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Ohio's First Integrated Outpatient Cancer Treatment Center Opens
Mayor, state officials salute jobs potential, welcome first patients

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mayor Michael B. Coleman and Chief Economic Development Director Mark Barbash led physicians, staff and the family of the facility's namesake in opening the doors of The Mark H. Zangmeister Center Tuesday. The center is the state's first fully integrated outpatient cancer treatment center, delivering the most progressive cancer treatment available to more than 16,000 patients annually.

"The Zangmeister Center is unique to Columbus because of its completely integrated patient care," said Glenn Balasky, executive director of The Zangmeister Center. "We studied model centers in Columbia, S.C., Birmingham, Ala., and several other locations to develop the design for our integrated facility. It truly can be a one-stop convenience for our patients."

Raising the bar for cancer care in central Ohio, the 109,000-square-foot facility was built with patient ease at the forefront. The Zangmeister Center will provide outpatient treatment for cancer and blood disorders and will include an on-site specialty pharmacy, a physician clinic, chemotherapy treatment, infusion services, radiation therapy, imaging services, gynecologic oncology and wellness services including patient education, counseling and psychosocial services all in one building.

Along with state-of-the-art treatment facilities, the \$42 million center provides a comfortable atmosphere to make patients feel more calm and relaxed. The new facility has been designed to create more intimate settings in the physicians' offices and in the treatment, laboratory and diagnostic imaging areas. The environment includes fountains, fish tanks and plenty of natural light. Public Wi-Fi, a resource center and a multi-purpose room for programming are just a few of the added services available to patients.

The new center is named after Dr. Mark H. Zangmeister, one of central Ohio's most respected oncology physicians, who was an integral part of MOOH for many years. His son, Dr. Jeffrey Zangmeister, is a practicing physician with the group.

The American Cancer Society reports 1.5 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year. The number of cancer survivors has risen to 10 million in 2006, generating greater demand for long-term treatment.

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MOOH currently serves 9,000 patients each year at its eight central Ohio locations. Four Columbus-area locations will move to The Zangmeister Center, and Mid Ohio physicians will continue to serve patients at facilities in Chillicothe, London and Delaware.

The physicians of MOOH, in conjunction with partner HealthPlex Solutions of Lewis Center, developed The Zangmeister Center. The facility was designed by Andrews Architects of Dublin and constructed by Gilbane Building Company of Columbus. Financing was provided by National City Bank.

As part of the project, MOOH applied to the city of Columbus for job-creation tax abatements. The city proposal granted a 50 percent reduction in real-estate property taxes for 10 years. The tax abatements were a major factor in MOOH's decision to build the center in Columbus and will enable MOOH to reinvest in technology and research.

The Zangmeister Center is located at 1-670 and the Cassady Avenue exit, near the Columbus Airport.

About The Zangmeister Center

Established as Mid Ohio Oncology/Hematology in 1982, The Zangmeister Center offers compassionate care and treatment for disease management of cancer and blood disorders in and around central Ohio. The Zangmeister Center eases access to medical expertise, disease research, treatment and prevention, and patient advocacy, all under one roof. For more information please visit www.zangcenter.com.

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