

South Florida Cancer Clinic Reveals State-of-the-Art Facility

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1st Line Oncology, a radiation therapy center in Coconut Creek, FL, has just revealed what they are certain is the model cancer treatment facility. The center, led by **Board Certified Radiation Oncologist, Edward J. Kaplan, MD**, features several customizations that the center expects to become popular enough to warrant a national roll-out. The center's all digital **Elekta Synergy radiation therapy** unit is a step above typical radiotherapy equipment. It is the most advanced linear accelerator on the market today. Its image-guidance tools are the definition of high-tech medicine, practically guaranteeing precision cancer targeting. The Elekta treatment software is so new that it is still awaiting FDA approval, but the center promises it will speed treatments and reduce the amount of radiation necessary to destroy a tumor.

Along with the cutting edge science of the center comes a **dedication to every patient**. Every element of the center was designed with the patient in mind. "The way you're treated makes all the difference," said Kaplan. He gave his center a spa feel with soothing colors and sleek design replacing the cold feel of a treatment center. The plush waiting area is equipped with complimentary WiFi Internet access, large flat-screen televisions, wheelchair accommodations, and plenty of comfortable seating. Kaplan even chose the name specifically to promote assurance and calm in the patients.

"A cancer diagnosis catches most people off-guard, and can be overwhelming. Most people have no familiarity with the disease, let alone the terminology used to describe it, or the often times confusing options offered to them," said Dr. Kaplan. "Our patients normally visit weekdays, often for weeks at a time, while they are receiving their radiation treatments. So we made a concerted effort to let them stay focused on getting better rather than worrying about selecting the right medical team. From the moment they enter our door, our patients know that they have come to the right place."

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