NOVEMBER IS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women (not counting skin cancer), and is by far the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women. Each year, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined.*

Valley Health’s cancer program has enhanced the management of those diagnosed with lung cancer through the development of a lung cancer-specific tumor board and supported the growth of a minimally invasive thoracic surgical program with addition of the da Vinci® Xi™ surgical robot at Winchester Medical Center. We have helped to increase access to lung cancer screening for those at high risk of the disease through the low dose CT screening program available at all six Valley Health hospitals.

HIGH DOSE RADIATION (HDR) BRACHYTHERAPY

In early 2018, Valley Health will introduce high dose radiation (HDR) brachytherapy for treating uterine and vaginal cancers at the Valley Health Cancer Center at Winchester Medical Center.

This high-tech procedure places live radioactive sources alongside of the tumor, which allows the physicians to administer a larger lethal dose of radiation directly to the tumor site. The goal of radiation therapy is to maximize the dose to the targeted area (tumor) and spare the normal healthy structures that surround the target.

Previously, our radiation oncology team treated gynecological cancer cases with the traditional external beam radiation to a lower acceptable dose and then the patient was referred to another facility outside of the area to receive an additional targeted boost of radiation (HDR). The patient and family members were burdened with the added expense of travel and simply being away from the comforts of their home. Starting early next year, our gynecological cancer patients will be able to receive this new procedure closer to home at the Valley Health Cancer Center.

SAVE THE DATE

FACEtime
Thursday, November 9, 2017 – Winchester Medical Center Diagnostic Center

This face-to-face networking event is for physicians, advance practice clinicians, office managers and referral staff.

Tours of the Valley Health Cancer Center will be available.

* Source: American Cancer Society