

The Next Step

UF SHANDS CANCER HOSPITAL WILL ENHANCE THE UNIVERSITY'S CANCER RESEARCH AND PLACE MANY OF ITS PATIENT SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

When Ted Copeland was diagnosed with prostate cancer last December, he was in a fortunate position.

As founder of UF's surgical oncology program and former director of the UF Shands Cancer Center, he didn't need to be educated concerning his treatment options: surgery, radiation therapy, implantation of radiation seeds or proton therapy.

But he did face a problem shared by doctors and patients alike — which treatment to pursue for the best possible results. Based on his own knowledge, Copeland made a personal choice to undergo 41 days of treatment at the UF Proton Therapy Institute in Jacksonville.

"Cancer patients need the very latest in information and treatment options when faced with this disease," says Copeland, the Edward

R. Woodward Distinguished Professor of Surgery. "I was lucky to have so many options available, but we as physicians need to provide our patients with even more opportunities and more information when considering how to fight cancer."

That is why a new UF Shands Cancer Hospital is being built in Gainesville — bringing to the area the latest treatment alternatives and best available care to patients, Copeland says.

Florida is the fourth-largest state but has the second-highest incidence of cancer in the nation. The new cancer hospital will attract top physicians and research faculty members to UF, and it will allow medical teams to offer their patients a more targeted response while developing improved technologies for diagnosing and treating cancer-related illnesses.

The hospital, to be located just south of Shands at UF along Archer Road, will provide a patient-friendly environment for those battling cancer. It will feature 192 private inpatient beds and a variety of health care services, including diagnostic and therapeutic oncology care and a Critical Care Center for trauma emergencies.

The 500,000-square-foot, eight-floor hospital is expected to cost \$388 million to build. Construction should be complete in 2009.

The hospital will further augment the cancer services and research UF already conducts at the UF Shands Jerry and Judy Davis Cancer Pavilion, the Cancer & Genetics Research Complex and the UF Proton Therapy Institute.

More than anything, however, the new hospital will help bring UF's diverse approaches to cancer treatment under one roof, says Dr.

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Oncology surgeon Ted Copeland has put his own cancer behind him thanks to UF, but he hopes the new UF Shands Cancer Hospital will offer even more options to patients.

Stratford May, director of the UF Shands Cancer Center.

"We are in the business of putting cancer out of business, and having this hospital will allow us to do just that," he says.

— Cinnamon Bair

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The **\$7 million** campaign goal is to expand existing research in substance abuse, obesity, chronic diseases, and leisure and recreation issues. Funds will also be used to search for beneficial therapies for Parkinson's disease patients and those with cardiovascular disorders.

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The **\$25 million** campaign goal will fund age-related memory loss research, advance the understanding of injured or diseased nervous system tissue, and support multidisciplinary teams and approaches which will translate research findings into clinical and commercial applications.

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The **\$75 million** goal will help UF advance the science and medicine of cancer research and treatment, speed discoveries from lab to bedside and enhance the patient and family experience.

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