancer Institute last year.

Both facilities offer the latest advances in radiation therapy. That includes some of the most versatile radiation oncology systems in existence—systems that give clinicians the ability to carefully target tumor cells while minimizing the amount of exposure to surrounding healthy tissue. The MammoSite Radiation Therapy System, which is especially efficient in the treatment of breast cancer, was added to the practice's menu of state-of-the-art treatments in early 2007. "This device is comprised of a balloon catheter that allows us to internally administer the prescribed doses of radiation to targeted breast tissue in a five-day course of therapy," Dr. Lester explains.

For those who may not be candidates for this procedure, other highly effective alternatives are available, such as 3DCT and Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT).

Offering the newest level of technology, the Central Florida Cancer Center has performed thousands of radioactive-seed implants in the treatment of prostate cancer.

The doctors are keenly aware of the stress their patients and family members experience as they battle life-threatening conditions.

"Our practice is essentially a union of high tech and compassion," says Dr. Looper.

The centers offer additional educational services and support groups for patients dealing with breast cancer or prostate cancer.

Dr. Lester earned his medical degree from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. He completed his internship in radiation oncology, after which he did his residency training in radiation oncology at Indiana University Hospitals. Dr. Looper obtained his medical degree from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California. He completed his internship in radiation oncology, after which he did his residency training at Indiana University Medical Center. Both doctors have published numerous research papers and lectured on topics in their field.

Joining the doctors, each of whom has served the Central Florida community for over 20 years, is board-certified radiation oncologist Dr. Maneesh Gossain.

Dr. Gossain graduated with a medical degree from Detroit's Wayne State University Medical School in 2000 and completed his residency at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis in 2005.

"Our patients are treated as individuals," says Dr. Gossain. "We focus on their specific circumstances, utilizing cutting-edge technology to address their particular needs."

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