

The Comprehensive Cancer Center will be a venue for collaboration

It's a venue, it's a venue for people to come together, for clinicians, for radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, surgeon's, all in that the health care field for those treating cancer. And it gives that place to come together, to work collaboratively on developing the best treatment plans for each individual who come there for care. :23

The Comprehensive Cancer Center will strengthen the region as a medical destination and offer care closer to home for those seeking treatment for cancer

Certainly, the vision for the cancer center is as a destination center. It is that venue where all of these clinicians can come together to work collaboratively but also connect to cancer centers throughout southern Illinois, and central Illinois, and northern Illinois. And so that ability to connect, to bring cancer treatment here, closer to the communities where people need the care is an important step. :28

Treatment for cancer is exploding in a variety of areas. Proton is an important component for that will set this center apart

Proton beam, which will be the centerpiece of this building, really advances us in the space of radiation oncology, being able to treat those with very difficult to treat tumors. To be able to reduce the size or eliminate them through this radiation therapy without significant damage to surrounding tissues is just an incredible opportunity. And so we think that proton beam itself will be an important piece, it's one piece of the overall approach, but an important piece of how we treat cancer. :36

Fundraising is a vital component to make the Comprehensive Cancer Center a reality

This is a very expensive endeavor and so we'll be working collaboratively with those in this community as well as those in communities across all of our ministry looking to help in the fundraising necessary to complete this project. :16

This is an exciting time for OSF HealthCare and for those who come seeking care from us

We think it's exciting time for the communities that we've been called to serve. This destination cancer center is one piece of it and it is extraordinarily exciting to be able to bring together clinicians, to be able to bring together technology, to be able to connect all across our Ministry to improve the lives of those we serve, and that is the most exciting piece. We couldn't be more thrilled with the approval by the Review Board and we certainly look forward to the ongoing efforts to bring this to fruition. :32