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GRAND OPENING FOR NEW PARK NICOLLET FRAUENSHUH CANCER CENTER

*Patient-centered design helps vulnerable patients
conserve energy for healing, family*

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn., (July 21, 2009) – A diagnosis of cancer is challenging, but receiving medical treatment for cancer shouldn't be. Cancer patients are sometimes vulnerable and weakened by their treatment. Moving from room to room for tests and treatment, or even to different facilities, can drain cancer patients of the valuable energy that they need for themselves and their families.

This was top-of-mind when the Park Nicollet Frauenshuh Cancer Center was designed. The new center was developed with input from cancer patients themselves. The result is a simple but revolutionary idea: put patients in a single room and bring all the services to them.

At Park Nicollet Frauenshuh Cancer Center, our patients are quickly escorted to their rooms upon check-in. And that's where they stay. Doctor and nurse visits, lab tests and blood draws, chemotherapy and consultations with other clinical professionals all take place in a single room.

Even the chair is specially designed to meet the needs of cancer patients. Park Nicollet personnel worked with a furniture manufacturer to specially design a lounging chair that easily converts into an exam table while the patient remains comfortably seated or reclined the entire time.

Our new cancer center is also a place of healing and hope with strong ties to nature. Environmentally-based construction makes the center a LEED certified, green, sustainable facility. Patient rooms are filled with large windows and natural light that look out on a two acre healing garden with 250 trees. Park Nicollet Frauenshuh Cancer Center provides world class clinical care in a unique healing environment.

Park Nicollet Frauenshuh Cancer Center Grand Opening

When: Saturday, August 1st, 9:00 to 12 noon

Where: 3931 Louisiana Avenue, St. Louis Park
(adjacent to Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital)

Activities: Explore the Center's innovative design and layout
Participate in hands-on demonstrations of leading-edge technology
Receive free cancer screenings and prevention information
Tour the healing gardens

To set up an interview, contact Steve McCarthy at 952-993-6726 or page 952-231-5029.

Park Nicollet Health Services is an integrated care system that includes Methodist Hospital, Park Nicollet Clinic, Park Nicollet Foundation and Park Nicollet Institute. Park Nicollet Health Services is based in St. Louis Park and has more than 8,000 employees, including 690 physicians on staff.