

KU Hospital outpatient cancer center opens

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KANSAS CITY, KAN., Aug. 6 — The University of Kansas Hospital's new outpatient Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion opened for business this morning in Westwood.

Located at the corner of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Belinder Avenue, the Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion is a 55,000-square foot facility that KU officials said is the largest outpatient cancer center in the region.

It is the second time in four years the cancer center has been doubled in size because of significant growth in patient volume.

Among the services patients will find at the new center is the Brandmeyer Patient Resource Center, which is staffed by a cancer nurse who can help guide people to scientifically valid information about cancer on the Internet and through books, brochures and other media.

Members of the Joseph & Jeanne Brandmeyer family have contributed to support the center, as has the family's company, Enturia.

The new facility's Breast Cancer Center will offer a full range of services including clinical trial participation for women at increased risk for breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Survivorship, which will open later this fall, will help patients who have completed their treatment with nutrition, weight control, menopause symptoms and treatment-related side effects.

"This unique center is among the first of its kind in the nation," KU Hospital officials said in a prepared statement.

The Cancer Center will offer extended hours on weekdays plus daytime hours on the weekends.

The University of Kansas Hospital Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion is designed to assist the University of Kansas Cancer Center in its mission to bring National Institute of Cancer designation to the region.

"The hospital's investment in this facility is a huge step. And it is a step we can build upon as we continue to work together to bring the best cancer care to this region. We hope this will be a setting for leading-edge clinical research through participation in clinical trials. Clinical trials are vital in advancing cancer care, resulting in translating discoveries into saving lives. Ultimately this is why we are in this fight," said Dr. Roy Jensen, the Cancer Center's director.